



Squaws bring home the gold!

2019 Girls Track Team



Back Row (l-r) Carly Drake, Jaci Trevino, Bailey Pope, Rebecca Schlenker, Emma Rector, Magdalena Licerio, Jodie Denton, **Middle Row (l-r)** Luz Garcia, Andrea Chavez, Adamaris Rivas, Audrey Trevino, Anahi Gonzales, Adriana Ortiz-Carrillo, **Front Row (l-r)** Esperanza Santiago, Anay Chihuahua, Rickie Castillo, Nohelia Bautista, Destini Fernandez, Leidi Chihuahua

The Friona Squaws are the District 1-AAA Varsity Girls Track Champions for 2019. The Squaws beat Bushland by 24 points to grab the title last week at Hornet Stadium in Tulia, Texas. Nine girls qualified for the Area Meet which will be held next Wednesday

at WT High in Stinnett. Individual gold medal winners were Carly Drake in the shot put and Rebecca Schlenker in the long jump & triple jump. The 1600m relay team of Anay Chihuahua, Rebecca Schlenker, Emma Rector, and Bailey Pope also captured gold at the

meet. Rickie Castillo set a new school record in the pole vault for the second week in a row with a vault of 9-6. Also, all three relay teams advanced to the area meet. The Friona Star will have complete coverage of the district track meet in next week's edition.

Friona Blood Drive

Thursday, April 11, 2019

Calvary Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
Noon - 7:00 p.m.

Please donate - blood supplies low!

Election Calendar & News

Early Voting

April 22 - 26, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

April 29 - 30, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

FISD Administration Office
909 E. 11th Street, Friona TX

Election Day

May 4, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers
City of Friona

619 Main Street, Friona TX

Amarillo Globe News Athlete of the Week Honor Roll Rebecca Schlenker



Rebecca qualified in five events for the area meet at the 1-3A district meet, winning gold in the long jump and triple jump while qualifying in the 400, 200, and 1600 relay.

2019 Kids Heart Challenge Top Collectors



Back (l-r): Molly Rector (4th Grade Mrs. Jones); Wendy Garcia (3rd Grade Mrs. Garcia); D'Nasha Shelby (2nd Grade Mrs. Kerby); Dannelle Arguelles (5th Grade Mrs. Gonzales); Jalond Rejino (2nd Grade Mrs. Annett); Brice Jeter (5th Grade Mrs. Mendoza)

Middle (l-r): Lakota Zeller (1st Grade Mrs. Gilley); Jace Jarecki (1st Grade Ms. Edendorgh); Mireya Shelby (4th Grade Mrs. Jones); Analee Aragon (2nd Grade Mrs. Kerby); Kyleigh Juarez (Kindergarten Mrs. Harkey); Serafin Vazquez (Kindergarten Mrs. Quintana)

Front: Top Collector Aiden Tafoya (3rd Grade Mrs. Bonar)

About Kids Heart Challenge

Through Kids Heart Challenge, kids learn jump rope skills, how their heart works and raise money to help kids with special hearts. They have fun, learn how to stay healthy and make a difference in the lives of others.



Rosa Cigarroa and Diego Licerio would like to say "Thank You" to everyone who donated. They had a great year. Friona Elementary collected \$4,217.12 during February and March. The proceeds will go to the American Heart Association.

County Commissioners receive costs for FM 145 Project

The Parmer County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, April 8th at 10:00 a.m. in the County Courtroom of the Parmer County Courthouse in Farwell, Texas. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Texas Flag.

The first item of business was determining the County's costs involved in the rerouting of FM 145. The Court had previously approved paying 10% of the cost in moving the right-of-way and 10% of the cost in moving the utilities. The final cost of the FM 145 Project came in at just over \$1.2 million. Parmer County's share was determined to be \$126,147.00. The right-of-way relocation cost was \$8,417.00 and the utility work cost was \$117,730.00. The Commissioners approved an option to pay \$42,049.00 per year for 3 years with no interest and no prepayment fees.

Next, the Court was informed that additional court costs could be recovered in cases that involved certain convictions. A \$100 fee could be collected in cases involving felony child sexual assault convictions and a \$15 video fee could be collected in cases with felony DWI convictions. More information was needed to determine if the \$15 video fee could be collected on misdemeanor DWI convictions. Commissioners did not

approve a request for office cleaning for the Friona Probation Office. They agreed that the request should be made during the budgeting process later in the year.

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

Commissioners gave approval to the District Attorney's Office to destroy any of its old and unusable computer and audio/video equipment. They also gave approval to the Parmer County Appraisal District to sell the property located at 708 Ave. E., Farwell, Texas. The property had been foreclosed on and was not purchased at auction on the courthouse steps. A offer of \$26,000 had been made to the Parmer CAD.

The Court approved the purchase of a motor grader for use in Precinct 3. The cost of the new grader from Warren Caterpillar of Lubbock was \$270,500. The county will trade in an old grader valued at \$100,000, so \$170,500 will be the final cost to the county.

Commissioners gave approval to purchase of new "transport" vehicle for the Sheriff's Office. A 2019 Chevy

Traverse will be purchased from Stevens 5-Star of Herford. After a trade-in of a 2011 Dodge Durango, \$25,647.20 will be the final cost. Also, the Court renewed the contract with the Lubbock County Sheriff's Office involving the transfer of high risk and violent inmates. Sheriff Gerles said that he was currently housing 27 inmates.

Other news

As of March 18, 2019, the National Park Service has listed the Parmer County Courthouse in the National Register of Historic Places. As the nation's official list of historically significant properties, the National Register listing denotes that the Courthouse is especially worthy of preservation. The news of the listing was sent to Judge Trey Ellis from Mark Wolfe who is a State Historic Preservation Officer.

Construction will begin soon on Highway 60 starting in Bovina and going west for approximately 6 miles. Later in the summer, construction should also begin on the remaining 6 miles west to the state line.

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

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Friona Weather
April 11-17

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Precipitation
April 0.00
Year 2.40

Burn Ban:
Yes

US cattle inventory continues to build

Contact: Blair Fannin, 979-845-2259, b-fannin@tamu.edu



the Fort Worth Convention Center.

Paschal said cattle producers in South Texas were positive after the recent STX Beef Co. acquisition of Kane Beef processing plant in Corpus Christi.

"Almost everyone knows how important that plant is to the cow business around there, whether you feed cattle or not," Paschal said. "Lack of hay and too much moisture concerned a lot of folks up the coast. They got plenty of rain late summer

and fall and had little or no hay to winter on. The next thing is what will be going on long-term in the cattle market since the gurus think the herd is beginning to stabilize. Beef production will continue to increase for at least two more years, and what effect will that have on price?"

Looking ahead to the cattle market prices, Blach said spot corn futures prices are \$3.75 a bushel to \$4 per bushel. He said with spring coming later this year, that will mean more cattle turned out later for grazing, which will mean more cattle brought to market late in the year. That will be reflected in prices going into the fall.

"I think the lows come later this year based on how many cattle will be coming into the yards," he said.

For cow-calf producers, Blach said there has been a good run with prices this year, but they are not going to be as good as 2014. The average per-head profitability for cow-calf producers is \$100 to \$150, he said.

"I don't see a lot of new plants going on line," he said. "If so, it will be at least two years before it would be harvesting any more cattle. The economy remains strong. The Federal Reserve said two weeks ago they wouldn't raise interest rates. If we move back into more of a recession environment by 2020-2021, it will give us some vulnerability."

Blach said this is not the stage of cattle cycle to take any significant risk with record pork and poultry production along with beef.

"We are producing 65 billion more pounds than we were in 1965," he said.

FORT WORTH - As the nation's cattle inventory continues its expansion, consumer demand is increasing at a steady clip, according to experts speaking at the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association Convention in Fort Worth.

For Texas producers, the year is off to a good start with above-average rainfall and green forage on pastures for grazing.

"We are wet," said Randy Blach, CEO of CattleFAX, looking at a U.S. drought map during his CattleFAX beef outlook presentation. "There's not much red on the map."

Randy Blach, CEO of CattleFAX, provided a beef outlook during the recent Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association Convention in Fort Worth. (Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service photo by Blair Fannin)

Blach said the El Nino pattern is expected to continue after the second wettest winter since 1980 for the cattle-feeding industry. "Weights are a bit lower and prices are reflecting this."

Expansion continues

for the nation's beef cattle producers. Since the mid-1970s, the U.S. beef inventory has grown to about 132 million cattle.

"We are 40 million head off our peak," Blach said. "We've added about 3 million beef cows, but the whole cattle pipeline got much fuller. Our capacity has been pretty much reached throughout the industry. You are likely as producers to lose a bit of leverage to stocker operators and cattle feeders because we've got so much more cattle in our pipeline."

"The bottom line is we are expanding. It takes green grass and profitability to grow the nation's cow herd. We are still expanding, but at a very slow rate with no new (processing) plants coming online anytime soon."

"Cattle prices are top of mind for most, especially cull cow prices," said Dr. Joe Paschal, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service livestock specialist, Corpus Christi.

Paschal and Dr. Tom Hairgrove, AgriLife Extension specialist in College Station, were on hand to lead a calving demonstration at

AgriLife experts part of TSCRA Convention education programming



(Left) Dr. Tom Hairgrove, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension specialist, College Station, and Dr. Joe Paschal, AgriLife Extension Service livestock specialist, Corpus Christi, lead a demonstration on calf delivery practices at the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association Convention in Fort Worth. (Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service photo by Blair Fannin)

Community Calendar

Send Calendar information to:

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April 11

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

April 13

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

April 14

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

April 15

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

April 16

- Parental Involvement and Safety Night from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Friona High School Activity Center.

April 18

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

April 25

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

May 2

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

May 3

- Caregivers Coffee Break at First National Bank Community Room 9:30
- Friona High School All Sports Banquet at the FHS Auditorium starting at 6 p.m.

May 9

- 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.

May 11

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

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 - Dallas-based luxury "_____ Hotels & Resorts"
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 - Spurs' bench warmers, e.g. _____
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 - TX Tanya was this group's vocalist of the year in 1991
 - Staubach attended this academy
 - Fort Worth airport: _____ Field
 - TX George H.W. appointed this Garza to 5th Circuit Court of Appeals
 - former Ranger manager, Kevin _____
 - TXism: "hot as _____ mesquite coals"
 - TX-filmed dog movie (1974)
 - poker stake
 - Padre Island acquisition (2 wds.)
 - TX bluebonnet artist Onderdonk
 - early Indian attacks
 - TXism: "useless as perfume _____"
 - historical railroad exhibit in Frisco (2 wds.)
 - TXism: "false alarm brand" (2 wds.)
 - Jones County seat
 - TX-born actress Annette O' _____
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 - participant in Olney One-Arm Dove Hunt
 - braggart
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 - Galveston's Moody Gardens has a large man-_____
 - Miss Texas 1992: _____ Parker
 - nat'l teachers' assn.
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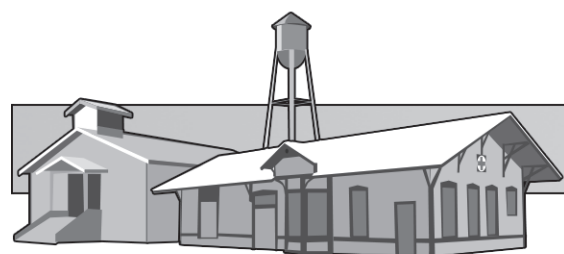
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Happy anniversary to John & Kathryn Gurley (30 years) and Nathan & Crystal Moroney (14 years)!

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We would like to thank Victory Family Worship Center for hosting the Senior Banquet on Monday, April 8, 2019!

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Congratulations to the Girls Varsity Track team as they won First Place at the District Track Meeting in Tullia!

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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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Pre-k/ Head start registration will be on May 7 through May 9 starting at 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. There will be more information to come.

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First United Methodist Church of Hereford will host its eighth annual Blessing of the Bikes April 14 starting at 8 a.m. at its parking lot adjacent to the church at Fifth and Miles. This year's event will be held on Palm Sunday, and bikers and first responders are welcome to come in riding gear or uniform and participate in Palm Sunday observance at the church.

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The Friona High School Senior Banquet Schedule:

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.

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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 in advance, and \$16.00 at the door.

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Parental Involvement and Safety Night will be on April 16, 2019 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Join the Friona ISD 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. For more information, contact David Woods, M. Ed. Friona High School Assistant Principal at (806) 250-3951 Ext. 1198.

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The Friona Music and Drama Booster Club will hold a meeting on April 15, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at Friona Interbank. All band, choir, and drama parents are invited to attend. The Citizens for Friona Schools will be there to provide information about the upcoming bond election and how this positively impacts the band, choir, and drama programs. Proposed plans for parents to view will be presented as well as a time to ask questions about the bond issue. We will have a translator available. This is a great opportunity for everyone to learn what improvements will be made if the bond issues passes.

El Grupo de Friona Musica y Drama tendra una junta el 15 de Abril, 2019 a las 6:30 p.m. en Friona Interbank. Todos los padres de banda, coro, y de drama estan invitados para atender. Los ciudadanos de la escuela Friona tendran informacion del proximo enlace de la eleccion y como impactara positivamente los programas de banda, coro, y drama. Las propuestas de planes para los padres seran presentados, tambien tendran tiempo para hacer preguntas de el enlace. Tendremos un traductor disponible. Esto es una buena oportunidad para aprender de las beneficaciones que se ara si el enlace de la reforma se aprueba.

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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 on April 26. The phone number is 806-272-4969. The speaker is Ameekah 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 donations 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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On April 20, the City of Friona will be hosting a City Wide Easter Egg Hunt from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Friona City Park. There will be free food, music, prize egg, and pictures with the Easter Bunny.

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Don't forget to get your Literary Basket Tickets. The cost per ticket is \$1.00. The Literary Basket Drawing will be on April 28 starting at 2 p.m. at the library.

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Save the Date!

The May 3rd All Sports Banquet will be held at the Junior high Cafeteria.

May 4th, Bond Election Day— Info on Facebook page— Friona ISD Bond Election.

May 18th will be the Hi-Pro Feeds the Future Annual Event at the Country Rose. More details to come.

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This Friday April 12, from 6:00-9:00 p.m., the Don Harrington Discovery Center in Amarillo, will open during the evening hours for another 'Discover for a Dollar' event. Admission is only \$1 per person. The public is invited to come and enjoy an evening at the Discovery Center complete with Space Theater shows, live science demonstrations, and critter encounters. Plus one can enjoy all of their exhibits, including the traveling exhibit, the Battle of the Titans!

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Graduating seniors of the class of 2019 are encouraged to apply for 2 scholarships that are being offered by the Friends of the Friona Public Library. Application forms are available both in the office at Friona High School and at the Friona Public Library. The deadline for turning in the completed application is no later than 3:00 p.m. on Friday, May 3, 2019, at the Friona High School Office. The scholarships will be presented at the Senior Academic Reception on May 19, 2019, at 2:00 p.m.

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The Friona Community Blood Drive will be on April 11 from noon to 7 p.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

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The Pope Boys BBQ will be 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 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Deadline to place an order will be Monday, April 15th. If you would like to order please call Brayden Pope #806-346-6165 or Britny Pope #806-346-3001.

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Congratulations to Amelia Sandoval! She finished 6th out of 40 individuals in the girls' district golf tournament!

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Archery contest sign up on 4-H connect opens April 19 and will close May 10, 2019.

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National April Days;

April 11: National Pet Day.
April 12th: National Big Wind Day, National Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day, and National Day of Silence.

April 13: National Scrabble Day, National Thomas Jefferson Day, and National Peach Cobbler Day.

April 14: National Gardening Day, National Ex Spouse Day, National Dolphin Day, and National Pecan Day.

April 15: National Tax Day, National Titanic Remembrance Day, and National Education and Sharing Day.

April 16: National Wear Your Pajamas to Work Day and National Healthcare Decisions Day.

April 17: National Cheeseball Day and National Bat Appreciation Day.

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The City of Friona will accept applications for the following positions: utility maintenance worker, pool manager, and cemetery worker. Job descriptions and application forms may be picked up at Friona City Hall, 623 Main Street, Friona. If you would like an application emailed to you, please email cityinfo@frionatx.us. Applications will be accepted until April 24, 2019.

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Be stronger than your strongest excuse!



FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives

April 13, 2017

The four Friona Independent School District School Board Trustee candidates came together Sunday, April 9 at the Friona High School for a Meet the Candidates Forum. Candidates for the upcoming election are Maria Monreal Garcia, Corbin Riethmayer, incumbent Wade Schueler, and Jamie Lewellen. The forum was hosted by Coach Darrel Ray and his Government/Economics class. Moderators for the event were Paige Upton and Alvaro Gardea.

The event began with each candidate introducing themselves. Garcia is married and has four children. She is employed by Gato Express. Garcia and her husband attended Friona schools and have their children enrolled in Friona schools. Riethmayer is married and has three children. He is a farmer/rancher. His wife teaches kindergarten at Friona Primary School. He was raised in Friona and attended Friona schools. Schueler is married and has three children. He has been on the Fisd school board for six years. He is a farmer and attended Friona schools. Lewellen is married and has two daughters. She and her husband were raised in Friona and attended Friona schools. She is a stay at home mom who volunteers her time to the schools and other activities. The candidates were asked what the school districts strengths were. They agreed that the school district was stronger because of the activities, parents, administration, staff and students. Garcia stated that if parents were more involved the district would be stronger. Riethmayer added that the district provides more activities to the students, which makes this an asset. Schueler praised

the administration and staff. Lewellen praised the quality of teaching and community involvement.

April 5, 2007

Over the past 40 years, more than 600 individuals have been engulfed and suffocated in flowing grain. The incidents have occurred in grain and feed storage structures, grain storage piles, and grain transport vehicles. Based on research conducted approximately 80-percent of the Cases documented that involved a partially trapped victim, resulted in a fatality. Thanks to several generous donations the Friona Volunteer Fire Department has acquired a new Liberty Rescue Tube that will assist them in extricating victims trapped in grain or feed and enhance the likelihood of survival. Donations to purchase the Liberty Rescue Tube were made by J.D. Heiskell & Co., Hi Pro Feeds, CHS, Inc., Paco Feedyard, Ltd., TexZona Custom Cattle Feeders, Friona Feedyard, Friona Wheat Growers, and Hub Grain. The Friona Volunteer Fire Department appreciates the support of the entire community of Friona and surrounding area. We would not have such excellent equipment to aid us in our fire fighting and rescue duties without your generous support.

April 15, 1997

The Friona Star won three plaques in the Panhandle Press Association's "Better Newspaper Contest" for 1997. The awards were presented at the annual convention at the PPA last weekend in Amarillo. The Star won a first-place plaque for sportswriting in the association's "weekly newspaper" division. "This award goes to a guy who had a super football team to write about in 1996, and did a great job with

his coverage," said Mike Coggins, publisher of the Moore County News, Dumas, chairman of the 1997 contest, as he presented the plaque to Bill Ellis, Star editor-publisher. The Star issues entered included two issues of the Star published during the "playoff run" by the Friona Chieftains. In the column writing division, Ron Carr won a third-place plaque in the "serious" category. "All pieces highly entertaining and interesting," the contest judge commented. The Friona Star also won a plaque in the "feature stories" category. One of the features was written by Ellis, with the heading: "Parents, Fans Help Team Through 'Lucky' Habits." This story concerned the superstitions or good-luck habits they engaged in prior to a Chieftain game. The other feature, written by Carr, was entitled "Louisa Wilson: A True Parmer County Pioneer," and was a narrative centering this longtime area resident's life and memories. "The Star scored points for unique selection of subjects. Would make anyone wish to be a part of your community," the judge of this contest category stated. were Carol and Bill Ellis and Ron Carr. Speakers at the press group's annual convention included John Sharp, state comptroller, who spoke concerning the legislature's efforts toward tax reform. Also speaking was Roy Eaton, publisher of the Wise County News in Decatur, Texas. Eaton is currently president of the National Newspaper Assn. He gave a speech that challenged the publishers and writers and pointed out their unique positions they hold in their communities. The convention also included seminars on various newspaper production topics, along with a trade show.

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Llamados a Conocerle Friona Para Cristo

By Pastor Aurelio & Cynthia Silva

Aqui estamos una vez mas!!! Los dias estan pasando con una rapidez. Ya estamos en los principios de Abril en lo cual que muchos celebran la resurecion de Jesucristo. Nosotros tambien estamos a la expectativa de que es lo que Dios va aser en estos dias que vienen. La muerte y la resurecion de Jesucristo es la base de nuestra creencia. Creemos sin ninguna duda que Jesus Cristo murio pero tambien resucito en el tercer dia. Y por el poder de la resurecion nosotros podemos tener una vida lleno de esperanza. Asi com dice en John 11: 25 "Yo soy la resureccion y la vida; el que cree en mi, aunque este muerto vivira." Lo unico es creer que el es el que dice que es!!! El hijo De Dios!!!! vamos estar hablando mas de esto en los dias de la semanas que viene!!! Bendiciones siempre!!!

Here we are again!!!! The days are passing by so fast. We are at the beginning of April in which most will be celebrating the death and resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. We too are in an expectancy of what God has planned for each one in these next few days. The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is the basis for what we believe in. We believe with out a doubt that Jesus Christ died but that he also was raised from the dead on the third day. In addition, because of the power of his resurrection we have a life full of hope. Just like it says in John 11:25 Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: All you have to do is believe that he (Jesus) is who he says he is: The son of the living God!!! We will be sharing more on this subject in the coming days and weeks. Blessings always!!!

Panhandle Parables

Crock Pot vs. Microwave

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

We understand the obvious as it pertains to these two instruments of cooking. I love the fact that I can throw a bag of popcorn into the microwave and in about two minutes plus the time it cools just a little I can be eating my popcorn. It is quick and easy, that is what microwaves do. They make heating or in a limited way at least by my estimation, cooking fast. Some may own every little "As Seen On TV" microwave gadget and can make a real hand at cooking up some grub.

The crockpot on the other hand can make some amazing meals too, but not as fast. The idea behind the crockpot is low and slow. Throw everything in and let it cook

all day. The roast slowing begins to melt into doneness as it soaks up the juices and, spices what were thrown in to start. The flavors of the carrots and little potatoes blend to orchestrate a feast. (I may be a little hungry) There are some things best because time played a bigger role in the outcome. It all depends upon what you are cooking. Need a snack pop a hot pocket in the microwave, and bam, a snack. Want some chicken tortilla soup? Crockpot is the better way to go.

These days there seems to be more microwave moments than crockpot ones. Although, I see the importance of each neither is all

inclusive in cooking. For example, James says to be quick to listen (this will need a microwave), slow to speak (crockpot) slow to get angry (crockpot). You get the idea. Some things take time others not so much, but the most important is to know the difference and use them with effect.

I wonder just how long it would take to make popcorn in a crockpot. I am afraid to know how little time it would take to microwave a roast. There are moments for both. Solomon said so in Ecc. 3 "There is a time and place for everything under the sun." Choose well and live abundantly, choose poorly and deal with the results.

Tech Men are a Great Example

By Teena Hughes

1 Timothy 4:12 "Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity."

As we all saw and heard, this weekend brought out the very best in some people, and the very worst in others. The Tech men's basketball team was exemplary, and so were 99.999% of the fans. You can use this group of young men and their coaches to teach so many life lessons, number one being God is a top priority in your life. Did you see the team and the coaches kneel in prayer following Saturday night's game? Did you hear Matt Mooney talk about how Scripture gave him what he needed to help him play hard? Did you hear Norene Odiase talk about his injuries at Tech over the years and how he knew God had a plan for him? What examples these young people are!!!!

In a society where many people feel entitled; where

people don't seem to want to work hard, but they do want the prize and glory; where people don't want to listen to their coach/leader because they, their parents, or fans know how to coach better than the coach, the Tech team proved that hard work, discipline, obedience, listening to your coach/leader and following instructions DO pay off!!! It hurts to try to do everything right and still lose, but as the expression goes, "It's not win or lose, it is how you play the game." That expression has never been more true than it is today!

On the flip side, I don't know why some people have to act like it is their first trip to town, but that is what some people did Saturday night when they turned over a car and burned a couch and some scooters on Broadway. Then, at last night's game, someone threw a tortilla onto the court, and play had to be stopped. How would you like to spend a ton of money for a ticket and then get escorted

from the arena for throwing a tortilla, before half time? I don't get it!!!

We saw examples of young people from the VERY BEST to, let's face it, the really stupid. Sadly, but thankfully, Jesus Christ died on a cross for the very best and the really stupid. And, by doing so, the really stupid can become the VERY BEST!!!

Although not winning a national championship still hurts this morning, hopefully we all learned something that will make us better people or give us hope for the future. The Tech men's basketball team is an example to all believers and non-believers alike, by what they say; the way they play the game; in their love for one another, their families and fellow man, and their university; their faith in God; and the purity of their hearts. May God bless these young men and their coaches; may He continue to use them in powerful ways; and, may they always follow Him!!!

Psalm 120—Distressed & Expectant Prayer

Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

"In my distress I called to the Lord, and He answered me," is the beginning verse of Psalm 120, and is a rock for those in the midst of stressful and difficult situations to cling to. This short and concise Psalm is a reminder that in the difficulties one faces and the trials you experience, you can and should cry out to the Lord. The difficulty in Psalm 120 is one of enemies relentlessly attacking with words through deceit and lying. The old saying, "sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me," is void of truth and practicality, propping up pride as a shield, instead of allowing the Rock of our Salvation to be the refuge from the suffering.

In struggles and suffering, where do you turn? Siri, Alexa and Google may have answers, but they don't know your pain. In trials and troubles, only Jesus can see the burdens you carry, the worries you have and only Jesus can walk with you through it, deliver you from it, or call you home as a result of it. "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need," Hebrews 4:15-16.

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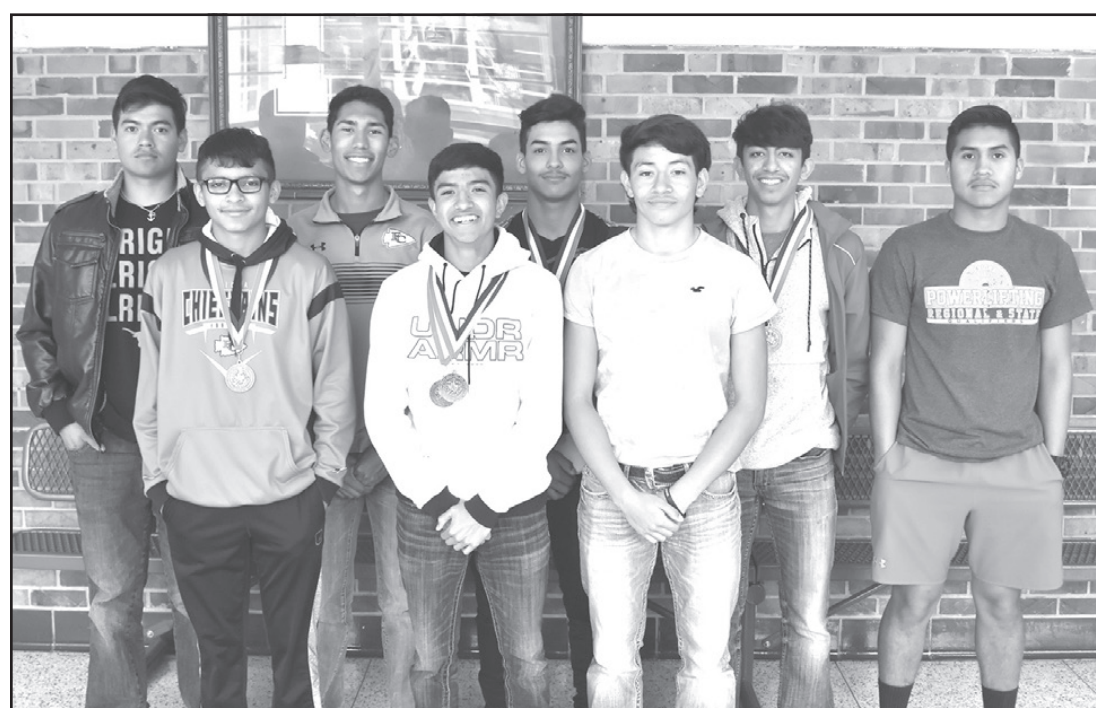
Mariah Trevino was selected to play in the Golden Spread All-Star Basketball Tournament this week. Mariah is on the South Team and will play at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 11th at the First United Bank Center in Canyon, Texas.

Area Track Meet on Wednesday April 17, at WT High in Stinnett, TX
 Chieftain Baseball at Bushland, on Tuesday, April 16 at 4:30



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Boys Track Area Qualifiers

Back Row (l-r): Drew Montana, Omar Estrada, Jacob Bautista, Alex Santiago, Rogelio Palacios
Front Row (l-r): Adrian Legarreta, Marc Mendoza, Eduardo Chavez
Not Pictured: Malachi Torres & Jonathan Hernandez

Girls Track Area Qualifiers

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Part-Time Temporary Position (20 hours a week)
To begin work on 05/20/2019 until 08/10/2019
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CEMETERY WORKER (1 position)
Part-Time Temporary Position (20 hours a week)
Starting Salary: \$8.00/hour
To begin work on 05/06/2019 until 08/30/2019
Candidates will be responsible for maintaining the cemetery grounds and must have a general knowledge of the operation and maintenance of equipment in lawn care, tree maintenance, and safety procedures and practices. Candidates may have other duties assigned to them by the Public Works Director.

Job descriptions and application forms may be picked up at Friona City Hall, 623 Main Street, Friona. If you would like an application emailed to you, please email cityinfo@frionatx.us. Applications will be accepted until April 24, 2019.

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Graduating seniors of the class of 2019 are encouraged to apply for 2 scholarships that are being offered by the Friends of the Friona Public Library. Application forms are available both in the office at Friona High School and at the Friona Public Library. The deadline for turning in the completed application is no later than 3:00 p.m. on Friday, May 3, 2019, at the Friona High School Office. The scholarships will be presented at the Senior Academic Reception on May 19, 2019, at 2:00 p.m.

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Hilda Maria Larios Dela Cruz

Hilda Maria Larios Dela Cruz, infant daughter of Marcos Larios Alvarez and Maria De La Cruz Ralios of Friona passed away March 31, 2019 in Amarillo. Viewing and Service were Saturday, April 6, 2019 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona. Burial following in the Friona Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home.

Survivors include, her parents, 1 brother, Luis Alverto Larios, and 1 sister, Maria Esavella Larios, all of Friona.

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



Olive Smiley Massie

Our mother, Olive Smiley Massie passed away from this life on April 7, 2019. Grave-side services were held at the Friona Cemetery in Friona on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. with Dr. Skip Hodges, pastor of the Friona United Methodist Church, officiating. Arrangements by Hansard Family Funeral Home of Friona.



Olive was born in the family home in the Duncan Flat community near Roaring Springs, Texas, April 2 1921. Her parents were David Preston and Artie Bell Smiley, and she was the oldest of six children and the last to survive. Olive was raised with a strong work ethic -having to hoe cotton and help with her younger siblings while she was at an early age, herself. She attended the 3 room school house at Duncan Flat and graduated from Patton Springs High School.

Olive attended Texas Tech University for 2 years and in 1942, met and married WM Massie (Meryle), who was stationed in Lubbock while in the Army Air Force. They had three daughters, Marca Lynn Herring and Jaynette Lea Looper of Friona and Betty Merylene Massie Towle of Bar Harbor Maine. There are 5 grandchildren, Richie Herring, Kriste Herring Haile (and the late Jamie Herring and Jill Herring Cotoia), Jodi Looper Allen. Lance Looper and Aaron Towle. There are also 14 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren. Meryle preceded Olive in death in 2004.

Memories of Olive's early married life from her daughters' points of view, include the raising of the girls with all their various activities, including attending all their basketball games, family vacations, gardening, raising chickens and helping her husband with farm life. She also cooked three meals a day and did the laundry for her husband's two bachelor uncles who lived with them for several years. Olive was always busy. She had a great love for nature and was very resourceful all her life, creating things from what she had and sharing many of these creations with her grandchildren. She was a multi-talented woman with a wide range of interests and hobbies. Most important, she was a devoted, loving and generous mother to her 3 daughters and her grandchildren.

Olive was involved with the home demonstration club, serving as president and hosting members in her home occasionally. She was a Girl Scout leader for several years while her daughters were involved in the scouting program and continued to be a leader for many years thereafter. She was a Past Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star and had been a member of the Friona United Methodist Church since they moved to Friona in 1946. She had served as Children's Sunday school superintendent and taught Bible School, and was a member of the WSCS, now called United Methodist Women.

In 1961, the Massie family hosted Friona's first foreign exchange student, Anni Jensen, from Denmark and then in 1963, they hosted Nergis Yazgen, from Turkey. They visited these two girls in their own countries and stayed in contact with them through the years. Olive and Meryle enjoyed many years of travel and had seen many different countries in addition to their visits to Denmark and Turkey.

Olive's father, DP Smiley, was interested in genealogy and did research for several years until his health prevented him from continuing. Olive inherited her father's love for family history and spent many hours, including 2 visits to Salt Lake City Utah, to further her research. She also visited the Amarillo and Clovis libraries and joined the Friona Historical Society where other genealogists gathered to share their discoveries. In 1996, she purchased a computer and began recording her genealogy research there. A bi-product of her research resulted in contacting and getting to know many distant cousins from across the country. Her girls would say that Olive's grandest achievement besides raising her family, was to publish three books on the family genealogy, as a result of her research. Her Turkish daughter, while visiting her a few summers ago, called Olive "a scholar". This is a fitting tribute to this little girl who grew up hoeing cotton and helping out wherever she was needed on the farm. Her family is proud of her, love her and will miss her.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Friona United Methodist Church, the Friona Public Library or to a charity of your choice.

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Eighth Blessing of the Bikes set for April 14

By Jim Steiert

With the warming days of spring the open road and the raw power of motorcycles have an almost irresistible lure for area bikers. It's a rush straddling that power and feeling the whipping slipstream as the machine muscles down the roadway with its throaty rumble. But it's not all carefree. While everything's bigger in Texas, including the love of many for their motorcycles, Texas also generally ranks first or second in the U.S. each year in the number of motorcycle accident fatalities. In 2016, 463 motorcycle operators lost their lives, and another 33 passengers were also killed. Another 1,861 motorcycle riders and 147 passengers suffered serious injuries.

Those are frightening statistics, but when you also consider that first responders are hastening to the scene of these tragedies in a variety of conditions, often at great hazard to themselves, the numbers become most sobering.

With full awareness of the hazards faced by motorcyclists and first responders, First United Methodist Church of Hereford will host its eighth annual Blessing of the Bikes April 14 at its parking lot adjacent to the church at Fifth and Miles. This year's event will be held on Palm Sunday, and bikers and first responders are welcome to come in riding gear or uniform and participate in Palm Sunday observance at the church as well.

The bike blessing event is open to bikers and first responders from throughout the area.

Activities will begin with a breakfast of eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits, gravy, juice and coffee, served by FUMC's Methodist Men in the church's Fellowship Hall at Fifth and Miles, just off Main Street at 8 a.m.

At roughly 8:40 a.m. Rev. Kevin Bushart, pastor of FUMC Hereford, will conduct a blessing service including a short message of hope and a prayer with each biker and their machine, as well as first responders and their vehicles. In the event of inclement weather the blessing service will be held indoors. All participants will receive a gift

from the church.

Afterwards, bikers and first responders are invited to stay or return to FUMC for the 10:45 a.m. worship service

"We especially invite bikers and first responders from all over the area to join us as we ask a blessing for their safety and well-being on the road

and on the job. We usually have around 40 bikers and all kinds of machines from Harleys, Trikes, Yamahas, and Suzukis on down to pedal bikes, plus fire trucks, ambulances, and police vehicles. You name it and we will be most happy to pray over it," says Rev. Bushart.

Bikers or first responders with questions or seeking more information may contact FUMC Hereford at 806-364-0770. Check the church's Facebook page at HerefordTXFUMC, or the church Website at www.herefordmethodist.com.

At the Museum...



Gail Hand and her twin grandsons, Blaize and Bristan, visited the Parmer County Pioneer Heritage Museum. They looked at old movie equipment from the Regal Movie Theater and a poster from the Elk Drive-In. Both items were donated to the museum by the Bill McGlothlin family.



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

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Small Town Cookin' By Jeri Lynn White

Tinga de Pollo

I'll let you in on a little secret to how I chose this week's recipe topic. I just Googled "good recipes," and I came across chicken tinga. I was intrigued and started to research it. Turns out that chicken tinga, tinga de pollo, originated from the state of Puebla, Mexico. I am familiar with Mexican food, but this is new to me. There are many variations to the recipe but it is basically shredded chicken stewed in toma-

toes with chili chipotle sauce. You can cook your chicken or use a rotisserie chicken for the store. I haven't tried these just yet, but plan on trying them as soon as I can. I have included a recipes for the stove top and one for the instant pot. Traditionally chicken tinga is served on a tostado, but using it make tacos, burritos, or on top of a salad are also great ways to serve this dish.

CHICKEN TINGA

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INGREDIENTS:

- 6 cups water
- 2 pounds skinless/boneless chicken breast
- 4 teaspoons salt, divided
- 1 clove garlic
- 1 medium yellow onion, quartered
- 1 large vine ripened tomato, quartered
- 1 (7-ounce) can chipotle peppers in adobo sauce
- 1/4 cup canola oil
- 1 large yellow onion, chopped
- 3 large vine ripened tomatoes, chopped
- 1 clove garlic, chopped
- 12 Flat tostada shells, packaged or corn tortillas

TOPPINGS (OPTIONAL):

- 1 iceberg lettuce, finely shredded
- 3 avocados, pitted, peeled, and sliced
- 2 cups crema Mexicana or sour cream
- 2 cups queso fresco or Cotija, crumbled
- 2 cups salsa of your choice
- 6 radishes, sliced

DIRECTIONS:

In a large stockpot, over medium to high heat, add water, chicken, 2 teaspoons salt, 1 clove garlic, and quartered onion. Cover and simmer for about 30 minutes. Reserve.

Remove the chicken and allow it to cool. After the chicken cools off shred it. Reserve.

In a blender add the boiled

onion and garlic clove, quartered tomato, chipotle peppers including adobo sauce, 2 teaspoons salt, and enough chicken broth to fill the blender half way. Puree until smooth.

Heat the oil in a large and deep pan over medium heat.

Once it is hot but not smoking, stir in the chopped onion and cook until soft

and translucent, about 2 minutes.

Add chopped tomatoes and chopped garlic and cook for an additional 2 minutes.

Add the cooked shredded chicken, the chipotle sauce from the blender and more chicken broth if it is too dry. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer for 10 minutes. Add salt to taste.

ASSEMBLE:

To assemble, place a tostada (fried tortilla) on a serving plate; spoon on Chicken Tinga, lettuce (optional), 1 or 2 slices of ripe avocado, crumbled queso fresco, and top with crema Mexicana or sour cream. Garnish tostada with toppings of your choice.

Instant Pot Chicken Tinga Tacos

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Ingredients

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 medium-sized yellow onion, finely diced
- 4 cloves garlic minced
- 1 tsp chili powder
- 1 tsp cumin
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 2 tbsp adobo sauce (from a can of chipotle peppers)
- 1/3 cup chicken broth
- 1 cup fire roasted diced tomatoes (pureed in a blender)

- 3 medium-sized chicken breasts
- corn tortillas
- Topping Ideas
- Raw onions, diced
- Tomatoes, diced
- romaine lettuce, chopped
- Sliced avocado
- chopped fresh cilantro
- Cotija cheese, crumbled

Instructions

Add olive oil, onions, garlic, chili powder, cumin, salt, adobo sauce, broth, tomatoes and chicken to the Instant Pot in that order. Cook on high pressure for 5 minutes (Instant Pot will take 10-15 min to preheat) and do a quick pressure release once the cooking cycle is finished.

Open the lid when safe to

do so and remove the chicken breasts. Shred apart with a knife and fork, or let cool and shred with your hands. Add back to sauce in Instant Pot and stir until well combined. Replace lid and let sit another 5 min.

Meanwhile, microwave corn tortillas for 30 seconds and prepare toppings of

choice. Add toppings and chicken to tortillas, then serve and enjoy!

Just a note - I left this recipe as I found it, but I would recommend warming the tortillas in a skillet rather than the microwave. Also, you can use chicken thighs if so desired.

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

State Capital Highlights

By Ed Sterling



House passes legislation to reform school finance, property taxes

AUSTIN — The Texas House of Representatives on April 3 approved much-anticipated legislation written to revise the state's public school finance system. The vote was 148-1, and the bill now moves to the Senate for consideration.

House Bill 3 would increase pay for public school classroom teachers, librarians and other full-time personnel and also would enable property tax relief. Primarily authored by House Education Committee Chair Dan Huberty, R-Houston, joint authors include Reps. Diego Bernal, D-San Antonio; John Zerwas, R-Richmond; Ken King, R-Canadian; and Alma Allen, D-Houston.

HB 3's estimated net cost would be \$9.5 billion, covering the fiscal biennium that ends Aug. 31, 2021. In addition to pay increases and incentives, HB 3 would reduce recapture and enable some \$2.7 billion in property tax relief. The legislation, among its general provisions, changes the order in which the Foundation School Program is financed so that state-available school funds would be applied before locally generated property tax revenue.

After the House voted, Gov. Greg Abbott applauded lawmakers for their work and said, "Texans are demanding meaningful reforms to our school finance system, and today's passage of HB 3 in the House is a vital step toward that goal. By reducing recapture, investing more money in our schools and in our teachers, the Legislature is making changes that will have a lasting impact on our education system, and more importantly, our students."

State Rep. Gina Hinojosa, D-Austin, chair of the House Democratic Caucus Special Committee on Education, in an April 3 news release called HB 3 "the bill we have been working for."

"To the teachers who dedicate their working lives to our kids, who for too long have been under-appreciated and unheard: We hear you, and this bill is for you," she said.

"In February, House Democrats put forward our Texas Kids First Plan. We laid out a number of key priorities for our vision for the future of public education in Texas. Today, I am pleased to say that this bill incorporates most of those priorities.

"House Bill 3 is an example of what happens when we come together — Democrats and Re-

publicans — and instead of fighting about our different visions, speak honestly about what we want and what we can achieve together. We can expect and can tolerate no less," Hinojosa added.

Both houses must agree

Meanwhile, the Senate Finance Committee on April 3 unanimously approved a budget bill that matches the House's appropriation on two of the session's top priorities: education finance and property tax reform.

A report filed by the Senate News Service points out that while the House and Senate have settled on \$9 billion in additional funding toward those priorities, exactly how the funds would be spent is still up for debate.

Senate Finance Committee Chair Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, said, "We continue to negotiate this issue with the House, but both chambers have now reached \$9 billion set aside for whatever agreement we reach."

Revenue increase noted

State sales tax revenue totaled \$2.6 billion last month, an amount 9 percent greater than the amount calculated for the month of March 2018, Texas Comptroller Glen Hegar announced April 2.

The comptroller's office reported increased collections in all major economic sectors, including retail trade, information services, oil and gas and restaurants. "Much of the increase stemmed more from consumer spending rather than business spending," Hegar said.

Furthermore, 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, according to agency statistics.

RRC marks anniversary

On March 31, 1919, the Texas Legislature enacted a statute giving the Texas Railroad Commission regulatory authority over the oil and gas industry in the Lone Star State.

Railroad Commissioner Christi Craddick wrote an April 1 editorial commemorating the milestone. Among the points she made was that the commission's well-plugging program is hitting historic numbers. In fiscal years 2018-2019, the Texas Legislature set a performance goal for the agency to plug 1,958 abandoned wells. However, Craddick said, the commission is on track to plug about 3,000. Craddick pointed out that funds to plug the wells come from fees paid by the energy industry, not from Texas taxpayers.

Caprock Canyons April Events:

Saturday, April 13: Wild Canyon Ultra Race, All day beginning at 7:00 a.m., Caprock Canyons State Park: Run on a single trail track through red rock canyons, prairie dog towns, and magnificent views. Races include 5k, 10k, 25k, 50k, and 100k.

Friday, April 19: Full Moon Hike, 8:45 p.m., Meet

at the Upper South Prong Trail.

Saturday, April 20: Trailway Tour, 10:00 a.m., Reservations Required. \$10 per seat, Call the park at (806)455-1492 to make reservations.

Saturday, April 27: Constellations in the Canyons, at 8:45 p.m., at the North Prong Parking Lot.

Park admission: adults, \$5; seniors, \$3; children 12 and under, free. Camping is available, along with hiking, biking, fishing, and many other outdoor and recreational opportunities. All programs except some tours are free with paid park entrance fee. For more information, please call 806-455-1492.

SENIOR STEAK DINNER

APRIL 14, 2019

11:00 AM – 1:30 PM

Friona Jr. High Cafeteria
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MENU: Ribeye Steaks, Baked Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Tea/Water, Dessert

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Lions Club News

Lions Club welcomes WTRT

West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative representatives were the guests at last week's Friena Noon Lions Club meeting. WTRT employees attending the meeting were Amy Linzey (CEO), Raquel Vallejo (Manager/Customer Care & Assistant to Amy), Rich Kendrick (Manager/Accounting & 2-way Radio Business

Unit), and Annette Loflin (Manager/Customer Care-Friena). Also attending was Corbin Riethmayer who is on the Board of Directors of WTRT.

Amy Linzey gave the Lions Club an update on current company projects including the installation of fiber. She is the Chief Executive Officer of West Texas Rural Tele-

phone Cooperative and its subsidiary, WT Services. She is the 2018 recipient of the Outstanding Achievement Award from the Texas Telephone Association. She was recognized for her work with the Texas Legislature on behalf of the industry as well as the achievement at West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative and WT Services.



(l-r) Corbin Riethmayer, Annette Loflin, Amy Linzey, Raquel Vallejo, and Rich Kendrick



Planning is underway for the upcoming May 4th election. Pictured clockwise from upper right are City Manager Lee Davila, Student Poll Worker Contact Trent Britten, Election Judge Wendy Samarron, City Administrator Rosa Mendez, FISD Election Administrator Claudia Castillo, and Election Clerk Will Eddins.

Max Evans honored at Texas Tech

Last Thursday evening the Texas Tech Museum hosted a screening of *Ol' Max Evans: The First Thousand Years*, a documentary highlighting the life of acclaimed western writer Max Evans directed by Paul Barnes and Lorene Mills.



About Max Evans: Max Evans, prolific western author, director, and screenwriter, was born in Ropes, Texas, on August 29, 1925. Evans later relocated to northeastern New Mexico, the so-called Hi-Lo Country, which would serve as the backdrop for many of his novels and films. Evans has published over twenty-five works, perhaps most notably made into films *The Hi-Lo Country* and in 1960 *The Rounders* starring Henry Fonda and Glenn Ford. Evans is the recipient of multiple Spur, Wrangler, and Owen Wister Awards. Evans was the subject of a biography by Slim Randles entitled *Ol' Max Evans: The First Thousand Years*, which was made into a documentary by Lorene Mills, David Leach, and Paul Barnes. He was also heavily involved in the founding of the New Mexico Film Commission. Evans is an avid watercolorist and has interests in mining.



Jim Bob Swafford, (Bovina, Texas) a first cousin of Max Evans, is shown with Lorene Mills of Santa Fe New Mexico one of the directors of the Documentary.

Water Weekly

For the week of 04/08/19

Water conditions

The drought map for conditions as of April 2 shows contraction of drought in South Texas but expansion in Central Texas. Overall, the area of the state impacted by drought has increased one percentage point. Beneficial rains over the April 5-7 weekend should bring improvements to next week's map.

Drought conditions

- 12% now
- 11% a week ago
- 1% three months ago
- 49% a year ago

Intensity

- D0 abnormally dry
- D1 drought - moderate
- D2 drought - severe
- D3 drought - extreme
- D4 drought - exceptional

Map courtesy of the U.S. Drought Monitor

The 2019 FHS Boys and Girls Golf Teams competed in district play on March 25th and April 1st at the Ross Rogers Golf Course in Amarillo, Texas. Amelia Sandoval finished in 6th place out of a total of 40 competitors in the girls division.



FHS Boys Golf Team (l-r): Luis Reveles, Colton Riethmayer, Cody DeWit, Samuel Frye, Marco Monreal



FHS Girls Golf Team (l-r): Adriana Ortiz-Carrillo, Amelia Sandoval, Rickie Castillo

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