



Headed Out To Sea

Students and teachers along with friends and family gave Tommy Hutchins a "hometown sendoff" on Friday, March 22nd as he headed to the east coast for his next assignment with the U.S. Navy.

Airman Recruit Hutchins will serve as a fuel specialist on the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln. The carrier, named after the 16th president of the United States is leaving its port in Norfolk, Virginia, for its new deployment. The precise route the carrier group will take is not known, but it's expected to circumnavigate the Earth on the way to its new home in San Diego, California. The nuclear powered vessel went through its mid-life refueling and overhaul in Virginia and became the first in the Nimitz class aircraft carrier able to accommodate the F-35C Lightning II aircraft.

Tommy, a 2017 Friona High School graduate, visited Mrs. Gammon's classes that Friday morning and later addressed a crowd of 600 pre-K through 5th grade students at the Mighty Writers Rally after lunch. Tommy is the son of Daniel and Darla Hutchins. Daniel is the Assistant Principal at the Friona Junior High School and Darla is the Director of Technology for the Friona ISD. See more photos on page 8.



Tommy Hutchins receives his own special "Flat Stanley" at the Mighty Writers Rally. Flat Stanley is an American children's book series that recounts the adventures of Stanley Lambchop who survives being squashed flat by a falling bulletin board. Stanley enjoys traveling the world and makes the best of being flat.



USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN-72)

The future will be faster at WTRT

By Jim Steiert

Two incumbent directors were elected to new three-year terms during the 65th

annual membership meeting of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative on

March 26th at the Hereford Bull Barn. Brent Carlson, Milo Center/Westway, and

Lance McClaran, Tharp, were re-elected by acclamation during the business portion of the annual meeting. Both were unopposed. A spokesman for Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert and Moss, LLP presented a financial report on the status of the cooperative's operations. Door prizes were given away at the end of the program.

Employees of WTRT and WT Services were presented tenure awards recognizing a cumulative 160 years of service. WTRT employees recognized for a cumulative total of 85 years of service were Farrin McPherson, warehouseman, 40 years; Keith Hacker, central office supervisor, 35 years; and Stephanie Alonzo, supervisor, operations center, and Alonso Ibarra, construction team, five years each.

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Annette Loflin, Customer Care Manager for WT Services, Friona/Bovina, 10 years of service

Friona Blood Drive is April 11th

A Friona Community Blood will be conducted by Coffee Memorial Blood Center on Thursday, April 11, 2019 from 12 noon until 7 p.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church Fellowship Hall at 1500 N. Cleveland. Give blood and receive a t-shirt of your choice. See ad on back page.

For your lifesaving appointment, go to yourbloodinstitute.org or call (806) 331-8833, or toll free 1-877-574-8800. Find us on Facebook, follow us on Instagram and Twitter. Save time by going to www.thegiftoflife.org to complete your questions online using Donor Express. Donors must have a photo ID and be at least 17 years old (16 years old with signed parental consent). **BLOOD IS NEEDED EVERY DAY!**

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.

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Community Calendar

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April 4

- Frona 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.
- Bond Election Public Meeting at the Senior Citizens Center at 6 p.m.

April 5

- Caregivers Coffee Break at First National Bank Community Room 9:30 a.m.
- Ogallala Quilt Festival at Dimmitt, Tx. High School Activity Center.

April 6

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April 9

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April 13

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

April 14

- Senior Steak Dinner from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. -at the Junior High Cafeteria.

April 15

- Frona music and drama booster club at Friona Interbank at 6:30 p.m.

April 16

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WT Services, Inc. tenure awards amounting to a cumulative 75 years went to Cindy Carroll, accounts payable clerk, 25 years; Doug Baker, radio shop manager, 20 years; Doug Buie, radio systems Amarillo, 20 years, and Annette Loflin, customer care manager for WT Services Friona/Bovina, 10 years.

Amy Linzey, Chief Executive Officer and General Manager, commented on overall operations of the Cooperative and what is in store for the future.

"I recently celebrated my seventh anniversary since joining WTRT in February 2012. I am reminded of how far we have come. Since my arrival, we have focused our resources spending more than \$20 million on fiber, electronics, switches, equipment, vehicles, and tools. This has been accomplished without further encumbering our cooperative with debt, while paying off loans, maintaining our cash flow and meeting the growth of our company," she said.

"We now have fiber installed in each exchange, with several exchanges completed. Oklahoma Lane and Frio are complete. Milo Center will be completed this year and the Dawn exchange is almost complete. In 2019, we will have installed over 400 miles of fiber. We have approximately 400 miles re-



Amy Linzey

maining, and we intend to complete this in two years, not ten. This is a daunting amount of work to complete in two years, but it has become necessary, because of competition and to serve you with the bandwidth you need," she added.

"We have upgraded our network with state-of-the-art technologies that will serve our Cooperative for decades to come. We have installed a Barracuda system—which filters spam out of our network. We conducted a Cyber Security audit and contracted for on-going monitoring. We have upgraded the main switch in Hereford which was end of life. We are installing a new switch to replace the existing switch in our Friona Office which is end of life, and will be fully redundant to the switch in Hereford. We installed a Denial of Service Server to prevent cyber-attacks," she said.

"We have augmented the

original 4 fiber that transits through our service area to Amarillo, with Dense Wave Division Multiplexing technology that fractionalizes the light over the fiber, expanding our capacity exponentially. We won't need to augment this fiber in our lifetime.

"We have added redundant routes from our network to the world and connected our networks to neighboring telephone cooperatives to allow for additional redundancy. We are connected to the major ISPs in Seattle, Denver, and Dallas. If one of these routes becomes compromised, the network will automatically switch to another location - often without your being aware.

"We have upgraded the IPTV system in Hereford, allowing us to offer our members our state-of-the-art video system where we have completed the fiber installation. And, we have upgraded our email servers," she added.

Ms. Linzey said to serve WTRT members well, facilities needed upgrading from old copper-based technology with fiber optic cable. "Fiber Optic technology is the only technology that will allow us to bring the services of the future to our members. We are building a network that will serve us for decades to come with technological advances in the future," she said. The next eight years will see nu-

merous technological advances.

"I have spoken in the past about the importance of the Universal Service Fund to WTRT and companies like us. WTRT serves a 2,300 square mile area that has less than one person per square mile. Without USE, cooperatives like WTRT would be hard pressed to maintain their networks," Ms. Linzey said.

"One common factor in all these advances is the availability of broadband internet. The \$20 million investment in our network would not have been possible without the Universal Service Fund. We have been granted an additional \$2.6 Million annually for 10-year period to get fiber optic cable and associated electronics in our network and meet or exceed the bandwidth targets set for us by the FCC. Without USE, the overall economy of these areas would be compromised. The people who reside in Rural America deserve to have broadband internet. The availability of broadband internet allows these individuals to develop businesses and stimulate the economy," she said.

"In keeping with our mission statement, we don't sit on our laurels, We search for new services while continuing to improve our existing services. We are an authorized Motorola Dealer and offer Two-way Radio Sales and Service. Cell phones may be prohibited in major cities, but two way radios are not. We sell, install and maintain Telephone Systems. We install and maintain security cameras, sensors, and other monitoring devices. We now offer managed WIFI services with our WIFI Wizard. Our WIFI Wizard will cover your entire home or office. We use one at our HQ building. We provide traditional voice telephone service, long distance and international services. If you need ethernet connectivity to a distant location, we can assist you. We provide Enhanced 911 service where in an emergency, your address identifies to the 911 representative even if you can't speak," she said.



- ACROSS**
- 1 "___ on down the road"
 - 5 Benjamin is the seat of this county
 - 6 TX Barry was Rev. ___ in "Shakiest Gun in the West"
 - 7 Rice won ___ College Bowl in 1966
 - 8 TXism: "it's a right smart piece"
 - 9 ancient Turkey city
 - 15 TX-based "Lonesome Dove" was a TV ___-series
 - 16 Nolan Ryan was 1990 "Texas Pro ___ the Year"
 - 19 sign a check
 - 21 work hard
 - 22 TX Dan RATHER, e.g.
 - 27 interest percent
 - 28 TX wildcatters
 - 29 TXism: "jumpy as ___ ice"
 - 30 TXism: "sounding like a rip saw running through pine knots"
 - 32 past A&M coach ___ Slocum
 - 33 TXism: "he could put a loop ___ on a mule's back" (good roper)
 - 36 songbird
 - 37 pecan dessert
 - 38 last ___ of "Dallas" was in 1991
 - 39 World Championship Chili Cookoffs were held in this CA town
- DOWN**
- 1 heart test abbr.
 - 2 this Salazar Esparza and her children survived the Alamo
 - 3 TXism: "gave me a ___ dance"
 - 4 "Dallas" shot these (2 wds.)
 - 8 Huckleberry ___
 - 9 rodeo bulldogging (2 wds.)
 - 10 TX media giant ___ Belo Corp.
 - 41 TX Jamie Foxx 2004 TV movie: "The ___ Tookie Williams Story"
 - 42 Lloyd ___ started the Confederate Air Force in TX
 - 45 TXism: "chew the fat"
 - 46 TXism: "I need that like a duck needs ___ umbrella"
 - 47 two female sheep?
 - 48 TXism: "he could shoot the ___ out of a gnat"
 - 49 Venetian blind, e.g.
 - 52 Laredo AM
 - 53 TXism: "take sick"
 - 54 TX poet Crowell (init.)
 - 55 TXism: "a legend in his own mind"

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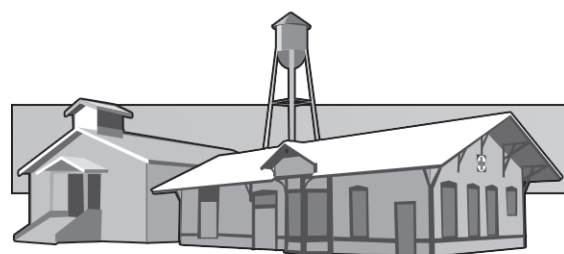
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The 11th Annual Pudge Kendrick Memorial Golf Tournament will be July 27-28 at John Pitman Golf Course in Hereford. Signup is now open at the Pro Shop in Hereford.

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Last day to register to vote for the May elections is this Friday, April 4th, 2019! The forms must be postmarked by Thursday. The forms are available at the Chamber of Commerce and the Public Library.

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We would like to thank St. Teresa Catholic Church for hosting the Senior Banquet on Monday, April 1st, 2019.

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The Hospital Auxiliary Meeting: April 9th, 2019 Tuesday 2:00 p.m. in Parmer Medical Center Conference Room. Marlene Hendershot and Cindy Rogers will present the program "What My Children Will Need to Know." Please invite friends or family to join you for this informative meeting and handouts.

Everyone is Welcome!

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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. There will be a special quilt of Valor Exhibit, free demonstrations, as well as classes and vendors. The Festival catalog is online at ogallalaquilters.org

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The Friona High School Senior Banquet Schedule:

Monday, April 8th at Victory Family Worship Center starting at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, April 15th at First Baptist Church starting at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, April 22nd at Friona United Methodist Church starting at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, April 29th at Sixth Street Church of Christ starting at 6:00 p.m.

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.

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Senior Steak Dinner tickets are now available from any senior. The proceeds will fund the Alcohol/Drug Free Graduation Celebration. 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

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Fedora Theatix will perform "Leaving Iowa". Performances are at the Bovina

Church of Christ on Friday, April 5th at 7:30 p.m. (TX time) and Saturday, April 6th at 3:00 p.m. (TX time). Free admission and donations welcome. A portion of all donations will go to The Wounded Warrior Project and the Bovina Christian Benevolence Fund.

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There will be a representative from the Alzheimer's Association to speak at the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center at 319 Main Street, Muleshoe Tx. The phone number is 806-272-4969. The speaker is Aameekah Mobley, a seasoned, talented person that has past experience in a geriatric unit. She is committed to speaking to people in the Bailey, Castro, and Parmer counties. Her contact information is 806-414-4402. This is a mid-day event with the option of having lunch for a suggested donation of \$3 for people over 60 and \$8 for people under 60 years of age. The guest speaker will immediately follow the 11:30 meal serving time. Information to be provided includes the disease process, tips to family caregivers, resources, and tips of planning ahead. For more information call Rhonda at Bluebonnet Home Health and Hospice in Friona at 247-0057 or Carolyn at the Muleshoe Senior Center 806-272-4969. This is a free event open to the public. Please share this information with others.

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Have you been spring cleaning and need to get rid of some trash? If so, stop by the City's Roll-Off located at 8th and Jackson Avenue and let them help you clear out your clutter. They will be open this Saturday, April 6th from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. If you have branches or used/old wood, they also have a pile for that as well!

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Woods, M. Ed. Friona High School Assistant Principal at (806) 250-3951 Ext. 1198.

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National Days!
April 4th: National Vitamin C Day, National Hug a Newspaper Day, National School Librarian Day, Jeep 4x4 Day, and National Burrito Day

April 5th : National Go For Broke Day and National Deep Dish Pizza Day

April 6th: New Beer's Eve, National Student-Athlete Day, National Teflon Day, and National Love Our Children Day

April 7th: National Beer Day, National Coffee Cake Day, National No Housework

Day
April 8th: National All is Ours Day, National Zoo Lovers Day, and National Empanaada Day
April 9th: National Library Workers Day.
April 10th: National Siblings Day and National Farm Animals Day.

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Let your smile change the world but don't let the world change your smile!



FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives

April 4, 2018

Hunger is a serious subject and when that hunger is a child's it is even more serious. The Parmer County Snack Pak 4 Kids program got a boost Saturday, April 1 at the Hi-Pro Feeds the Future benefit held at Country Rose. The Lucky Duck drawing, silent auction and live auction brought in approximately \$64,000. The funds will be used to supply backpacks for food insecure children in Parmer County. Good food and fellowship were the order for the evening. The evening began with a Lucky Duck drawing and a silent auction while guests enjoyed appetizers. A lovely meal of chicken fried steak, ham, salmon was served with a number of side dishes and followed by desserts. The meal was catered by Canna Ray, owner of Country Rose. Dyron Howell, the founder of Snack Pak 4 Kids, thanked everyone for coming out to support such a worthwhile opportunity to help the hungry children of Parmer County. Heath Williamson, representative for Nutra Blend, presented special awards to Keeling Cattle Feeders Feedyard Consultant Henry Holdman, A-Tex Dairy owner Tom Alger and Blue Sky Farms owner Harry DeWit for their contributions to the SP4K program through shelf stable milk products and beef products. Clint and Sons, of White Deer, were recognized for developing a beef stick that will be in the backpacks. They will also donate the money raised by the sales of the beef sticks in stores to SP4K. Howell told the crowd, of approximately 200, that in Amarillo they have 4,000 volunteers and over half of them are under the age of 18. "Kids helping kids doing something now, not later." Howell recognized JoBeth Gipson for establishing the local SP4K program five years ago and introduced FHS Junior Brooklynne Johnston who spoke passionately about her desire to begin a Snack Shack program at Friona High School for those students who are working to pay bills and help their parents and are in food-insecure situations. Tascosa students have implemented the Snack Shack program and written a manual outlining the program for other schools to follow. The program is discreet and respectful of the student by allowing the students' to sign up anonymously online. When the student feels he/she no longer needs the help they can take themselves out of the program. Howell introduced the evenings speaker, Steffanie Chew. Chew is currently the Principal of Wolflin Elementary in Amarillo. She was skeptical at first to the SP4K program because of the fear of disappointing the children if it was taken away after a while. She and Howell spoke regularly and she relented. The program

grew and did not go away. To date Wolflin Elementary has 62 students who are SP4K recipients. Chew spoke about a few of her students who were so food insecure that they would hide food in their pockets and backpacks. With one student they realized what was going on when there were complaints about his backpack smelling bad. Chew asked the crowd to think of about their deepest disappointment as a child. With SP4K disappointing a child is not an option. "Good old fashion common sense runs this program," stated Chew, "Snack Pak just makes me happy!" To date SP4K feeds over 7,000 food-insecure children in the Texas Panhandle. "We can save all the children," stated Chew. "We can inspire them and be the solution." Logan Harkey, auctioneer with Assiter Auctioneers, handled the live auction of outdoor grills, tool boxes, Garth Brooks concert tickets and much more. Table sponsors for the evening were Atmos, A-Tex Dairy, Wilbur-Ellis, Blue Sky Farms, Caprock Dairy, Parmer Medical Center, Welch Farms/KD Cattle, southwest Ag, Monroe Farms, Parmer County Implement, Jarecki Custom Farms, Novus, Benchmark Solutions, Circle of Love Ministries, Friona Inter-Bank, Bi-Wize Pharmacy, Keeling Cattle Feeders, Cargill, and Ricky Barnett Farms. The food-insecure children in Parmer County will be provided for once again and there will be an expansion into the junior high and high schools in the county for those older food insecure children.

April 14, 2000

Parmer County Community Hospital is dedicated to providing quality medical care to its patients. "The crucial part of providing quality medical care falls upon medical staff. Our medical staff and employees are devoted to this effort," said Bill Neely, hospital Administrator. "In our Nursing department, Esther Alexander, R.N. and Fran Hawkins, R.N. have recently been re-certified in Advanced Cardiac Life Support. "Emmeline Green, medical records director, attended a "coders update" where she gained critical information concerning the link between billing and compliance issues." The meeting was held in Amarillo. "Emmeline has provided patient pamphlet information on cancer to our physicians for patient distribution," Neely said. The pamphlets have been furnished by the Texas Cancer Association. Mari Martinez, Home Health Administrative Assistant, attended a workshop on in home care. Rhonda Wilkins, R.N. attended the Panhandle Home Health Coalition meeting held in Amarillo. Parmer County Community Home Health Department is offering blood

pressure, blood sugar testing and advance directive education at the "Senior Meals," held at the Congregational Church in Friona on April 17 from 11:30 to 1:00 p.m., in Bovina on April 20 from 9 to 11 a.m. and at the Friona State Bank on May 3 from 9 to 11 a.m. "PCCH would like to welcome Sylvia Rios to our Data Processing Department and Leticia Hernandez in Admissions. Also, Alvira Chavez has been employed in our housekeeping department. "Betty Gonzalez has been recognized for three years of dedicated service to the hospital. Betty came to work in 1996 as a dietary cook. Thanks Betty for your help in improving our food service! Neely said. The hospital has recently purchased "atomic clocks" which are placed in its Emergency Department and patient rooms. The clocks are accurate within one second each 1.6 million years. The clocks display the exact time in hours, minutes and seconds and are automatically set by radio signals from the U.S. Atomic Clock. The clocks operate for up to 3 years using replaceable lithium batteries and are unaffected by power interruptions or system-wide malfunctions. The clocks automatically switch between daylight savings and central standard time.

April 13, 1980

An inform al meeting on the prospects for a fuel alcohol (gasohol) plant which is proposed for this area will be held Tuesday, April 15 at 8 p.m. at the Friona Community Center. A similar meeting is scheduled at Bovina on Thursday, April 17 at the First State Bank. Grady Sorley, a member of the board of directors of the High Plains Grain Products International (GPI), said that the results of the recently completed feasibility study on the gasohol plant for this area will be presented. The study was detailed to members of the co-op by the board members at Muleshoe this past week. "Things are looking very good better than we ever thought. We are needing to enlist more members in the cooperative, and would urge as many farmers who are interested to attend either of the meetings this week," Sorley says. At the Muleshoe meeting on April 9, the co-op membership had reports from Bill Levitt, of Levitt & Associates, the consulting firm, from Joe Johnson, A.D Little and Company of Washington, D.C. The prospects of organizing a gasohol plant for the immediate area have been discussed for more than a year, and the feasibility study was undertaken earlier this year to give concrete facts for the prospects. A number of farmers in Parmer County have already become members of the cooperative. The location of the plant will be decided during a "phase two" feasibility study.

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Psalm 119—Promises for your Pain

Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Pain comes in all shapes and sizes, arrives when expected but mostly when uninvited, and it is part of the fabric of life. Pain may come in the form of social trauma, physical illness, spiritual turmoil, the weight of grief, emotional difficulty, or from a number of other sources, but the reality is that pain exists, and it can often be difficult to manage.

Psalm 119 is the longest chapter in the Bible, and it is a treasure trove focusing on the blessings of God's word, but there is also quite a bit of pain the Psalmist was acquainted with. His pain came from a variety of

sources including attacks of his enemies and detractors, mental and emotional sorrow, and affliction God allowed in his life. Such pain could have hamstrung the writer to throw in the towel and give up, but instead he pressed ahead in life, trusting in the Lord and His Word.

Psalm 119:50 says, "This is my comfort in my affliction, that your promise gives me life." A huge part of what carried him through the pain was by standing on God's promises. In the promises of God, you find strength for the day, hope for tomorrow and a glorious future you can set your

sights upon. The reality for the child of God is that pain is real, but it is also temporary, and in light of eternity, the pain is very temporary. This is the example of Jesus as we are reminded in Hebrews 12:2, "looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God." The painful cross led to a majestic crown, and the reality is that all who come to faith in Jesus Christ, by way of the cross, will one day be exchange their pain for a joyous eternity.

Panhandle Parables

Wind, Dust and Rain

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

Wind, dust and rain also known as Spring in some parts of the country. The Texas panhandle does not lack for the first two but could use a little more of the last. When one thinks of spring the images that often come to mind are budding trees and flowers, song birds, green grass and maybe a butterfly or two. These can be caught in glimpses in the panhandle, but you may have to lean into the wind and squint at the dust to see them. The changing of seasons around here is often accompanied with wind, and since usually there is a lack of rain, dust fills the air. I will say this dust at ten thousand feet can make for a beautiful sunset if you just hang with it long enough.

Life too has its changing of seasons and with them

can be struggle. Struggle is not necessarily a bad thing, just another thing to overcome. There are days that seem unrelenting. Trial and obstacle are like walking in 40 mph gusts. It just doesn't seem to end. It can take one to a breaking point and many falls to the temptation of an easier way although sinful, but easier. Paul talks to the Corinthians about the struggle in 2 Cor. He says this, 2 Corinthians 4:7-11

[7] But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. [8] We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; [9] persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; [10] always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that

the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. [11] For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. (ESV)

Laced through this passage without the word is HOPE. This makes the difference when faced with trails and struggle. Because of Jesus those who believe have hope. They know and are convinced that Jesus is the answer and ultimately, they will be victorious because He is victorious. So, lean into the wind, squint through the dust because when the rains come there will be refreshing and life will be better because you did not give up. No matter the situation, as long as there is Jesus, there is hope.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Friona Star Editor and Friends

Since our "bomb cyclone" wind of a couple of weeks ago, I have noticed more trash in our bar ditches, roads, alleys, fences, and just about any place the wind could carry it. What a wonderful excuse (the wind) to try to start picking up trash and putting it in receptacles designed for that: dumpsters, the county's dump pit south of town, incinerators, etc.

This week, I noticed a young man picking up the trash in the bar ditches in front of his house and beyond, and I was so proud to see someone making the effort. It looks so nice and clean as I drive by his house. Thank you to him. I've also noticed a woman and her children doing the same on highway 214

going north but still in the city limits. I'm sure there are others that I don't see. I think I'm not the only one who notices the trash.

I am really sad when I see the trash along the road going to the cemetery. I'm sad for us locals, but sad and embarrassed for families/friends from out of town, who are driving to the cemetery to bury their loved ones. They get to see our trash along the way.

What can we do? First, we must not throw trash out the window of our vehicles, even gum wrappers, tissue, and especially cans and bottles. Second, when we take trash out to the dumpsters, we can make sure the lids are securely down where the wind

and/or animals can't get into them. If any trash is loose, it will blow away with our Texas wind.

Do you remember the TV commercial that ran several years ago, about an American Indian sitting along a river bank and noticing the trash along the river? The TV camera turned to the man and we saw tears rolling down his cheek. That commercial really touched me.

We can't clean the whole world, but we can do our part by picking up trash where we live, work and play. Wouldn't it be wonderful if Friona was known as the "cleanest small town in Texas"!

Marca Herring

Life Before Salvation

By Teena Hughs

It always amazes me how God brings up a certain topic several times in a week. For me, it has been the topic of salvation. Last week, I wrote about a lady I met in Lubbock and how we shared our testimonies with one another.

That night, I was trying to get ready for Community Bible Study the next day, and this was one of the questions my teens had to answer: "If you were summarizing the 'before' part of your testimony, what are three facts you would include?"

I was really tired, and the only thing I could think of was that before my salvation story, I thought I knew A LOT about Jesus. However, when I really started knowing God and studying His Word, I found out I didn't know anything about Jesus.

At CBS the next day, I got to this question in the lesson,

and it all hit me. For about a minute, I couldn't even speak. It was another God moment, and I was totally overwhelmed by His grace, His mercy, His love, and ALL He has done for me.

Then, I remembered that I used to never depend on God for anything except when I was in a real bind. As I have said before, God gave me a good mind and body, and with everything He has to deal with, I could take care of most of my life myself. How wrong I was!!! I have found that depending on God makes my life go so much more smoothly; it gives me so much peace; and, depending on Him helps me live a much more worry-, stress-, and anxiety-free life.

Another thing that has changed is that I am not the judgmental person I once was. For example, I used to

not have much compassion for the mentally-challenged, the homeless, those addicted to drugs, those who live in foreign countries and don't have the life I live. You know, out-of-sight, out-of-mind, with all the wrong ideas??? I didn't have the grace, mercy, and love for these people that Jesus has always had for me.

I am not the person I was before Jesus came into my life, and I so thankful I am not. I can only thank Him for loving me so much that He didn't leave me as that person I am not proud to admit I was. I just thank God for changing me, for changing my mind, and especially for changing my heart!!! He is an awesome God, and if we let Him do things His way, we will get to live an extremely awesome life with Him forever!!! Take care and have a blessed week!!!

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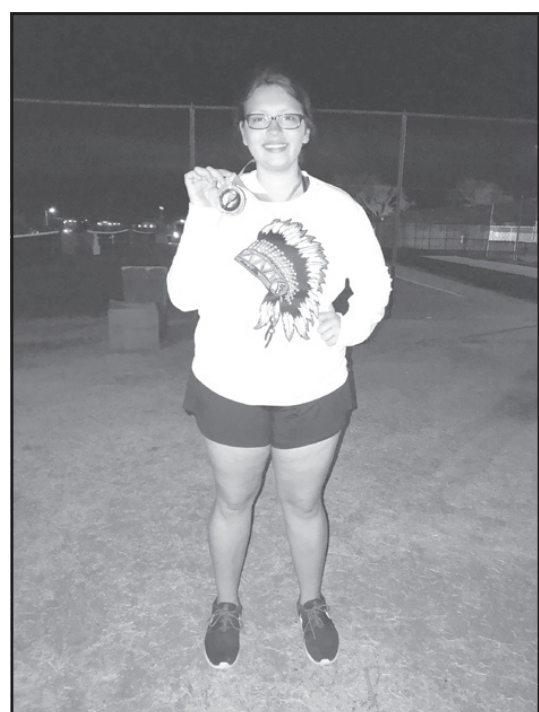

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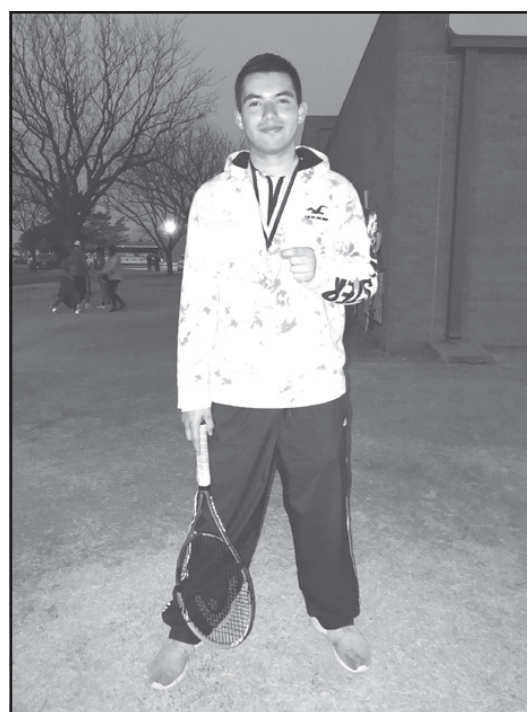
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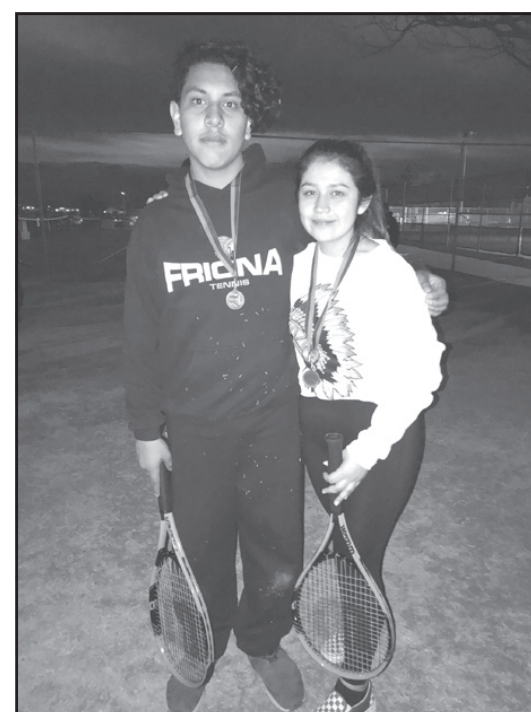
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Boys 100 Meter Dash Varsity

- 1 Torres, Malachi 10.75
- 6 Bautista, Jacob 11.56
- 7 Hernandez, Jonathan 11.67

Boys 200 Meter Dash Varsity

- 1 Torres, Malachi 23.14
- 6 Estrada, Omar 23.97

Boys 400 Meter Dash Varsity

- 2 Chavez, Eduardo 53.10
- 3 Mendoza, Marc 53.33
- 7 Salinas, Juan 55.48

Boys 800 Meter Run Varsity

- 1 Mendoza, Marc 2:13.19
- 4 Martinez, Alan 2:15.86

Boys 1600 Meter Run Varsity

- 1 Legerreta, Adrian 5:00.57

Boys 3200 Meter Run Varsity

- 1 Legerreta, Adrian 10:42.00

Boys 4x100 Meter Relay Varsity

- 1 Friona 'A' 44.19
- 1) Hernandez, Jonathan 2) Bautista, Jacob
- 3) Chavez, Eduardo 4) Torres, Malachi

Boys 4x200 Meter Relay Varsity

- 2 Friona 'A' 1:33.81

Boys 4x400 Meter Relay Varsity

- 1 Friona 'A' 3:37.47
- 1) Mendoza, Marc 2) Santiago, Alex
- 3) Martinez, Alan 4) Chavez, Eduardo

Boys High Jump Varsity

- 4 Rivera, Andrew 5' 4"

Boys Pole Vault Varsity

- 1 Diego, Juan 11' 0"

Boys Long Jump Varsity

- 7 Bautista, Jacob 17' 5-1/4"
- 9 Torres, Malachi 16' 8"

Boys Triple Jump Varsity

- 1 Torres, Malachi 42' 3/4"
- 3 Bautista, Jacob 40' 1/4"

Boys Shot Put Varsity

- 3 Montana, Drew 42' 1-1/2"
- 8 Montes, Alex 36' 4"
- 12 Jaramillo, Jesus 34' 2"

Boys Discus Throw Varsity

- 4 Montana, Drew 107' 4"
- 6 Montes, Alex 102' 11"
- 11 Jaramillo, Ariel 89' 1-1/2"

Boys 100 Meter Dash Junior Varsity

- 2 Carranza, Angel 11.97
- 8 Hurst, Keegan 12.89

Boys 200 Meter Dash Junior Varsity

- 1 Barraza, Edwin 24.73
- 2 Diaz, Jeremiah 24.78
- 4 Rejino, Josiah 25.38

Boys 400 Meter Dash Junior Varsity

- 1 Olmos, Isaias 58.06
- 4 Salinas, Aaron 1:01.24

Boys 800 Meter Run Junior Varsity

- 1 Rejino, Jared 2:20.61
- 4 Perez, Gabriel 2:30.40
- 7 Guerra, Alex 2:49.46

Boys 110 Meter Hurdles Junior Varsity

- 2 Lucatero, Kevin 19.79

Boys 4x100 Meter Relay Junior Varsity

- 1 Friona 'A' 46.18
- 1) Barraza, Edwin 2) Mendoza, Elian
- 3) Rejino, Josiah 4) Carranza, Angel

Boys 4x200 Meter Relay Junior Varsity

- 1 Friona 'A' 1:38.13
- 1) Rejino, Josiah 2) Carranza, Angel
- 3) Chavira, Bryan 4) Barraza, Edwin

Boys 4x400 Meter Relay Junior Varsity

- 1 Friona 'A' 3:56.70
- 1) Perez, Gabriel 2) Rivera, Andrew
- 3) Salinas, Aaron 4) Olmos, Isaias

Boys High Jump Junior Varsity

- 2 Rejino, Jared 5' 4"

Boys Pole Vault Junior Varsity

- 1 Carranza, Angel 10' 6"

Boys Long Jump Junior Varsity

- 1 Olmos, Isaias 17' 8-1/4"
- 4 Diaz, Jeremiah 16' 11-1/4"
- 5 Barraza, Edwin 16' 9"

Boys Triple Jump Junior Varsity

- 2 Barraza, Edwin 36' 7-1/2"

Boys Shot Put Junior Varsity

- 2 Puga, Victor 33' 1/2"
- 6 Hurst, Keegan 31' 11"
- 12 Salinas, Aaron 26' 3-3/4"

Boys Discus Throw Junior Varsity

- 1 Puga, Victor 100' 1/2"
- 4 Hurst, Keegan 87' 11-1/2"
- 10 Salinas, Aaron 64' 1/2"

Girls 100 Meter Dash Varsity

- 3 Fernandez, Destini 13.97
- 11 Castillo, Rickie 14.67
- 17 Trevino, Audree 15.24

Girls 200 Meter Dash Varsity

- 2 Gonzalez, Anyahi 28.25
- 14 Espinoza, Amor 31.27

Girls 400 Meter Dash Varsity

- 1 Schlenker, Rebecca 1:02.59
- 3 Gonzalez, Anyahi 1:04.25
- 15 Espinoza, Amor 1:14.04

Girls 1600 Meter Run Varsity

- 6 Sifuentes, Kylee 6:25.06

Girls 3200 Meter Run Varsity

- 5 Sifuentes, Kylee 14:32.00
- 10 Santiago, Espiranza 17:15.00

Girls 100 Meter Hurdles Varsity

- 1 Chihauhau, Leidi 19.14
- 7 Garcia, Luz 19.95

Girls 300 Meter Hurdles Varsity

- 1 Denton, Jodi 40.07
- 3 Chihauhau, Leidi 53.51
- 4 Garcia, Luz 56.07

Girls 4x100 Meter Relay Varsity

- 1 Friona 'A' 50.77
- 1) Gonzalez, Anyahi 2) Pope, Bailey
- 3) Rector, Emma 4) Bautista, Noelia

Girls 4x200 Meter Relay Varsity

- 5 Friona 'B' 54.83
- 1 Friona 'A' 1:46.98
- 5 Friona 'B' 1:59.39

Girls 4x400 Meter Relay Varsity

- 1 Friona 'A' 4:08.76
- 1) Schlenker, Rebecca 2) Chihauhau, Any
- 3) Rector, Emma 4) Pope, Bailey

Girls High Jump Varsity

- 1 Denton, Jodi 5' 0"
- 2 Pope, Bailey 4' 10"

Girls Pole Vault Varsity

- 2 Castillo, Rickie 9' 0"

Girls Long Jump Varsity

- 1 Schlenker, Rebecca 16' 0"
- 5 Denton, Jodi 14' 7-1/4"
- 6 Chavez, Vanessa 14' 5-1/4"
- 11 Trevino, Audree 13' 1/2"

Girls Triple Jump Varsity

- 1 Schlenker, Rebecca 34' 8-3/4"
- 3 Pope, Bailey 31' 9-2/4"
- 6 Chavez, Vanessa 30' 5-3/4"
- 7 Gonzalez, Anyahi 29' 11"
- 10 Trevino, Audree 27' 7"

Girls Shot Put Varsity

- 1 Drake, Carly 37' 2-1/2"
- 3 Trevino, Jacee 32' 1"
- 4 Ortiz, Adrianna 31' 9-1/2"

Girls Discus Throw Varsity

- 4 Trevino, Jacee 101' 8"
- 5 Drake, Carly 100' 2-1/2"
- 6 Ortiz, Adrianna 83' 11"

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Varsity Boys:

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

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5 Tips For Getting The Most Out Of Reading To Your Children

While some people worry that the digital age is endangering the printed book, many parents and educators also wonder whether children and teenagers will value reading at all in comparison to using their smartphones, computers and iPads.

Although those devices provide more platforms on which to read, research shows fewer teenagers read for the fun of it; to many of them, reading is a chore they must do for school.

How to change that? Some educators think that, in an age with so many digital options, one old-fashioned reading practice remains vitally important to child development - parents reading aloud to their children.

"The benefits of parents reading to children don't just stop at helping children become successful readers," says Christine Kyriakakos Martin (www.youvegottthisparenting.com), an early education expert and author of *You've Got This! Keys To Effective Parenting For The Early Years*. "When adults engage and bond with children through stories, they not only foster their child's interest in books, spark their curiosity and prompt their imagination, but they help increase language and literacy skills, which builds their child's self-esteem."

A study published in the journal *Pediatrics* found that parents reading aloud to their children helped enhance the youngster's social-emotional development and made them less likely to develop aggressive behavior. In an earlier study, researchers discovered that reading aloud increased brain activity.

Martin says there are several ways to maximize the time spent reading aloud to your child:

Read one children's book a day. Taking time to read aloud to your child each day entails one book per day. "At least one book per day produces immeasurable results in your child's life and creates amazing memories for them," Martin says. "If your child is resisting reading during the day, try right before bedtime so there won't be the option of picking a different activity."

Use supplemental activities. "To enhance your child's interest in curling up with a good story, inject some supplemental activities into your reading experiences to make them more interactive," Martin says. "Make it fun. You can use puppets or stuffed animals to act out the story. Another way is reading books with repetitive phrases and encouraging your child to recite the phrases with you. Find out your child's interests and go to the library to find books on that particular topic."

Focus on how they remember details. Extending your reading experiences through activities and supplemental activities can help children remember specific details and prompt their thinking. Pay attention to what they tell you. Ask them questions about the book after you read to them, and see how they interpret the story.

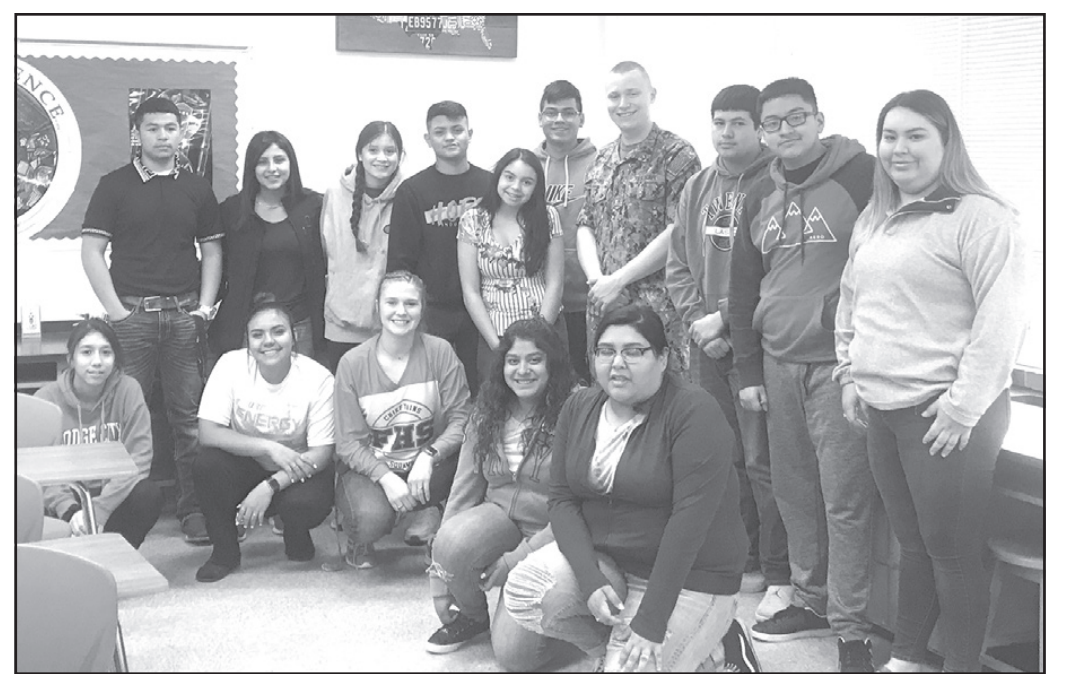
Introduce new words. Focus on a couple of words each day from the story and teach your children what the words mean and how they are used in a sentence. "Sound it out for them, then have them repeat it," Martin says. "Repetition equals learning, but again, making it fun inspires more learning. So let them draw a picture of what the word means, or have them act out the definition if possible."

Have them anticipate. What will happen next in the story? "Engaging your child in that thought process can expand their mind and keep them interested," Martin says. "Take the opportunity to ask them what might happen next before you turn the page and resume reading."

"When adults engage with children through stories and get excited reading with them," Martin says, "they are communicating very important messages."

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EASTER MEAT SALE!!



We are taking orders on whole meats for your Easter Sunday meal. Orders will be ready for pickup on Saturday, April 20th at Veterinary Industries parking lot from 4pm-6m. **Deadline to place an order will be Monday, April 15th.**


Whole Chicken \$25
Pork Ribs \$30.00
Pulled Pork (whole) \$40.00

Easter Special!!!
Brisket (whole) \$80.00

Please call to place order
Brayden Pope #806-346-6165
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(Please leave a message and we will get back with you)
Thank you!!

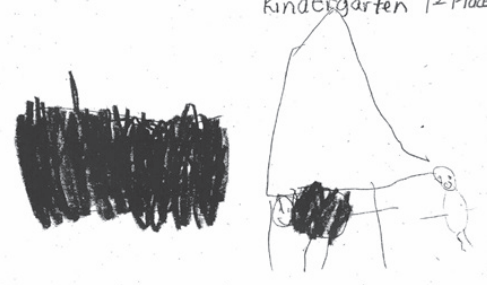
Mighty Writers

Teresa Alvarez 1st Grade 1st Place



Me and staly went to the carnival to go get coten candy BUT staly got stuck in it so I said can I get a coten candy then I saved him he was full of coten candy

Eryx Macias Perrini Kindergarten 1st Place



I was flat. My brother and me chrobulen body will go on a trip. I would block the wind for my mom to make marshmallows and camp fire. We have a tent at my home so we make it. And I will help my mom fill up with gas because we have none. After we get back home we going to make more marshmallows and camp there.

Abriel Arzate March 7, 2019 1st Place 5th grade

Hello diary yesterday was the most epic day ever. I got mailed to Paris! I didn't imagine people wearing weird hats but apparently they do. I took tons of pictures. My favorite ones were the ones with the Eiffel Tower. Then after a while someone took me and looked at the address written on me and said I was in the wrong place. All of the sudden I get dropped off in a mail box. Then the most weird thing happened the little door flew open and I started to fly out of the mailbox. I suddenly felt a worm like liquid. I looked around and saw that I was in water at a beach. When I face the other way I see a dog heading right towards me. His slobber is all over his mouth. I was really nervous. Then a little girl comes to get her dog and sees me. So she takes me to her mom. Her mom takes me to a strange place that I've been at before but it's a little different. When I look behind me I see big letters spelling out "Florida's post office". Then after I get dropped off there I get shaky I look to my right and a lot more packages are in there and were in a truck. I get dropped off at a studio then a lady grabbed me and took me to another person. The man turned me around to open me and in super huge letters I see the word Hollywood on the yellow packet. I turned out I was a script. This week was the best adventure ever! I love all the things that happened this week they were amazing and insane.

Aylen Moreno 1st place 2nd grade

I was walking down the street but a car came I got scowished by the car. My mom was watching me from the window. I woke up in my bed. I heard my mom on the phone. After the phone call my mom told me that I was flat. I panicked because I thought I would ever get flat. Apparently I went flat. On summer break my family was going on a trip with me. We are going to San Antonio because we are going to sea world. To bad I can't get in the water. I almost forgot I'm going to see more family here. One day later I'm here at sea world. I see lots of water creatures and since it's sea world it has lots of water. I had this play of a whale his name Shamoo he splashed people but not me. There was another show it showed baleaga wales it was asame. Since I was having so much fun I forgot that I was flat. My mom and dad did not forget that I was flat. We went home because it was windy and my mom and dad did not want me to blow away. It was fun here. Maybe we are coming here again soon. Day two I'm going to visit family I'm excited. I was there I played with my family I ate with my family it was time to leave I said by to everyone. I left on the way home in my car. I fell asleep. My dad carried me to my bed my mom and dad and daddy kissed me good night. They turned off the light switch and left my bed room.

Aylen Moreno

Dorian West 1st Place If I were flat 4th grade

When I woke up from my bed I was flat! My mom called me from the kitchen to come and eat. My mom and dad saw me and asked "what happened" I said "I don't know. So after breakfast I got ready for school and I blew right threw the crack of the door and outside. I came home from school to a note at the door it was from my grandpa in Surablanca TX he asked if I could go but our car has no gas so my dad got a big envelope put me inside. And my mom packed me a flat hotdog and broken up doritos and water. So they shipped me to Surablanca to my grandpa's house. I got there at 7:30pm and ate all my food and plus my grandpa got us pizza so I ate too much food. I spent a month there and forgot it was spring break and only have two weeks of spring break so I went back home to go back to school and kinda got in trouble. See you next time.

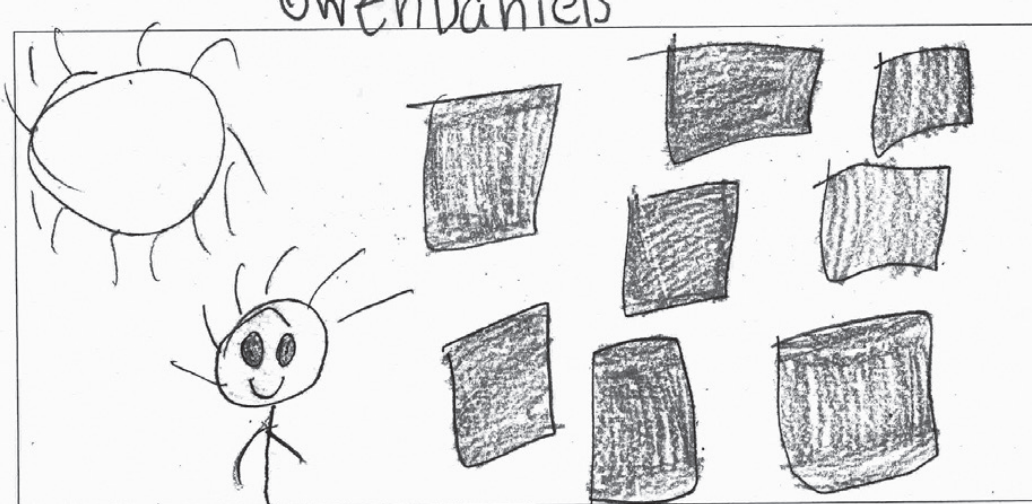
Yahaira Rivas 3-18-19 1st place 3rd grade

If I was flat I would want to be mailed to Mexico to see my grandma and grandpa she has horses and sheep and goats I want to get on the horses and ride them and I want to play with the sheep. My grandma has a big house I also want to help my grandma cook I love to cook I would let my little cousin fly me like a kite in the air and I would let my cousin get on me so I could carry him when he is tired. I would get to stand up on my hands for a long long time.

I was riding my bike one day when a tree came down and turned me flat. I went under water and saved volcanoes. I put on my shiny dress and comb my hair back I put my make up on I was ready. When my mom could not find her shirt I gave her one. With the money that I got from being flat Supergirl I bought school supplies and new clothes.

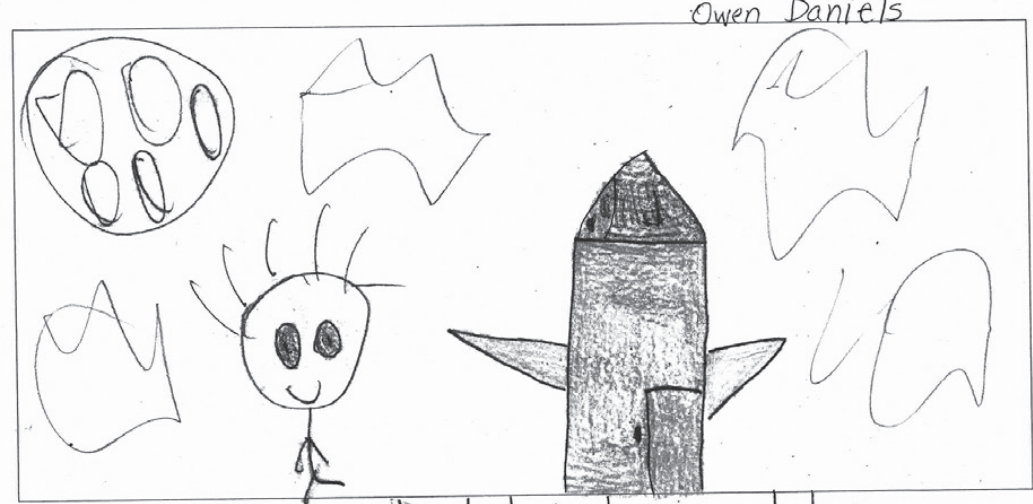
Itzel Aguilar Pre-K 1st Place

Owen Daniels



I saw sun medl so i pickd up the medl to make a rokit to go to the moon so i go.

Owen Daniels



So i Biltid the rokit to fly to the moon and see the things to see!

NOTICE OF ELECTION

STATE OF TEXAS §
 §
 COUNTIES OF PARMER AND DEAF SMITH §

TO THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE FRIONA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT an election will be held within Friona Independent School District, on Saturday, May 4, 2019, as provided in the Order Calling Bond Election passed by the Board of Trustees of Friona Independent School District, a verbatim copy of which Order, as amended, is printed below.

**ORDER OF FRIONA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
 CALLING A BOND ELECTION AND
 PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION
 AND OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT THERETO**

STATE OF TEXAS §
 COUNTIES OF PARMER AND DEAF SMITH §
 FRIONA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT §

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Friona Independent School District (the "District") held a regular meeting on February 11, 2019, and that said meeting was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551; and,

WHEREAS, the District deems it advisable to call the Bond Election (the "Election") hereinafter ordered to determine whether the Board of Trustees shall be authorized to issue bonds of the District in the amount and for the purposes stated herein; and,

WHEREAS, it is hereby officially found and determined at said meeting that it is in the public interest that (1) the Election hereinafter ordered should be held jointly with the City of Friona ("City") and the Board desires to conduct a joint election; (2) the Election meets the requirements for a joint election under section 271.001, *et seq.*, of Texas Election Code; and, (3) it is in the public's interest for the District to hold the hereinafter called Election on May 4, 2019, a uniform election date established by section 41.001(a) of the Texas Election Code; and

WHEREAS, the District previously approved a Joint Election Agreement with the City (the "JEA");

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE DISTRICT:

1. The statements contained in the preamble of this Order are true and correct and adopted as findings of fact and operative provisions hereof. The Election shall be held in the District between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on May 4, 2019. The Election shall occur at the following designated polling place(s), and with the following election officers, who are hereby appointed to hold said Election:

City Council Chambers
 City of Friona
 619 Main St.
 Friona, TX 79035

Presiding Judge: Wendy Sammoron
 Alternate Judge: Pamela Mercardo

2. The Presiding Judge shall appoint not less than two (2) but no more than five (5) qualified election clerks to serve and assist in conducting the Election; provided that if the Presiding Judge actually serves as expected, the Alternate Presiding Judge shall be one of such clerks.

3. Early voting shall be conducted by personal appearance at the Main Early Voting Place:
 F.I.S.D. Administration Office
 909 E. 11th St.
 Friona, TX 79035

Early voting at the Main Early Voting Place shall be conducted during the period early voting is required or permitted by law, being April 22, 2019 through April 30, 2019, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Early voting shall be conducted on each day, excluding Saturdays, Sundays or legal state holidays, when there shall be no early voting by personal appearance, and shall at all times remain open during the above-noted hours for early voting by personal appearance.

4. The Early Voting Clerk for the Election shall be Claudia Castillo. The Deputy Early Voting Clerk shall Kathy Sandoval.

5. Applications for voting by mail shall be sent to Claudia Castillo, Early Voting Clerk, Friona ISD, 909 E. 11th St., Friona, Texas 79035, or by email at ccastillo@frionaisd.com. Applications to vote by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 23, 2019.

6. An Early Voting Ballot Board shall be created to process early voting results of the Election. Wendy Sammoron is hereby appointed as the Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board, and the Presiding Judge, in turn, shall appoint at least two (2) other members to serve on the Early Voting Ballot Board.

7. All qualified electors of and residing in the District shall be entitled to vote at the Election.

8. At the Election, the following PROPOSITION, setting forth the purpose for which the bonds will be authorized, shall be submitted in accordance with law:

**FRIONA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION
FRIONA ISD PROPOSITION A**

Shall the Board of Trustees of Friona Independent School District be authorized to issue bonds of the District, in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount of \$19,000,000 for the construction, acquisition, renovation and equipment of school buildings in the District, with the bonds to mature serially or otherwise not more than 40 years from their date, bear interest, and be issued and sold in accordance with the law at the time of issuance; and shall the Board of Trustees be authorized to levy and pledge, and cause to be assessed and collected, annual ad valorem taxes, on all taxable property in the District, sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds?

9. The official ballots for the Election shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code so as to permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid PROPOSITION with the ballots to contain such provisions, markings and language as required by law, and with such PROPOSITION to be expressed substantially as follows:

**FRIONA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION
FRIONA ISD PROPOSITION A**

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| _____ | FOR |) | THE ISSUANCE OF \$19,000,000 OF BONDS BY FRIONA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION, RENOVATION AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT, AND THE LEVYING OF THE TAX FOR PAYMENT THEREOF |
| _____ | AGAINST |) | |

10. The proposition language that will appear on the ballot is set forth in Section 9 above. The purpose for which the bonds are to be authorized is set forth in Section 8 above. The principal amount of the debt obligations to be authorized is \$19,000,000. If the bonds are approved by the voters, the Board of Trustees will be authorized to levy annual ad valorem taxes, on all taxable property in the District, sufficient without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds.

11. Based upon current market conditions at the date of the adoption of this Order, the maximum interest rate of the bonds or any series of bonds, if authorized, is estimated to be 4.25%. Such maximum rate is provided as a matter of information, but is not a limitation on the interest rate at which the bonds, or any series thereof, may be sold. Market conditions may vary at the time the bonds are sold and affect the available interest rate.

12. As set forth in Section 8 above, if the bonds are approved, they may be issued in one or more series, to mature over a specified period not to exceed 40 years. The aggregate amount of the outstanding principal of the District's debt obligations as of the beginning of the fiscal year in which the Election is ordered is \$2,590,000.00. The aggregate amount of the outstanding interest of the District's debt obligations as of the beginning of the fiscal year in which the Election is ordered is \$239,225.00. The ad valorem debt service tax rate for the District at the time the Election is ordered is \$0.0524 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation.

13. The Notice of the Election, in both English and Spanish, shall contain a verbatim copy of this Order, and shall contain all information required by law, including the locations and times for early voting and election day voting, as well as the proposition and ballot language to be submitted to the voters (the "Notice"). The Notice shall be published at least one time, not earlier than the 30th day or later than the 10th day prior to the date set for the Election, in a newspaper published in the District or, if none is published in the District, in a newspaper of general circulation in the District. In addition, not later than the 21st day prior to the date set for the Election, or not later than the next business day if the 21st day falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal state holiday, the Notice shall be posted on the bulletin board used for posting notices of meetings of the Board of Trustees. The Notice shall also be posted: (i) on election day and during early voting by personal appearance in a prominent location at each polling place; and, (ii) not later than the 21st day before the Election, in 3 public places within the boundaries of the District. During the 21 days before the Election, the Notice shall also be prominently posted on the District's internet web site. All other necessary Notices shall be posted and delivered, as may be required by law.

14. In all respects the Election shall be conducted in accordance with the Texas Election Code and any other applicable state or federal law, except as modified by the Texas Education Code.

15. The Election shall be conducted jointly with the City, and the District has approved a JEA with the City. The Superintendent or Board President are hereby authorized and directed to take all appropriate actions on behalf of the District as necessary in connection with said JEA.

16. To the extent permitted by law, the Board President or Superintendent, in consultation with the District's legal counsel, are hereby authorized and may make changes to the JEA, polling places, election judges and officers, and election procedures in the event changes are required or which may become necessary due to circumstances arising after the date of this Order, and are further directed to take any and all action as necessary to comply with state and federal law in carrying out and conducting the Election, whether or not expressly authorized herein.

17. If any provision or part of this Order is for any reason held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining portions of this Order shall not be affected thereby, it being the intent of the Board that no portion or provision contained herein shall become inoperative or fail by reason of any invalidity or unenforceability of any other portion hereof, and all provisions of this Order are declared to be severable for that purpose.

18. This Order is effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 11th day of February, 2019.

 /s/
 Becky Riethmayer, President

ATTEST:

 /s/
 Jason Rector, Secretary

AVISO DE CONVOCATORIA DE ELECCIONES

ESTADO DE TEXAS §
 CONDADOS DE PARMER Y DEAF SMITH §

A LOS ELECTORES INSCRITOS DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE FRIONA:

MEDIANTE ESTE DOCUMENTO SE COMUNICA QUE se celebrarán elecciones en el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Frióna el sábado, día 4 de mayo de 2019, según está previsto en la Orden de convocatoria de elecciones para la emisión de bonos aprobada por el Consejo de Administración del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Frióna, cuya copia fiel, con sus enmiendas, se incluye a continuación.

ORDEN DE CONVOCATORIA DE ELECCIONES PARA LA EMISIÓN DE BONOS DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE FRIONA Y QUE ESTABLECE CÓMO PROCEDER EN LAS ELECCIONES Y DEMÁS ASUNTOS PERTINENTES A LAS MISMAS

ESTADO DE TEXAS §
 CONDADOS DE PARMER Y DEAF SMITH §
 DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE FRIONA §

CONSIDERANDO QUE, el Consejo de Administración del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Frióna (el "distrito") celebró una reunión ordinaria el día 11 de febrero de 2019, estando dicha reunión abierta al público, y habiéndose dado aviso público de la hora, lugar y propósito de dicha reunión, según lo exige el capítulo 551 del Código Gubernamental de Texas; y,

CONSIDERANDO QUE, el distrito considera aconsejable convocar las elecciones para la emisión de bonos (las "elecciones") que se ordenan en este documento para decidir si el Consejo de administración estará autorizado para emitir bonos del distrito en la cantidad y con los fines indicados en el presente; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, en dicha reunión se declaró y determinó oficialmente que (1) que redunde en beneficio del interés público convocar y celebrar las elecciones conjuntamente con la ciudad de Frióna (la "ciudad") y el Consejo desea celebrar elecciones conjuntas; (2) la celebración de las elecciones que aquí se ordenan cumple los requisitos de elecciones conjuntas a tenor del artículo 271.001 y siguientes, del Código Electoral de Texas; y (3) que redunde en beneficio del interés público que el distrito celebre las elecciones que aquí se ordenan el día 4 de mayo de 2019, fecha para la celebración de elecciones uniformes establecida por el artículo 41.001(a) del Código Electoral de Texas; y,

CONSIDERANDO QUE, el distrito aprobó previamente el Acuerdo para celebrar elecciones conjuntas (el "JEA" por sus siglas en inglés) con la ciudad;

AHORA, POR LO TANTO, EL CONSEJO DE ADMINISTRACIÓN DEL DISTRITO ORDENA:

1. Las declaraciones contenidas en el preámbulo de esta orden son ciertas y correctas y han sido adoptadas como decisiones de hecho y disposiciones operativas del presente documento. Se celebrarán las elecciones en el distrito entre las 7:00 de la mañana y las 7:00 de la tarde, el día 4 de mayo de 2019. Las elecciones tendrán lugar en los siguientes centros electorales y se han nombrado a los siguientes funcionarios electorales para celebrarlas:

Sala del Consejo Municipal
 Ciudad de Frióna
 Calle Main, núm. 619
 Frióna, TX 79035

Juez presidente: Wendy Sammoron
 Juez suplente: Pamela Mercado

2. La Juez presidente nombrará por lo menos a dos (2), pero no más de cinco (5), secretarios electorales cualificados para desempeñar cargos y ayudar en la celebración de las elecciones, y siempre que la Juez presidente ejerza sus funciones como tal, la Juez suplente será uno de dichos secretarios.

3. La votación adelantada se realizará mediante comparecencia en persona en el centro electoral principal para la votación adelantada:

Oficinas administrativas del DEI de Frióna
 Calle 11ª Este, núm. 909
 Frióna, TX 79035

La votación adelantada se celebrará durante el periodo requerido o permitido por la ley, siendo dicho periodo del 22 de abril de 2019 al 30 de abril de 2019, de las 8:00 de la mañana a las 5:00 de la tarde. La votación adelantada tendrá lugar diariamente, excepto sábados, domingos y días feriados establecidos por el estado, en los cuales no tendrá lugar la votación adelantada en persona. El centro electoral para la votación adelantada permanecerá abierto durante el horario arriba indicado para la votación adelantada en persona.

4. La secretaria para la votación adelantada en estas elecciones será Claudia Castillo. La secretaria delegada para la votación adelantada será Kathy Sandoval.

5. Las solicitudes para la votación por correo deberán enviarse a Claudia Castillo, Early Voting Clerk, Frióna ISD, 909 E. 11th St., Frióna, Texas 79035, o por correo electrónico a: ccastillo@frionaisd.com. Las solicitudes para la votación por correo deberán recibirse antes del cierre del horario de oficinas del día 23 de abril de 2019.

6. Se formará un Consejo electoral para la votación adelantada que procesará los resultados de las elecciones. Por la presente se nombra a Wendy Sammoron como la juez presidente de dicho Consejo. La mencionada juez presidente, a su vez, nombrará por lo menos a dos (2) miembros más para servir en el Consejo de votación para la votación adelantada.

7. Todos los electores cualificados que residan en el distrito tendrán derecho a votar en las elecciones.

8. De conformidad con la ley, en las elecciones se presentará de acuerdo con la ley la siguiente PROPUESTA, que establece el propósito para el cual se autorizarán los bonos:

**ELECCIONES EXTRAORDINARIAS DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE FRIONA
 PROPUESTA "A" DEL DEI DE FRIONA**

¿Se autorizará al Consejo de Administración del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Frióna a emitir bonos del distrito, en una o más series, por el importe total de capital de \$19,000,000 con el fin de pagar y financiar la construcción, adquisición, reformas y equipamiento de edificios escolares del distrito, y dichos bonos tendrán fecha de vencimiento en serie o de otro modo, en un plazo no superior a 40 años desde la fecha de emisión, y devengarán intereses, y serán emitidos y vendidos de acuerdo con la ley vigente en el momento de emisión; y se autorizará al Consejo de Administración a gravar y avalar, y hacer que se calculen y recauden impuestos anuales ad valorem sobre todas las propiedades sujetas a impuestos en el distrito, suficientes, sin límite en cuanto a la tasa o cantidad, para pagar el capital e intereses de los bonos y el costo de cualquier acuerdo crediticio ejecutado en relación con dichos bonos?

9. Las papeletas oficiales para las elecciones se prepararán de acuerdo con el Código Electoral de Texas, a fin de permitir a los electores votar "A FAVOR" o "EN CONTRA" de la PROPUESTA anterior y dichas papeletas incluirán las disposiciones, anotaciones y lenguaje que la ley exige, y cuya PROPOSICIÓN quedará expresada esencialmente de la manera siguiente:

**ELECCIONES EXTRAORDINARIAS DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE FRIONA
 PROPUESTA "A" DEL DEI DE FRIONA**

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| _____ | A FAVOR |) | LA EMISIÓN DE BONOS POR EL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE FRIONA POR UN VALOR DE \$19,000,000 PARA LA CONSTRUCCIÓN, ADQUISICIÓN, REFORMAS Y EQUIPAMIENTO |
| _____ | EN CONTRA |) | DE EDIFICIOS ESCOLARES DEL DISTRITO, Y EL GRAVAMEN DE IMPUESTOS PARA EL PAGO CORRESPONDIENTE. |

10. El lenguaje de la propuesta que aparecerá en la papeleta está expresado en la sección 9 anterior. El propósito para el cual se autorizará la emisión de bonos está expresado en la sección 8 anterior. La cantidad de capital de las obligaciones de deuda a ser autorizada es de \$19,000,000. Si los electores aprueban la emisión de bonos, el Consejo de Administración estará autorizado a gravar anualmente impuestos ad valorem sobre todas las propiedades sujetas a impuestos en el distrito, suficientes, sin límite en cuanto a la tasa o la cantidad para pagar el capital e intereses de los bonos.

11. Basándose en las condiciones actuales del mercado en la fecha en que se adopta la presente Orden, se calcula que la máxima tasa de interés de los bonos o cualquier serie de bonos, si se autoriza su emisión, será del 4.25%. Se indica dicha tasa máxima a título informativo, pero no constituye limitación alguna en la tasa de interés a la que los bonos, o cualquier serie de bonos, puedan venderse. Las condiciones del mercado podrían ser distintas en el momento en que se vendan los bonos y afectar la tasa de interés disponible.

12. Como se expone en la sección 8 anterior, si se aprueba la emisión de bonos, se podrían emitir en una o más series, con un vencimiento a lo largo de un periodo específico de tiempo que no excederá los 40 años. La cantidad total del capital pendiente de las obligaciones de deuda del distrito al comienzo del año fiscal en que se ordenan las elecciones es de \$2,590,000.00. La cantidad total de intereses pendientes de las obligaciones de deuda del distrito al comienzo del año fiscal en que se ordenan las elecciones es de \$239,225.00. La tasa impositiva de la deuda ad valorem del distrito en el momento en que se ordenan las elecciones es de \$0.0524 por cada \$100 del valor tasado y sujeto a impuestos.

13. El aviso de las elecciones, tanto en inglés como en español, incluirá una copia de la presente orden y contendrá toda la información que la ley exige, e incluirá los lugares y horarios de la votación adelantada y para el día de las elecciones, así como el lenguaje de la propuesta que se presentará ante los electores (el "aviso"). El aviso se publicará en un periódico del distrito o, si no se publicara periódico alguno en el distrito, en un periódico de circulación general en el distrito, al menos una vez, en fecha no anterior a 30 días ni posterior a 10 días antes del día fijado para las elecciones. Además, en fecha no posterior a 21 días del día fijado para las elecciones, o no posterior al siguiente día hábil, si el día vigésimo primero es un sábado, domingo o día feriado establecido por el estado, se colocará el aviso en el tablero de anuncios utilizado para colocar anuncios de las reuniones del Consejo de Administración. El aviso deberá también colocarse: (i) el día de las elecciones y durante la votación adelantada en persona en un lugar destacado en cada uno de los centros electorales; (ii) en fecha no posterior a 21 días del día fijado para las elecciones, en tres (3) lugares públicos dentro de los confines del distrito. Durante los 21 días previos al día fijado para las elecciones, el aviso se publicará también de manera destacada en el sitio web del distrito. Todos los demás avisos necesarios se publicarán y entregarán según lo establece la ley.

14. En todos los respectos las elecciones se celebrarán de conformidad con el Código Electoral de Texas y cualquier otra ley estatal o federal aplicable, excepto cuando los mismos hayan sido modificados por el Código de Educación de Texas.

15. Las elecciones se llevarán a cabo conjuntamente con la ciudad, y el distrito ha aprobado el JEA con la ciudad. Por el presente se autoriza al superintendente o al presidente del Consejo para tomar cualquier medida necesaria en nombre del distrito en conexión con dicho acuerdo JEA:

16. En el grado permitido por la ley, el presidente del Consejo o el superintendente, en consulta con el asesor jurídico del distrito, queda autorizado para hacer cambios al acuerdo JEA, los centros electorales, jueces y funcionarios electorales y procedimientos electorales, en el caso de que se requieran dichos cambios debido a circunstancias que surjan después de la fecha de esta Orden, y se les ordena además a tomar las medidas necesarias para cumplir con las leyes federales y estatales aplicables para celebrar y llevar a cabo las Elecciones, tanto si dicha autorización aparece o no expresamente autorizada en este documento.

17. Si por cualquier motivo, alguna disposición o parte de la presente Orden fuera declarada inválida o inaplicable, las partes restantes no se verán afectadas por dicha decisión, siendo la intención del Consejo que ninguna parte o disposición contenida en este documento sea inoperante o falle debido a cualquier invalidez o inaplicabilidad de cualquier otra parte del presente documento, y todas las disposiciones de esta Orden se declaren divisibles para ese fin.

18. La presente Orden entrará en vigencia de inmediato una vez se ratifique y apruebe.

RATIFICADA Y APROBADA el día 11 de febrero de 2019.

/s/
 Becky Riethmayer, presidenta

DOY FE:

/s/
 Jason Rector, secretario

Texas Weekly Fuel Update and Outlook

Texas gas prices have risen 5.5 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.46 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations. Gas prices in Texas are 28.4 cents per gallon higher than a month ago, and stands 5.0 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas this week is priced at \$2.19 while the most expensive is \$3.29 per gallon. The cheapest price in the entire country this week stands at \$1.75 while the most expensive is \$4.99 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 3.9 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.69 per gallon. The national aver-

age is up 26.5 cents per gallon from a month ago, and stands 3.5 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

"There's no fooling motorists, gas prices have continued to surge. For the seventh straight week the national average has continued to rise, unabated, due to seasonal impacts. The run-up this spring has felt worse than prior years, and thus far, the national average is up nearly 50 cents per gallon from our 2019 low. Unfortunately, this a rut we'll be stuck in yet for at least a few more weeks," said Patrick DeHaan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "President Trump, as much as he'd like to control oil and gasoline prices, has not been able to successfully convince OPEC to respond,

with oil prices last week closing above \$60 per barrel, a fresh 2019 high. What the President may not realize is that while oil prices have been a minor piece of the pie of rising gas prices, the bulk remains EPA mandates during the summer months that coincide with refineries doing work ahead of the intense demand during the summer in which most run near capacity."

GasBuddy is available on all mobile platforms. The app and website have the most accurate and real-time fuel prices at over 140,000 unique stations in the United States, and is the most comprehensive money-saving companion while on the road. For more information, visit www.gasbuddy.com

Sales Tax Revenue Totaled \$2.6 Billion in March

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced that the state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.6 billion in March, 9 percent more than in March 2018. "State sales tax revenue growth was again strong in March, as we saw increased collections in all major economic sectors, including retail trade, information services, oil and gas and restaurants," Hegar said. "Much of the

increase stemmed more from consumer spending rather than business spending."

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in March 2019 was up 7.3 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.

State Capital Highlights

By Ed Sterling



House, Senate continue to move closer to passing budget

AUSTIN — Last week, with 60 days remaining until the end of the 140-day regular session of the 86th Texas Legislature, the House and Senate vaulted closer toward finalizing a state budget.

On March 27, the House of Representatives voted 149-0 in favor of HB 1, its version of the state budget for fiscal years 2020 and 2021. The lower chamber's bill allocates some \$251 billion to cover the two years and puts \$9 billion more than the current budget into education reform, including a teacher pay increase and pension funding, and property tax reform.

SB 1, the Senate's version of the state budget, is scheduled for more early-April hearings in the Senate Finance Committee before coming to a Senate floor vote. SB 1, like HB 1, presently contains some \$9 billion for education reform and a property tax break. Since mid-January, the committee chaired by Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, heard more than 750 witnesses present public testimony in 25 meetings, helping members craft a bill that totals more than 1,000 pages. Nelson broke down the \$9 billion as follows:

- Almost \$4 billion for an across-the-board teacher pay raise of \$5,000;

- \$2.3 billion in additional money for non-salary public education reform; and
- \$2.7 billion for property tax relief.

SB 1 is expected to pass soon in the Senate, and should it do so, a conference committee of House and Senate members must meet to reconcile differences in the two versions of the state budget. Nelson and four other senators appointed by Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, along with House Appropriations Committee Chair John Zer-

was, R-Richmond, and four House members appointed by Speaker Dennis Bonnen, will make up the conference committee. After the versions are reconciled, both chambers will put the measure to a final vote. If passed, the budget would then be forwarded to Gov. Greg Abbott for final approval.

Bill would raise exemption

The Senate Property Tax Committee on March 26 considered legislation to increase the homestead exemption for local school property taxpayers by \$10,000.

SB 5 and Senate Joint Resolution 71, a proposed constitutional amendment by the committee's chair, Sen. Paul Bettencourt, R-Houston, would ask voters in November to approve an increase to the amount of property value that a homeowner can exempt from \$25,000 to \$35,000.

He said the increase would cut the average property tax bill in Texas by about \$125 per year and the state would be able to cover the loss in revenue to school districts by using proceeds from oil and gas production taxes that would otherwise have gone into the Economic Stabilization "Rainy Day" Fund.

Bettencourt said the fund has enough in it to justify the diversion. "I personally view the (Rainy Day Fund) as full because we're looking at values up to \$15.66 billion at the end of the biennium without any withdrawals," he said.

Lawmakers ask for more

Texas transportation infrastructure is not keeping up with growth, and to make matters worse, the Lone Star State receives less than any other state compared to what it pays into the federal Highway Trust Fund.

To request a better rate of return, all 38 members of the Texas congressional delegation joined in a March 26 letter to the chairs and ranking

members of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee and House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

The delegation's letter notes the 95 cents on the dollar returned to Texas in fiscal 2019 amounts to a loss of up to \$940 million in taxes paid by Texas motorists and taxpayers. In contrast, according to Federal Highway Administration figures, Alaska received \$6.78, New York, \$1.33, and California, \$1.16.

"Texas has been denied a fair return on federal fuel taxes for far too long. It is imperative that an equitable share of these funds be allocated to improving transportation systems right here in Texas," said Gov. Abbott. "I urge Congress to put an end to this funding inequity," he added.

Senate OKs harassment bill

Any employee of a public or private university who sees or learns of an incident of sexual harassment, assault, rape, dating violence or stalking would be required to report it to the institution's Title IX coordinator under SB 212, which was unanimously approved by the Texas Senate on March 26.

According to the Senate News Service, the legislation by Sen. Joan Huffman, R-Houston, also would require the coordinator to make regular reports to the university president regarding the number of complaints and the status of investigations.

The president, in turn, would have to make a report to the university board of trustees every semester of the number, disposition and status of complaints and investigations, the findings thereof, and the disciplinary actions taken. This report would be public information but would not identify any person. The legislation still must pass the House and be signed by the governor to become law.

SENIOR STEAK DINNER

APRIL 14, 2019

11:00 AM – 1:30 PM

Frona Jr. High Cafeteria

1001 Euclid, Friona

MENU: Ribeye Steaks, Baked Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Tea/Water, Dessert

ADVANCE TICKETS
Adult/Child
\$15.00
Order from any
Senior Student
or Parent

AT THE DOOR
Adult/Child
\$16.00

TAKEOUT AVAILABLE

BENEFITTING

The 2019 Senior Class
Alcohol/ Drug-Free
All Night
Graduation Party

Literary Basket



All tickets \$1.00 each at the Library

Drawings will be held on April 28, 2019 at the

#1- Knowledge is the Key to the Universe Basket - Friends of the Friona Public Library

#2- Out of This World Basket - Frio Driving School

#3- Friona Primary is Out of this World Basket - Friona Primary

#4- Home Cooking Basket - Ivy Cottage

#5- Gardening Around the World Basket - Kitty Gallman

#6- Texas Blue Basket - Milk House Market

#7- Star Wars Legacy Basket - Friona Elementary

#8- Explore the Outdoors Basket - Vet Industries

#9- Harry Potter Basket - Friends Book Shoppe

#10- Explore the Universe Basket - Parmer Co. Retired Teachers and Support Personnel

Small Town Cookin' By Jeri Lynn White

Strawberries

We have become spoiled by the fact that fresh strawberries are available year-round, but this is the time of year that they become affordable and delicious.

Strawberries were thought to first be cultivated by the Romans in 12th century B.C. Now these sweet treats are grown worldwide and in every state in the U.S. California grows the most strawberries and provides around 75% of the strawberries in the United States. According to the USDA, Americans eat about 3.4 pounds of strawberries per person every year.

The strawberry is packed with nutrition. It is low in calories and high in vitamin C. Strawberries are packed with B-complex vitamins as well as minerals such as potassium, manganese, fluorine, copper, iron, and iodine. They are also a good source of fiber.

A few interesting strawberry facts:

They are the first fruits to become ripe in the spring.

Strawberries are not really a berry but are considered accessory fruits.

There are about 200 seeds on every strawberry.

The strawberry is a member of the rose family.

There are three types of strawberries: June Bearing, overbearing, and day neutral.

Belgium has a museum dedicated to the strawberry. (I plan to ask Dieter about this one.)

For more interesting facts, go to https://www.berries.com/gift-guides/strawberry_facts or <https://www.countryliving.com/food-drinks/a35552/facts-about-strawberries/>.

This first recipe is an easy and healthy salad using strawberries.

Spinach and Strawberry Salad

Spinach leaves
1 pint of strawberries
¼ cup walnuts
Poppysseed Dressing
(store bought or homemade)

Rinse the spinach and strawberries as needed. I like to tear off the spinach stems, but that is up to you. Hull and slice the strawberries. Add the sliced strawberries and walnuts to the spinach leaves. When ready to serve, drizzle with poppyseed dressing.

This recipe, from my aunt, Pat Hukill, is not so healthy, but it is delicious.

Fresh Strawberry Pie by: Pat Hukill

1 c. sugar
1 c. water
3 Tbsp. strawberry jello
3 Tbsp. corn starch
5 drops of red food coloring
1-2 tsp. lemon juice
1 pint of strawberries, sliced
1 cooked, 9" pie shell

Bring sugar, water, jello, corn starch, food coloring, and lemon juice to a rolling boil. Cool completely. Add berries and mix gently to evenly coat the berries. Pour mixture into a baked and cooled pie shell. Use at least a pint of berries. Refrigerate to let the pie set up. Serve with whipped cream, if desired.

This is a recipe I came across on the internet and thought it looked interesting. I will try it the next time I have fresh berries in the fridge, but I would love to hear your thoughts about it as well.

Balsamic Strawberries www.driscolls.com

Ingredients
3 cups strawberries, hulled and quartered
2 Tablespoons packed light brown sugar
2 Tablespoons balsamic vinegar
Pinch of finely grated lemon zest

Directions
Stir together strawberries, sugar, vinegar and lemon zest in a medium bowl. Let sit for 15 minutes to release berry juices and serve at room temperature. This is delicious over ice cream or with whipped cream.

~OBITUARIES~

Dorothy Ruth Johnston Prudhomme

Dorothy Ruth Johnston Prudhomme, age 63, passed from this life on April 1, 2019 after a five year battle with cancer. She was preceded in death by her father, James D. Johnston of Friona, TX and survived by her two sons, Andrew Son, wife Charlotte, and granddaughter Skyler of Copperas Cove, TX, Nathan Son of Lubbock, TX, mother Mary Johnston of Friona, TX, two brothers, Larry Johnston of Friona, TX, Bryan Johnston and wife Allison of Friona, TX, one sister, Diane Bryant and husband David of McKinney, TX, six nieces and four nephews.



stops in Waco, Dallas, Tyler, Friona, and Richardson.

Music was Dorothy's passion in life. While in college, she traveled and performed extensively with the WTSU Chorale. Later, she also performed with the Tyler Civic Chorale and the Longview Opera.

Shortly after retiring in 2014, Dorothy was diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer and moved to Lubbock to be closer to her family. During her five year battle with cancer, her extended family grew to include the ladies in her Sunday school class at Second Baptist Church Lubbock, her dear friend Glenda

Richards, and all of the wonderful doctors and staff at UMC Southwest Cancer and Research Center. The love, concern, encouragement and care they provided was beyond compare. To each and every one of them we offer our heartfelt gratitude.

At Dorothy's request, there will be no formal services. Condolences can be posted on the funeral home's website at www.wilsonsfuneraldirectors.com/obituary/dorothy-prudhomme. A private celebration of life will be arranged at a later date.

The family requests memorials be sent to: Hope Class, Second Baptist Church, 6109 Chicago Ave., Lubbock, TX 79424, (806) 783-0202. Hope Class is committed to honoring Dorothy's wish to pass on to others the love, kindness, and assistance afforded to her.

While we mourn the loss of our mother, daughter, sister, and friend, we celebrate knowing that Dorothy's beautiful and indomitable spirit will live on in our hearts forever.

Born in Fort Worth, TX on October 17, 1955, Dorothy moved to Friona, TX with her family in 1962. She attended Friona Public Schools for 12 years and graduated in 1974. After graduation she attended West Texas State University where she earned a degree in Music Education in 1978. She later earned a teaching certificate in Elementary Education before embarking on a teaching career that spanned almost 30 years with

Carol Dean Huggins

Carol Dean Huggins, 94 of Farwell passed away Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at her home in Farwell. Celebration of Life Services will be held 2:00 p.m. Friday, April 5, 2019 at the First Baptist Church in Farwell with Rev. Pat Riley of Zephyr, Rev. Richard Laverty of Perryton and Rev. Russ Ponder, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in the Friona Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.



and wife Brandi of Bushland, Misti Smyth and husband Bill of Pagosa Springs, Stephanie Huggins and Leslie Huggins both of Albuquerque, Staci Huggins of Melrose, Dennis Huggins, Lisa Trevino and husband Edward, and Abraham Gomez, all of Clovis, great-grandchildren-Zack, Kaden and Rylan Cummings, Keaton and Ashley Smyth, Megan Cottingham, Amanda Hernandez, Mitchell Huggins, John Ryan Huggins, Taylor Huggins, Tanner Huggins, Miranda Trevino, Unique Trevino, Cisco Trevino, Alyssa Trevino, Angelica Trevino and Jordan Gomez.

Viewing will be from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 4, 2019 with family visitation Thursday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

You may send condolences to the family and sign the online register book at www.hansardfamily.com

children were involved. She was an avid Cowboys, Texas Rangers, Spurs, and Texas Tech fan.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, 2 sons-Lex Huggins and Carroll Huggins and 1 daughter-in-law-Alice Huggins.

Those to carry on her legacy include 1 daughter-Donna Cummings and husband Scott of Lubbock, 2 sons-Roy Dunn of Farwell, and Clive Huggins and wife Donna of Albuquerque, 3 sisters-Glennda Deatherage of Mesquite, Wynona Martin and husband Clarence of Friona, Zada Milholen of Irving, grand-

children-Kyle Cummings



District UIL Academic Meet

Tuesday, March 26th at WTAMU in Canyon.

Overall, Friona High School placed 4th at the District Academic Meet.

The following students placed at the district meet:

Individuals:

Briana Beristain 5th Place - Calculator Applications
 Vanessa Chavez 3rd Place - Ready Writing *
 Lizett Garcia 5th Place - Lincoln Douglas Debate
 Brenda Jaramillo 3rd Place - Literary Criticism *
 Angel Mills 2nd Place - Feature Writing *
 5th Place - News Writing
 6th Place - Headline Writing

Mariana Pina 2nd Place - Current Issues and Events *
 Damian Rodriguez 5th Place - Social Studies
 Juan Diego Salinas 2nd Place - Headline Writing *
 Kessly Salinas 2nd Place - Editorial Writing *
 3rd Place - Feature Writing *
 4th Place - Ready Writing
 5th Place - Headline Writing
 Madyson Vazquez 5th Place - Literary Criticism
 Adaline White 4th Place - Editorial Writing

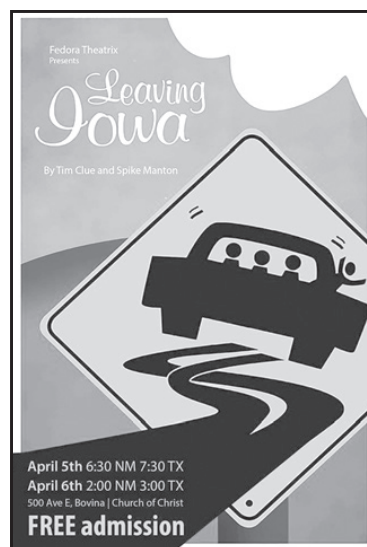
Teams:

Brenda Jaramillo 1st Place Team - Literary Criticism*
 Madyson Vazquez
 Briana Beristain
 Kaelyn Bennett 2nd Place Team - Current Issues & Events
 Mariana Pina
 Damian Rodriguez

Drew Montana 2nd Place Team - Journalism
 Sloan Dominguez
 Kessly Salinas
 Angel Mills
 Adaline White
 Juan Diego Salinas
 Drew Montana
 Humberto Cruz

*Regional Qualifier


The Regional Meet will be held April 12-13 in Abilene



Fedora Theatrix to perform "Leaving Iowa"

The family vacation...remember what it was like? It gave us all hilarious memories that we treasure. Fedora Theatrix spring production of "Leaving Iowa" captures those moments when we were all trapped in a car on a quest to relax and have fun. Bring the whole family out to see this hilarious comedy that everyone can relate to!

Performances are at the Bovina Church of Christ on Friday, April 5th at 7:30 p.m. (TX time) and Saturday, April 6th at 3:00 p.m. (TX time). Free admission and donations welcome. A portion of all donations will go to The Wounded Warrior Project and the Bovina Christian Benevolence Fund.



FRIONA ISD

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT AND SAFETY NIGHT

SPONSORED BY THE SCHOOL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SHAC)

*** APRIL 16TH, 2019**
5:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

Friona High School Activity Center
1200 Chieftain Way, Friona TX 79035

Come join us for an information filled event at the High School. All of our Friona ISD campuses will be represented along with community organizations. You will have the opportunity to visit with members of each organization about the importance of your child attending school, their safety, and many of the programs our school and community have to offer..

Refreshments will be served.

Contact information:
 David Woods, M. Ed.
 Friona High School Assistant Principal
 1200 Chieftain Way, Friona, TX 79035
 (806) 250-3951 Ext. 1198



FRIONA ISD

PARTICIPACIÓN DE LOS PADRES Y NOCHE DE SEGURIDAD

PATROCINADO POR EL COMITÉ ASESOR DE SALUD ESCOLAR(SHAC)

*** 16 DE ABRIL, 2019**
5:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

Centro de Actividades de Friona High School
1200 Chieftain Way, Friona TX 79035

Venga y únase a nosotros para un evento lleno de información en la escuela secundaria. Todas las escuelas de Friona ISD estarán representadas junto con las organizaciones comunitarias. Tendrá la oportunidad de hablar con los miembros de cada organización sobre la importancia de que su hijo asista a la escuela, su seguridad y muchos de los programas que nuestra escuela y nuestra comunidad tienen para ofrecerles.

Se servirán refrigerios.

Informacion del Contacto:
 David Woods, M. Ed.
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BE A DONOR

give blood

Friona Community Blood Drive

Thursday, April 11
Noon - 7 p.m.
Calvary Baptist Church - Fellowship Hall

To schedule an appointment, visit yourbloodinstitute.org.

Give blood & receive your choice of t-shirt!



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The Friona Star is online at www.frionaonline.com

HOME GARDEN & Lifestyle SHOW

APRIL 6 10AM-5PM

APRIL 7 11AM-5PM

Bigger & Better

JOIN US AT OUR NEW LOCATION:

the **Fairgrounds**
Curry County Events Center
 1900 E. Brady in Clovis

ADMISSION

\$3 : age 12 - Adult
\$1 : age 5 - 11
FREE - under 5

INFORMATION

Contact **Home Builders Association of Eastern NM** at **575.762.4342** or visit clovishomeandgarden.com



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Water Weekly

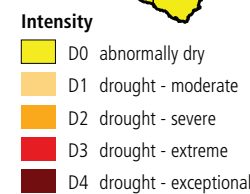
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Water conditions

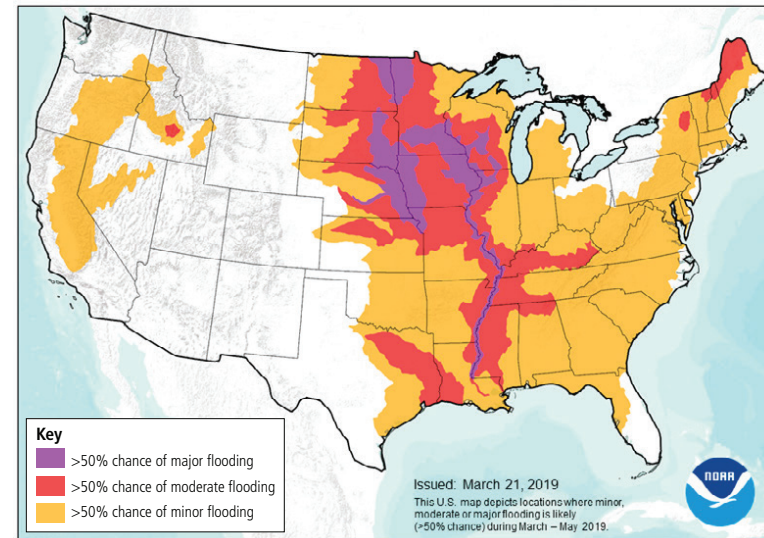
The latest drought map shows continued expansion and intensification of drought in South Texas. Severe drought now covers 2 percent of the state. Abnormally dry conditions expanded in Central Texas. Without additional rainfall, these areas could experience drought in the next few weeks.

Drought conditions

- 11% now
- 10% a week ago
- 0.8% three months ago
- 64% a year ago



Map courtesy of the U.S. Drought Monitor



U.S. spring flood outlook

From March through May, the eastern half of Texas has a 50 percent or greater chance of minor flooding (minimal property damage, some inundation of roads). The Trinity, Neches, and Sabine river basins are at risk of moderate flooding (some inundation of structures and roads, some evacuations of people).

Map courtesy of NOAA

FRIONA SCHOOL BOND MEETING

WHEN
Thursday, April 4th
6pm

WHERE
Senior Citizen's Center
 1410 N Washington Ave, Friona, TX 79035

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POLITICAL ADVERTISING PAID FOR BY PAC, CITIZENS FOR FRIONA SCHOOLS, RICKY BARNETT TREASURER

INVEST IN OUR KIDS!

ELECTION DAY
 Saturday, May 4th

Early Voting
 April 22-26
 April 29-30

PROPOSED \$19 MILLION BOND

OVERVIEW

Improvements Proposed:

- New Primary School
- Elementary School Renovations
- Junior High Renovations
- Cafeteria Expansion
- New High School Band Hall
- Early Childhood Center Playground

BONO ESOLAR DE FRIONA REUNIÓN

CUANDO
Jueves, 4 de Abril
6pm

DÓNDE
Centro de la Tercera Edad

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PUBLICIDAD POLITICA PAGADA POR PAC, CIUDADANOS PARA LAS ESCUELAS DE FRIONA, TESORERO DE RICKY BARNETT

¡INVIERTE EN NUESTROS NIÑOS!

DÍA DE ELECCIÓN
 Sábado 4 de Mayo

Votación anticipada
 Abril 22-26
 Abril 29-30

PROYECTO DE \$19 MILLONES DE BONOS

VISIÓN GENERAL

Mejoras propuestas:

- Nueva escuela primaria
- Renovaciones de la escuela primaria
- Renovaciones Junior High
- Expansión de la cafetería
- Nueva escuela secundaria Band Hall
- Centro de juegos para niños