



Courthouse is open, but restricted. Call ahead for appointment

Hospital is front door & ER entrance only

City Hall access is restricted. Call for appointment and use drop-off box

Restaurants are take-out & drive-thru only

Senior Citizens meals discontinued

No visitation at Prairie Acres

County Jail Visitation Suspended

Library is closed

Go to frionaonline.com for information, phone numbers, & resources



Photo above: Friona ISD sent their two new buses, Chief 1 and Chief 2, out to be “wrapped” in school graphics. See more bus photos on page 2. Photo below: Work has begun on the FIRD building project. Crews are shown ripping up Cleveland Street to make preparations for the new Primary School.



Take steps to protect yourself

Clean your hands often

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.



Avoid close contact

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Put distance between yourself and other people if COVID-19 is spreading in your community. This is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.



Take steps to protect others

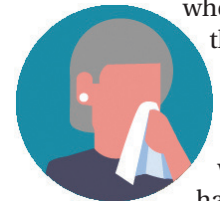
Stay home if you're sick

- Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care. Learn what to do if you are sick.



Cover coughs and sneezes

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
- Throw used tissues in the trash.
- Immediately wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.



Wear a facemask if you are sick

- If you are sick: You should wear a facemask when you are around other people (e.g., sharing a room or vehicle) and before you enter a healthcare provider's office. If you are not able to wear a facemask (for example, because it causes trouble breathing), then you should do your best to cover your coughs and sneezes, and people who are caring for you should wear a facemask if they enter your room. Learn what to do if you are sick.
- If you are NOT sick: You do not need to wear a facemask unless you are caring for someone who is sick (and they are not able to wear a facemask). Facemasks may be in short supply and they should be saved for caregivers.



Clean and disinfect

- Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
- If surfaces are dirty, clean them: Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.



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The Importance of Drinking Water

By Rhonda Wilkins, RN - Director of Senior Services, Parmer Medical Center

Protecting Yourself with Hydration. Hydration plays a major role in preventing, treating and recovering from viruses. COVID-19, influenza and the common cold are all examples of viruses. The following information regarding hydration is very important and a simple way to help protect yourself and your loved ones.

How Hydration Promotes Good Health. Water is part of every cell in your body, making it essential to everyday health. That's why making sure you stay well hydrated is crucial when your body is trying to fight a virus. When your body is sick with flu, COVID-19 or any other type of virus, there are common symptoms

that can lead to dehydration including fever, coughing, diarrhea and vomiting in addition to a loss of appetite. Even small fluid losses can contribute to increased body temperatures. Keeping hydrated helps flush the mucus and bacteria or virus into your stomach. Viruses can not survive in the acidic environment of the stomach.

Proper Hydration can help the skin and mucous membrane cells act as a barrier to prevent bacteria from entering the body. Proper hydration helps decrease nasal irritation when coughing, sneezing and even just breathing. Staying hydrated may help you bounce back fast-

er should you be hit with a respiratory virus. If you need help restoring critical fluids and electrolytes, try sipping a liter or two of fluids throughout the day. All fluids aren't created equal when it comes to effectively preventing and alleviating the symptoms of mild to moderate dehydration. It is important to get the right balance of electrolytes, glucose and sodium to ensure the best rehydration possible. Remember, if you are suffering from dehydration that consulting your doctor is always the best course of action. You can always call and schedule an appointment at Friona Rural Health Clinic at 806-250-2781.

Census News

A few days before leaving New York City, the first capital of the young United States of America, Congress passed the First Census Act of 1790.

The Act echoed the Constitution, calling for an "actual Enumeration...within every subsequent Term of ten Years, in such Manner as they shall by Law direct."

This crucial legislation established the ground rules for the first census and empowered U.S. marshals to carry out the monumental task of accurately recording America's population.

It required the marshals to post the information in two public places for residents to make corrections before submission.

Those days are long gone. This practice ended with the 1850 census. Privacy and confidentiality are now paramount.



The Census Bureau is bound by Title 13 of the U.S. Code to keep your information confidential.

In seven days, the marking point of the 2020 Census will be upon us. There are multiple reasons to do your civic

duty this April. Making yourself counted for the 2020 Census means that you are helping your State and Federal Government and fellow people by either adding or losing a representative that is in place to help you. The Census also decides the placement of public funding while helping our local government have the data to help the citizens with what they need.

If you have gotten a letter in the mail. Please go to my2020census.gov to fill out the online survey. This year is unlike any other. Representatives from the Census Bureau will most likely not be going door to door to remind you of the importance of being counted. Now, more than ever, we need your help in assuring everyone is counted. Please remember that the Census survey is quick, easy, and safe.

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Emergency Siren System: Alternating tone • Firefighters only | Weather Warning: 1 long tone • take cover — 3 short blasts • all clear | Tested 1st & 3rd Thurs. at 7 p.m.

Friona Weather	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	Precipitation March 2.10 Year 3.34	Burn Ban: No
Mar-Apr 26-1	85 53 SW 20-30	72 39 SW 25-35	62 35 WNW 15-25	69 44 S 10-20	66 42 SSW 10-20	62 40 N 10-20	69 43 SSE 10-15		

New buses have arrived



Community Calendar

Send Calendar information to: frionastar@wtrt.net
call (806) 250-2211 or fax (806) 250-5127

- March 26**
- Snack Pak 4 Kids at 4:30 p.m. at Friona United Methodist Church (volunteers needed)
 - Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.

- April 1**
- April Fools' Day

- April 2**
- Snack Pak 4 Kids at 4:30 p.m. at Friona United Methodist Church (volunteers needed)
 - Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.

- April 3**
- Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group meets from 10:00-11:00 a.m. at Friona Senior Center

- April 9**
- Snack Pak 4 Kids at 4:30 p.m. at Friona United Methodist Church (volunteers needed)
 - Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.

- April 12**
- Easter

- April 16**
- Snack Pak 4 Kids at 4:30 p.m. at Friona United Methodist Church (volunteers needed)
 - Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.

- April 23**
- Snack Pak 4 Kids at 4:30 p.m. at Friona United Methodist Church (volunteers needed)
 - Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.

- April 30**
- Snack Pak 4 Kids at 4:30 p.m. at Friona United Methodist Church (volunteers needed)
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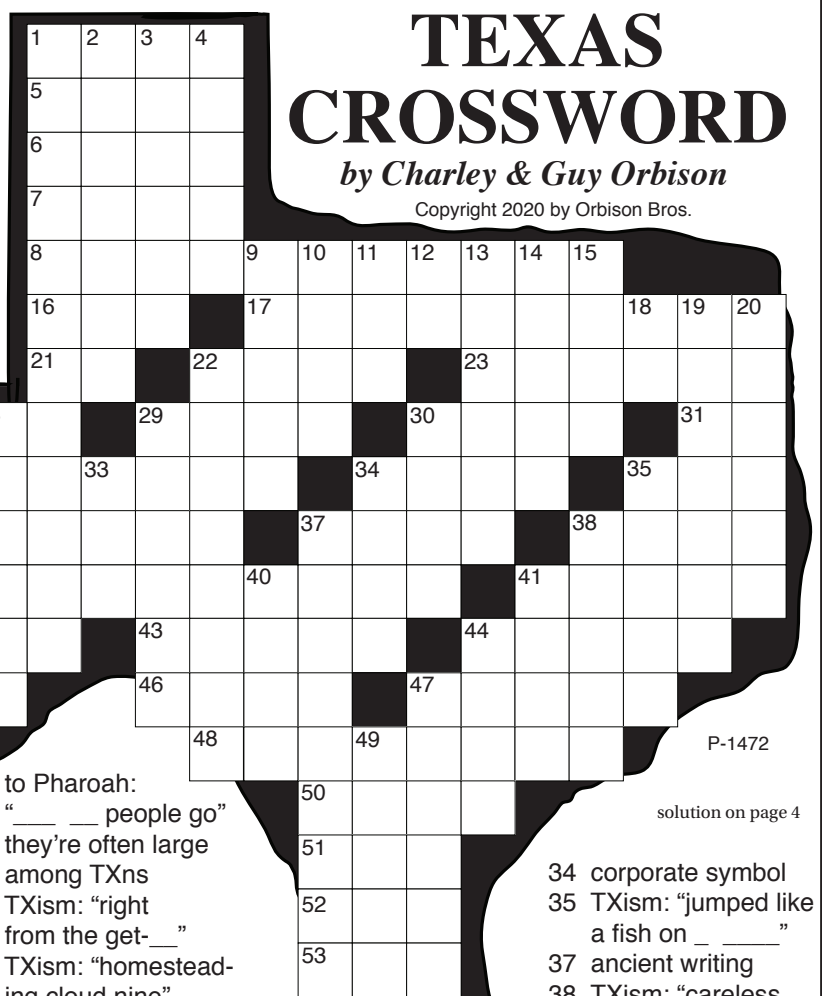
ESTAR (EMAILED): \$24 PER YEAR

Call 806-250-2211 for more information

TEXAS CROSSWORD

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- ACROSS**
- this TX Falk was noted UT coach & pro baseball player
 - TXism: "___ piece" (distant)
 - TX Earley's role on "All My Children": Donna ___
 - TXns call it "black"
 - SW Dallas suburb
 - bullfight cry
 - occupation of Barry Switzer's dad
 - Astro former leag.
 - oldie group: "___ and the Belmonts"
 - this Peter starred with TX Paula Prentiss in "What's New Pussycat?"
 - TXism: "___ wet hornet"
 - ex-Ranger "Amazing Emu" pitcher Jim ___
 - h.s. BB arenas
 - educational media (abbr.)
 - TXism: "quaking in my boots"
 - ___ Bird Johnson
 - TXism: "table grazed"
 - TXism for "tooth-brush" (2 wds.)
 - army beds
 - spinning toy: "___ ligig"
 - noted TCU & Redskins QB "Sammy"
 - TXism: "___ the breeze" (chat)
 - TX Buddy Holly's Peggy
 - town & county in TX Hill Country
 - TXism: "skunk egg"
 - Astro Carlos Correa's position (abbr.)
 - TXism: "___ 'nuff"
 - TXism: "built like a ___ outhouse" (sturdy)
 - it is controversial on Denton confederate statue
 - be unsuccessful
 - Grand ___ Opry
 - ___ story
 - TXism: "___ was a cow, rodeo cowboys wouldn't ride 'em"
 - hunting goal (2 wds.)
 - "buckin' ___"
 - TXism: "she could charm ___ out of a tree"
 - Tex Ritter sang "High ___" theme
 - ___ Army, TX
 - TXism: "run ___ up the flag pole"
 - Galveston's "Elissa" is the oldest ship in ___ Register of Shipping
 - film "The Alamo" is ___
 - to Pharoah: "___ people go"
 - they're often large among TXns
 - TXism: "right from the get-___"
 - TXism: "homestead-ing cloud nine"
 - return to a former condition
 - TXism: "caught between the devil and the ___ sea" (dilemma)
 - TX actress Fairchild (init.)
 - TXism: "costs an ___ and a leg"
 - "vaya con ___"
 - corporate symbol
 - TXism: "jumped like a fish on ___"
 - ancient writing
 - TXism: "careless about ___ horse he saddles" (thief)
 - org. for older TXns a quick cut with scissors
 - TXism: "careless about ___ horse he saddles" (thief)
 - org. for older TXns a quick cut with scissors
 - spoken, not written underwear or legal documents
 - this Medal of Honor winner Robert died in Dallas at age 91



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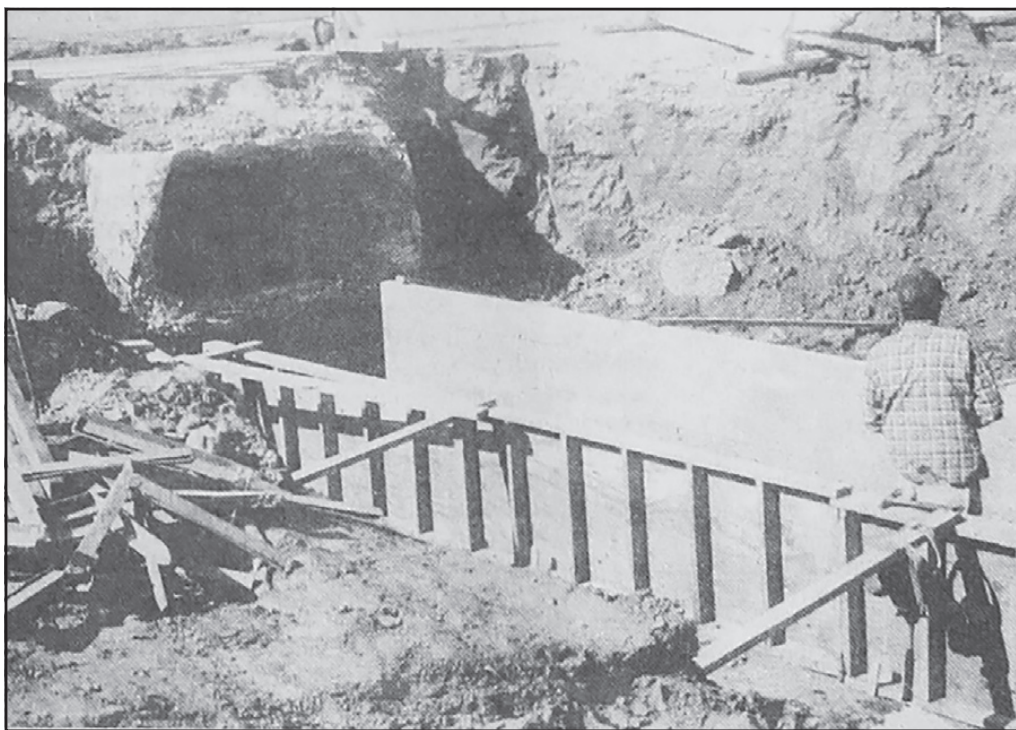
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Friona Flashbacks

HIGHWAY WORK....
Construction work on widening of Highway 60 through Friona has been much in evidence, as everyone knows. Workmen are shown building forms for a new drainage culvert near Reeve Lake. (Friona Star, April 25, 1992)



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At press time, there have been 10 reported cases of Covid-19 in the area. 2 cases in Randall County, 2 cases in Deaf Smith County, 1 case in Oldham County, 1 case in Curry County, N.M., and 4 cases in Castro County. Castro County has declared a "shelter at home" directive for its residents.

This week's edition of the Star has a special section highlighting the recent Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet. The event was held on March 10, 2020 B.C. (before coronavirus).

It already seems like a couple of centuries ago that you could live free without fear of contracting an unseen illness. We are finishing Week 1 of the two week semi-quarantine mandated by the governor. Hopefully, by the end of Week 2 there will be light at the end of the tunnel. Next week's edition will feature the Friona Relays track meets results and photos. It may be the last track meet of the year. Stay safe.

Congratulations to Carly Drake, Maddie Sharrock, Anahi Gonzalez, and Jose Grado for receiving District 1-3A Basketball honors. Carly was named to the All District team and Maddie, Anahi, and Jose earned Honorable Mention. Bushland was the only girl's team in our district that got past the first round of the playoffs. They lost to eventual State Champion Shallowater in the Regional Quarterfinals. Canadian was the only boy's team in our district to get past the first round of the playoffs. They also lost to Shallowater. Peaster defeated Shallowater in the Region 1 Championship Game but then got beat by San Antonio Cole in the State semifinals. The State Championship Game was cancelled because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

On another basketball note, 1979 Friona High School graduate Kevin Pope was honored by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches for his 600+ career wins as a head basketball coach. Kevin is the head boys coach at Weatherford High School. Kevin and his dad, Jimmy, are the only documented father/son duo to each have achieved the 600+ career win plateau. Jimmy was head boys basketball coach at Friona from 1976 to 1980. He passed away December 26, 2018 at the age of 80. Congratulations Kevin and keep up the good work. How 'bout those Chieftains!!!

There have been a couple of vehicle accidents in the past two weeks just west of Friona. There was another accident at the Cargill entrance that involved two vehicles. Fortunately there were only minor injuries. A few days later a car got caught between the railroad crossing arms just east of J.D. Heiskell and LoneStar Ag and ran off the edge of the tracks and got stuck. The driver of the vehicle got out of the vehicle before it was hit by a train. Once again, only minor injuries.

Call us at 250-2211 or send email to frionastar@wtrt.net to inform us of information that the public needs to know about. We will publish it in next week's edition. Cancellations and postponements will also be listed on our website at www.frionaonline.com.

- National Days**
 March 26 — Spinach Day
 March 27 — Scribble Day
 March 28 — Something on a Stick Day
 March 29 — Vietnam War Veterans Day
 March 30 — Take a Walk in the Park Day
 March 31 — Crayon Day
 April 1 — April Fools' Day

Look up past issues of the Friona Star on our website!

- 1.) Go to frionaonline.com
- 2.) Click on the "newspaper archives" link
- 3.) Search

Newspaper Fun!

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April Fools' Day and Fun!



April is a month of surprises. People play pranks while enjoying its first day – April Fools' Day! Clouds pop up and rain down on us. Breezes tug and break kite strings. Kites float quickly away or spiral down and crash! Fish pull on fishing lines and then swim away. Hey...are they laughing? Well, so shall we!
Ask someone with a good sense of humor to work with you to finish my puzzles!

1. The _____ day of April is known as April Fools' Day.
2. It is a day of fun. People like to play jokes and _____.
3. Make sure that any pranks you might pull are _____.
4. This fun day used to be called "All Fool's Day" and is thought to have started in _____ a long time ago.
5. In those times, the date of the New Year was March 21st. People had _____ and fun for about a week, right through the last day of the celebration, April 1st. On that day people would visit and exchange gifts.
6. In the 16th century (1500s) a new _____ was adopted and March 21st was no longer the beginning of the New Year. This meant that April 1st was no longer the day to visit others and exchange gifts.
7. _____ traveled slowly and some people still celebrated on April 1st.
8. Some people didn't like _____ and they refused to follow the new calendar.
9. People who clung to the old ways were called "April _____" by others.
10. In some areas, on April 1st, you might hear people call "Poisson d'Avril"! They have fooled someone and are calling that person an "April _____."
11. This means that the person who was fooled "took the bait" and was easily _____, like a fish.
12. April Fools' Day is for fun and small tricks that hurt no one. It is a time to share _____.

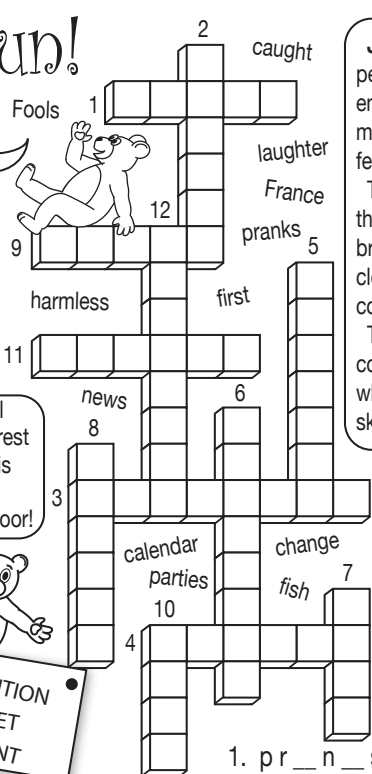
I love to make people laugh!

But, I never laugh at people.

My playful trick on Forest is to put this sign on his bedroom door!



Only 2 letters are needed to finish spelling these fun words. Can you figure out which 2?



1. pr_n_s
2. tric_
3. g_g
4. jo_e
5. _ntic

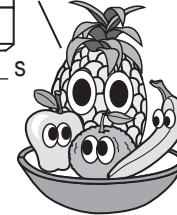
Jesters were people who would entertain crowds at marketplaces or festivals.

They wore pointed, three-colored caps, brightly colored clothing, floppy collars and bells.

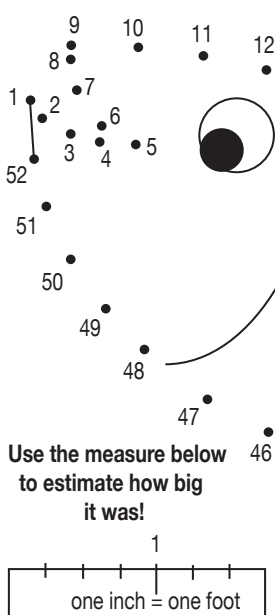
Today, we have costumed clowns who learn many skills to entertain us!



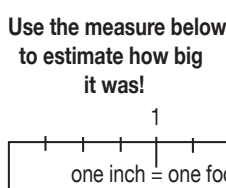
Psst...a harmless prank – put googly eyes on the fruit!



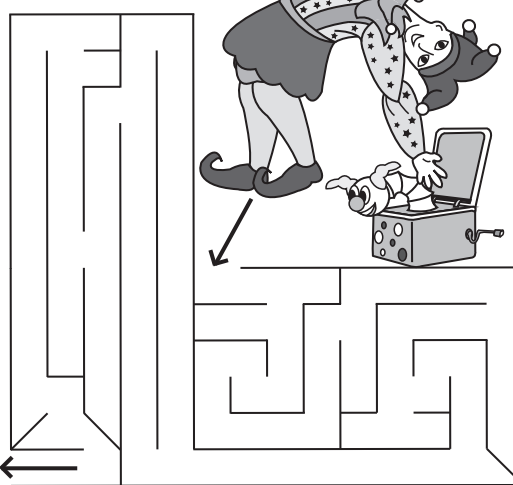
The One That Got Away!



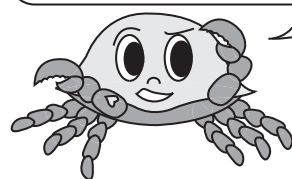
Have you ever noticed how the "big ones" always seem to get away? Follow the dots to see the one that didn't get caught.



I may be a jester, but I am no April Fool. I'm going to entertain the King and Queen. I need to put on the best show that I can. Help me find my set of juggling balls.



Do you like to play harmless tricks on your family and friends on April Fools' Day? I do. So, I scratch my head and try to think of some fun things to do that will let us be a little silly without hurting anyone's feelings. See if you can figure out my five favorite ideas...



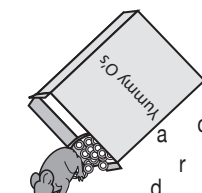
Tricks, Pranks and Sillyies!

1. Place gummy _____ or bugs on top of apples and other fruit in the fruit bowl.



2. Put a rubber _____ in the refrigerator.

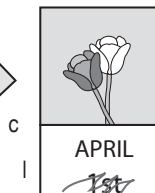
3. Put a clean toy mouse on top of the _____.



4. Set the alarm _____ so that it goes off at the wrong time. (Do this only when it won't cause problems and Mom is in on it.)



5. Turn the _____ to the wrong date.



Bi-Wize is open!
However, to prevent the spread of coronavirus we are offering limited access to the store.

- Only the front part of the store is accessible
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- We can get you over the counter products for you
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- If you are staying home, call us about delivery

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Happy Birthday Friona Folks!

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| <p>March 26
Joan Grimsley
David Smith
Dylan Tyler
Joni Lyn Graham
Bryan Blake Stover
Brock St. Clair</p> <p>March 27
Keven Clark
Jon Goddard
V'Lesha (Wilcox) Pelton
Macy Diane Reeve</p> <p>March 28
Robert Osborn
Alan Clark
Kay O'Brian
Jo Osborn
Kaleb Steen
Gaylene Hyde
Joel Van Valkenburg
Rylan Reyes
Gaylene Young</p> <p>March 29
Lisa Neill
Ryan Potts
Loy McLellan
Briar (Barnett) Reyes
Stephanie Williams
Samuel Schueler</p> | <p>March 30
Jana Barnett
Annette Loflin
Feller Hughes
Margie Bridges</p> <p>March 31
Billy Jackson
Kathy (Boeckman) Steen
Jeremy Schueler
Leslie Wright
Rev. Joe Schulte
Trisha (Gibson) WhiteEagle
Jose Grado
Carolyn Shipp</p> <p>April 1
Sue Proctor
David Gonzales
Kelby Monroe
Ty Grimsley
Will Schueler
Amanda White
Bryan Campbell
Gina Prather
Emma Schueler</p> |
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Texas Crop and Weather Report

By Adam Russell

Wheat acres up slightly amid good growing conditions

Texas wheat acres were up and facing little to no threat from pests or disease in grazing and grain fields, according to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service specialists.

Jourdan Bell, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension agronomist, Amarillo, said planted acres in the Texas High Plains are slightly up from last year, with approximately 2.2 million acres planted.

For much of the region, there was good soil moisture at planting as a result of late-September and early October rains, Bell said. However, some areas did not receive rainfall and wheat was sowed into dry ground.

For the northern High Plains, or Panhandle region, there has been below-average snowfall resulting in dry conditions, she said. Fortunately, recent rains brought much-needed moisture to the whole region.

Even with below-average winter moisture, wheat-for-grain conditions have been fair to good, she said. Wheat-for-forage conditions have declined in recent weeks due to a lack of moisture for spring growth.

"Some producers were already running pivots to irrigate wheat pastures," she said. "Conditions were warming resulting in fast wheat development. Recent rains will help tilling and forage production and ultimately improve conditions for producers who will graze out those pastures."

Producers pull-off/cutoff dates for grazing are determined by crop insurance, she said. But March 15 was the last day to pull cattle off wheat that is insured as a dual-purpose crop.

Pests and disease

Army cutworms are active across the region, Bell said, but aphid and mite pressure is low. Disease pressure was also low.

Ken Obasa, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension plant pathologist, Amarillo, said information from AgriLife Extension county agents and crop consultants indicated few cases of disease.

"Overall, there were no instances of leaf or stripe rust that has come through the lab," he said. "However, tan spot and one instance of spot blotch, caused by *Bipolaris sorokiniana*, have come through the lab."

Obasa said there had also been cases of *Alternaria* and that warm, humid conditions were favorable for the disease. The weather is also favorable for tan spot, leaf rust and other seedling wheat diseases.

"Stripe rust prefers cooler temperatures, so as temperatures continue to warm, the chances for stripe rust will decline," he said. "Overall, growers should look for foliar diseases other than rust that can spread."

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries:

PANHANDLE

Subsoil and topsoil moisture levels across the northern parts of the district were adequate, but southern areas needed moisture. Weather forecasts called for much colder temperatures with highs in the 30s. Pastures and rangelands remained fair. Winter wheat was in fair condition. Producers were considering whether to plant cotton or grain sorghum. Many producers were considering sorghum because of higher production costs for cotton.

Most areas received some rainfall and reported adequate topsoil and subsoil moisture. Winter wheat was in fair condition and improving. Field work continued in some areas, and corn planting should begin when fields dry. Pastures and rangelands were in fair condition.

COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds as reported by the County Clerk's Office from March 12, 2020 through March 19, 2020:

— no Warranty Deeds reported this week

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Reported by the **Parmer County Sheriff's Office:**
Randy Gerles, Sheriff

- 3-18-20 — Alexander Perales, 29, of Amarillo was arrested by DPS on a charge of Theft of a Firearm, pending Grand Jury.
- 3-19-20 — Kirsten Lungivin, 23, of Clovis New Mexico was arrested by Parmer County SO on a charge of Forgery, pending District Court.
- 3-19-20 — Allen Huckins, 55, of Friona was arrested by Parmer County SO on a charge of DWLI w/previous, pending County Court and on a charge of Possession CS Pgl > 1g < 4g, pending Grand Jury.
- 3-21-20 — Salvador Herrera, 19, of Friona was arrested by Friona PD on a MTR (injury to a child), pending District Court.

Texas Weekly Fuel Update and Outlook

Texas gas prices have fallen 10.4 cents in the past week, averaging \$1.86 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations. Gas prices in Texas are 30.3 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 53.5 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$1.39 while the most expensive is \$3.19 per gallon. The national average price of gasoline has fallen 12.8 cents in the last week, averaging \$2.08 per gallon. The national average is down 38.5 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 54.7 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

"Gas prices have spent virtually all of March marching lower, with the drop continuing as the coronavirus destroys oil demand globally, leading to the lowest oil prices we've seen in 18 years, paving the way for still an additional 35-75 cent per gallon drop at most stations in the weeks ahead," said Patrick DeHaan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "I don't think I've ever seen such a collapse in prices, even including the Great Recession. What we're witnessing is easily going to go down as the great collapse in oil demand, and for motorists hurrying to fill up today, they're wasting their money as prices will continue to drop in the days ahead. Gas stations are passing along the drop several weeks behind, and there's plenty more room for prices to drop, putting 99 cents per gallon prices as a strong possibility for perhaps many more stations than we previously anticipated. This is truly an unprecedented turn of events."

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Seek His Presence Continually

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

1 Chronicles 16:11 says, "Seek the Lord and His strength, seek His presence continually," (ESV). In your life there will be times when you need the blessing of the Lord in clear and specific areas, and God is able to meet those needs. You may need strength through trials, wisdom in decisions, provision for your needs, compassion and love toward your enemies, or a word fitly spoken from the Lord. These gifts from on high help sustain

you as you follow Jesus, but these gifts are not an end in themselves. You are invited to seek the Lord, and His strength, but do not stop there, anymore than you stop at appetizer when you dine at a restaurant. The Lord's presence is the place you want to land, not simply receiving His gifts and help.

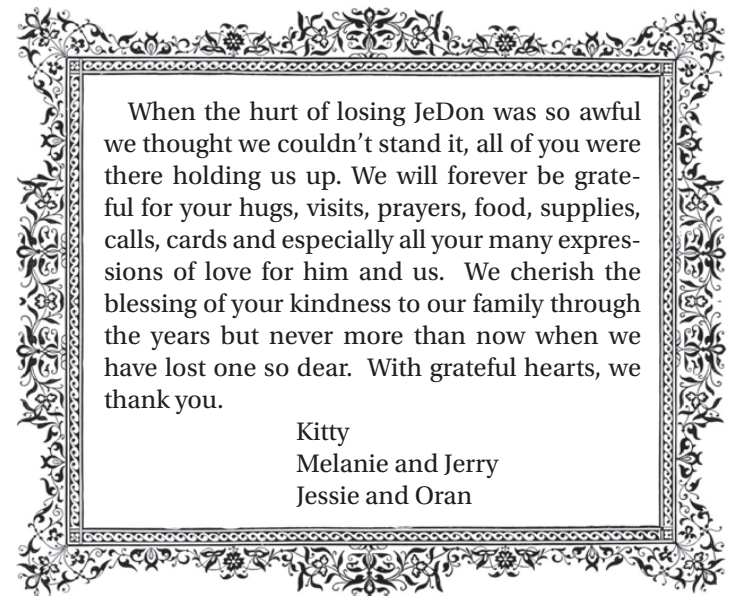
Be not like Judas Iscariot who was content to enjoy the blessings of being around Christ, yet never partook of genuine fellow-

ship with Christ himself. Be like David who proclaimed that "a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere," Psalm 84:10a, and be like Moses who radiated the presence of God after fellowship with Him. This journey begins with placing saving faith in Jesus Christ, and from there it continues on a holy trajectory.

Seeking the Lord's presence, though, is no small task, although it holds vast rewards, for in the Lord's presence there is "...fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore," Psalm 16:11. Seeking the Lord's presence involves

a consumption of truth from His Word, diligence in prayer, supreme love for Him, and a persistence to empty yourself of fleshly passions and pursuits, to glorify Him in all of your life, from family, to work, to hobbies to worship. As you pursue Him, your mind is renewed, your heart is transformed, His Spirit fills you and you walk in His presence. Oh, the blessed joy of walking in the presence of the Lord!

As the Coronavirus crisis continues, may you "Seek the Lord and His strength, seek His presence continually," 1 Chronicles 16:11.



Look in the Mirror

By Teena Hughs

I am so thankful for God's Word. It has given me the peace to not give in to the fear of this virus.

I have been reading in 1 Kings 11 where "King Solomon loved many foreign women. Besides Pharaoh's daughter, he married women from Moab, Ammon, Edom, Sidon, and from among the Hittites. The LORD had clearly instructed his people not to intermarry with those nations, because the women they married would lead them to worship their gods. Yet Solomon insisted on loving them anyway. He had seven hundred wives and three hundred concubines. And sure enough, they led his heart away from the LORD."

Whose fault is it that Solomon's heart was led away from the LORD? I have never questioned the fact that the women were to blame for leading Solomon away from the LORD, because that is what God's Word said would happen. But, the devotional accompanying this Scripture made me stop and think. "His (Solomon's) fiery passion for the Lord gradually cooled through neglected spiritual discipline: His tendency to turn away from the God of his father was not peer pressure as much as it was a spiritual vacuum that needed to be filled. Solomon's wives can't be blamed for his apostasy. The fact that the king was willing to marry non-Jewish women indicates that he had already begun to turn away from the Lord."

Re-read the last sentence: "The fact that the king was willing to marry non-Jewish women indicates that he had already begun to turn away from the Lord." Solomon probably didn't even realize he was turning away from the Lord before he started disobeying God and marrying foreign women.

Isn't that how sinful lifestyles become part of our lives? Sin just creeps in to our lives when we don't realize it, or when we think it won't hurt anyone or anything, and before you know it, you are living your life completely against the will of God. And, of course, since we live in a culture and society where we want to blame someone else for our mistakes--making wrong choices and decisions, disobeying the Word of God, not accepting responsibility for our actions--we fail to look in the mirror and see that our departure from God started with us, just like it started with Solomon.

The farther away we get from God, the more disobedience and sin become a way of life for us. Just like Solomon "looked in all the wrong places" to fill his "spiritual vacuum," sin and disobedience cause us to "look in all the wrong places" for what is missing in our lives.

Jesus is the ONLY way to fill the "spiritual vacuum" in our lives. He is the only true joy and happiness in our lives; and, the only way to live life is to be obedient to Him, to have a relationship with Him, to study His Word, to live your life in total devotion to Him.

Look in the mirror; see if you need to quit blaming someone for the way you are living your life. Turn to Jesus for any answers you need, any help you need, any guidance and wisdom you need. He longs to help you find your joy, happiness, and fulfillment in Him.

Panhandle Parables

Where Is God?

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

I would like to share a little story with you, I am not sure where it originated, but have sourced where I found it at the bottom. Here it goes:

A couple had two little boys, ages 8 and 10, who were excessively mischievous. They were always getting into trouble and their parents knew that, if any mischief occurred in their town, their sons were probably involved.

The boys' mother heard that a clergyman in town had been successful in disciplining children, so she asked if he would speak with her boys. The clergyman agreed but asked to see them individually. So, the mother sent her 8-year-old first, in the morning, with the older boy to see the clergyman in the afternoon.

The clergyman, a huge man with a booming voice, sat the younger boy down and asked him sternly, "Where is God?"

The boy's mouth dropped open, but he made no response, sitting there with his mouth hanging open, wide-eyed. So, the clergyman repeated the question in an even sterner tone, "Where is God!?" Again the boy made no attempt to answer. So the clergyman raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy's face and bellowed, "WHERE IS GOD!?"

The boy screamed and bolted from the room, ran directly home and dove into his closet, slamming the door behind him. When his older brother found him in the closet, he asked, "What happened?"

The youngest brother gasped for breath and replied, "We are in BIG trouble this time dude. God is missing, and they think WE did it!" (<https://www.cleanjoke.com/humor/Where-is-God.html>)


Now I am not sure about the effectiveness of this approach, but I do believe the question posed is a good one, maybe not in the context of our little joke. I think folks often ask the question in the context of their own lives. Where is God? If God were really...He would....? Even Christians at times aren't sure where He is as they too struggle with the realities and difficulties in this life.

I would like to ask a different question. Where are you? God is the One that is unmoved. He can be found in Scripture, Prayer, Worship, His Creation bursts with evidence of His glory. Most of the time it is me who has wandered off. I need to remember, though no matter how far I have gone I will find Him when I turn around and there He will be.

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State Capital Highlights

By Ed Sterling



Governor takes actions to slow down deadly virus

AUSTIN — Texas is more invested every day in promoting increased and thorough hand washing, disinfecting surfaces and social distancing to reduce cases of the rapidly spreading novel coronavirus, COVID-19.

As of March 22, the cumulative count of patients testing positive in Texas increased to 334. The death count stood at five with 8,756 people having been tested, according to figures posted by the Texas Department of State Health Services.

As the work week began, Gov. Greg Abbott was still not ready to order all Texans to stay at home, as local authorities ordered in Dallas County. However, he issued four statewide executive orders in accordance with federal guidelines issued by President Trump and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

—Every person in Texas shall avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people;

—People shall avoid eating or drinking at bars, restaurants and food courts or visiting gyms or massage parlors — provided, however, that drive-thru, pickup or delivery options are allowed and highly encouraged throughout the limited duration of the executive order;

—People shall not visit nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance; and

—Schools shall temporarily close.

Abbott's orders, effective through 11:59 p.m. on April 3, are subject to extension.

Texas Department of State Health Services Commissioner John Hellerstedt also declared a public health disaster last week.

Hellerstedt's declaration allows state and local health authorities to more easily require property owners to disinfect, decontaminate, and seal off property that might be contaminated by COVID-19.

The declaration also:

—Authorizes health authorities to take control measures to eradicate the threat to public health;

—Streamlines the process for health authorities to invoke the courts to enforce quarantines of individuals; and

—Activates enhanced tools for DSHS to collect disease and health information and to share that information with law enforcement personnel and first responders, as appropriate.

Governor activates Guard

Gov. Abbott on March 17 activated the Texas National Guard to be prepared to assist with response efforts for COVID-19, ensuring that the military force can assist in various forms throughout the state when needed.

Healthcare workers and first responders who are members of the Texas National Guard are excluded from this activation so that they can continue serving the people of Texas in their respective fields, Abbott said.

SBA assistance requested

Gov. Abbott on March 17 requested designation from the Small Business Administration to access the federal agency's Economic Injury Disaster Loan program for the entire state.

If granted, Abbott said, the Small Business Administration would provide long-term, low-interest loans to qualifying businesses across the state.

Small business owners are invited to visit the Texas Division of Emergency Management website: <https://tdem.texas.gov/covid-19/> where they will be directed to an online application on the SBA website.

Telemedicine to increase

Gov. Abbott on March 17 waived certain regulations and directed the Texas Department of Insurance to issue an emergency rule relating to telemedicine care in mitigating the spread of COVID-19.

Abbott said his actions build upon previous waivers of portions in the Occupations Code to expand provider flexibility in providing medical services over the phone.

Medical providers seeking guidance on the impact of the new rule can expect guidance from the Texas Medical Board to be issued in the coming days. Insurers seeking guidance on the emergency rule should contact the Texas Department of Insurance or visit their webpage for more information.

Goal: Stop transmission

The Texas Department of Transportation on March 17 announced actions to help reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

TxDOT postponed or canceled its in-person public hearings and gatherings through April 3, subject to change. However, work on projects to improve our transportation system continues, as does TxDOT's ongoing work to maintain and operate our state's transportation system.

Meanwhile, TxDOT has closed the lobbies of its 12 Travel Information Centers until further notice, but outside restrooms will remain available at all times and will be regularly cleaned between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Also, safety rest areas on highways throughout the state will remain open.

AG: Price-gougers beware

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on March 21 warned retail suppliers, including those who supply grocery stores and pharmacies, that state law strictly prohibits price gouging in the wake of a disaster.

Price gouging laws apply to any person or entity selling necessities at an exorbitant or excessive price after a disaster has been declared by the governor or president. This prohibition includes those who supply retailers.

Under the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act, Paxton said, any price-gougers may be required to reimburse consumers and may be held liable for civil penalties of up to \$10,000 per violation with an additional penalty of up to \$250,000 if the affected consumers are elderly.



Comfort Foods

I think what we need right now in the midst of our quarantine are some comfort foods. Here are some recipes

I found that sound delicious, and hopefully you have most of the ingredients on hand. Of course, if you don't have

these ingredients exactly, these are the type of recipes that are easily adaptable to what you do have.

Slow Cooker Chicken Parmesan Soup

www.foxeslovelemons.com

INGREDIENTS

- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 green bell pepper, chopped
- 1/2 medium white onion, chopped
- 1 can (14.5 ounces) crushed tomatoes
- 1/2 pound (raw) boneless, skinless chicken breast
- 5 cups low sodium chicken broth, plus additional if needed
- 1/2 cup shredded Parmesan cheese, plus extra

- for garnish
- 2 tablespoons chopped basil
- 2 teaspoons chopped oregano
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 4 ounces (uncooked) dry gemelli or penne pasta
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter (optional)
- Chopped basil or parsley, for garnish

INSTRUCTIONS

In 5-quart or larger slow cooker, stir together garlic, bell pepper, onion, tomatoes, chicken, broth, 1/2 cup cheese, basil, oregano, salt, black pepper and red pepper flakes. Cook on low 7-1/2 hours or on high 3-1/2 hours. Transfer chicken to cutting board and use forks to coarsely shred; return to slow cooker. Stir in pasta. Cook on high 20-30 minutes longer or until pasta is cooked al dente. Stir in butter, if desired. If soup becomes too thick after pasta is cooked, stir in additional broth or water until desired consistency is reached, and warm through. Serve garnished with extra Parmesan cheese and chopped basil or parsley.

Crock-Pot Chicken Enchilada Casserole

www.eatthis.com

Ingredients

- 1 20 oz. can enchilada sauce
- 1 lb. boneless, skinless chicken breast, diced
- 1 15 oz. can sweet corn, drained
- 1 15 oz. can black beans, drained
- 1 green bell pepper, seeded and diced
- 1 red bell pepper, seeded and diced
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 1 cup shredded taco cheese
- 10 tortillas, cut into strips

Directions

Add the chicken into the slow cooker and season it with salt and pepper. Add in the black beans, sweet corn, bell peppers, and onion into the slow cooker as well. Pour the enchilada sauce on top. Mix together the ingredients to make sure they are evenly distributed. Turn the slow cooker on high for 4 hours, or low for 8 hours. During the last hour, add in the tortilla strips, then sprinkle on the taco cheese.

Check Your Mirrors

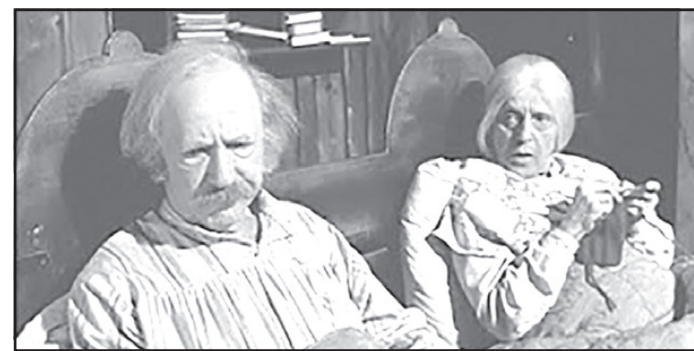
By Sue Jane Sullivan



Sue Jane Sullivan is a freelance writer residing in Austin, Texas. She retired after teaching 41 years, all in the same public school district in Borden County (Gail, Texas).

If you have not watched "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory," this column will be a big flop. Might I suggest that now is a good time to watch the classic—this 1971 movie adaptation starring Gene Wilder comes from Roald Dahl's 1964 novel Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. My days and nights are currently reversed due

to binge watching Outlander, Tiger King, and Hunters (none are family friendly). So, while lying in bed at 3 p.m. one day this week, I thought of the very G-rated Willy Wonka and how the memorable characters are involuntarily embedded in me now. Like, I think I am channeling them. All of them. It is creepy and kooky.



Charlie's grandparents, both sets, stayed in bed all day. They aren't sick. They aren't working. They just stay in bed. Finally, Grandpa Joe gets up when he sees that Charlie has found a golden ticket to Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory. I would probably get out of bed if someone dropped off a dozen hot glazed donuts, so no judgment here.

Another Golden Ticket winner in the movie is Augustus Gloop. He is my spirit animal. He is hungry. He likes to eat. And these past few days have seen me nibbling on healthy food but also my share of chocolate, scratch-made biscuits, and tootsie pops.



I have yet to enter the Veruca Salt stage of this quarantine, and that is a good thing. She got her Golden Ticket because her dad pulled some strings. Even the congenial Oompa-Loompas had a negative take on "the little brute." She wanted it, and she wanted it now. "Hey, Mummy... I've decided I want a squirrel! Get me one of those squirrels!" Shoot me if the pandemic does this to me.

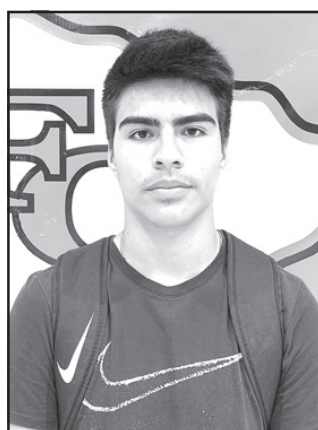


Before this quarantine is over, we may all recognize Violet Beauregarde in our families or housemates. All of us have little habits that may be annoying. But confinement over a period of days with the same people who pop gum, burp, fart, squeal, clip their nails in the living room floor, or drink milk from the carton will drive us crazy. We can avoid Violet's fate in the movie by being a bit more self-aware. And avoiding blueberry chewing gum.



Willy Wonka and Charlie—Wonka is the candy maker, the "Music-Maker, the Dreamer of Dreams." He sings. He dances. He has fun creating the sweets he wants to share with others. Charlie's child-like innocence is no cliché. The boy lives in a one-room home with five other people, four of whom stay in bed all the time. Yet, Charlie finds joy in his life despite the poverty because the shack in which they live has no shortage of love. Be like Willy Wonka. Be like Charlie. Maybe you and your family can watch the movie and look for the life lessons that Dahl so cleverly weaved into his literature. And don't hesitate to follow some of Wonka's best advice: "A little nonsense now and then is relished by the wisest men."

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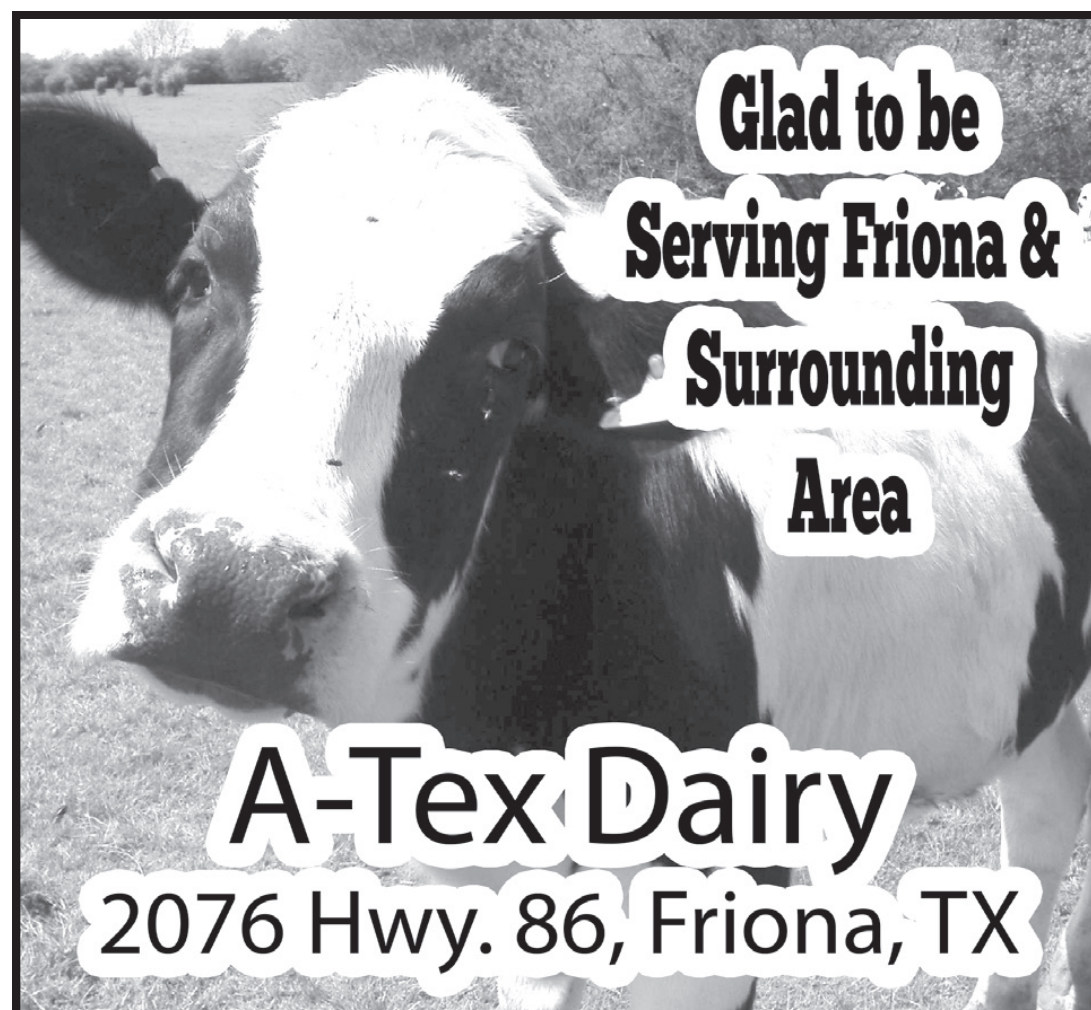
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Employee of the Year - Elizabeth Romero

Elizabeth has lived in Friona her entire life. She is very hard working and cares for the entire community. She always has a smile and a friendly greeting for everyone. In high school, she started working in the medical field taking on evening shifts. After graduation



from high school, she attended Amarillo College at night continuing her education in the medical field. She has worked at Prairie Acres for 28 years and coordinates all major events. She is married to David and has 4 children and 12 grandchildren.



Citizen of the Year - Skyler Harris

Skyler always goes above and beyond to help anyone in the community and always thinks outside the box to reach goals both work and community related. He is a member of the Friona Volunteer Fire Department.



He volunteers his time to help Dr. Cash with tags and vaccinations for local animals. Also, he actively helps Parmer Paws including fostering animals when needed. He is the son of Brian and Christy Harris.

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- 1963-Ruth Busby, Ben Franklin
- 1964-Dale Smith, Friona State Bank
- 1965-Stanley Bengé, Parmer Co. Pump
- 1966-Ralph Shirley, Pioneer Gas
- 1967-Iola Nelson, Friona State Bank
- 1968-Sam Williams, Consumers
- 1969-Ray White, Plains Hardware
- 1970-Cleo Guana, Gib's Cleaners
- 1971-Frances Davis, School Cafeteria
- 1972-Ronald Smiley, Wheat Growers
- 1973-Carolyn Dement, Rockwell Bros.
- 1974-Pete Diaz, Friona State Bank
- 1975-Charles Scales, Kendrick Oil
- 1976-Fred Florez, Reeve Chev-Olds
- 1977-Bill Denney, Police Chief
- 1978-Dorothy Jackson, Friona State Bank
- 1979-Coy Jameson, Houlette Petroleum
- 1980-Ann Barker, PCCH
- 1981-Doris Sears, Friona State Bank
- 1982-Ruth Tucker, Hi-Pro Feeds
- 1983-Glenda Sifford, Prairie Acres
- 1984-Helen Fallwell, D.L.'s Thriftway
- 1985-Darla Bracken, Friona Public Library
Billie Fairchild, Friona Public Library
- 1986-Margaret Wilshire, Friona State Bank
- 1987-Randy Lewis, Perry's
- 1988-Valton Howard, Post Office
- 1989-Mary Ford, Production Credit
- 1990-Sterling Graham, PCCH
- 1991-Peggy Stowers, Friona State Bank
- 1992-Vickie Copley, Friona Star
- 1993-Pat Wright, Jon M. Roden, DDS
- 1994-Alfred Beavers, Fisd
- 1995-Glenda Downey, Ingram's
- 1996-Glenn Reeve, Jr., Friona Motors
- 1997-LaQueta Garner, Byron Boyd, Att.
- 1998-Erma Brown, Farmers Co-op Gin
- 1999-Thomas Reed, NRCS
- 2000-Marlene Mueller, Friona Star
- 2001-Lynn Hutson, Fisd
- 2002-Patricia Phipps, City of Friona
- 2003-Roger Nelson, Chaney Fertilizer
- 2004-Kathy Sandoval, Fisd
- 2005-Cathy Spencer, Friona State Bank
- 2006-Bobby Thompson, Fisd
- 2007-Susan Teague, Friona State Bank
- 2008-Nora Rios, Senior Citizens
- 2009-Debbie Williams, Bi-Wize Pharmacy
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- 2014-Marisela Padilla, Lowe's
- 2015-Karen Baker
- 2016-Jeff Procter
- 2017-Rhonda Wilkins
- 2018-Martha Barker
- 2019-Jennifer Baize
- 2020-Elizabeth Romero

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- 1996-Debbie Rector
- 1997-James Morton
- 1998-Lee Gibson
- 1999-Joe & Loy McLellan
- 2000-Martha Hamilton
- 2001-Karene Krauel & Barbara Neely
- 2002-Ted Tucker
- 2003-Reba & W.D. Buske
- 2004-Suzanne Bunker
- 2005-Donna Mullins
- 2006-Teddy Jones
- 2007-Darla Bracken
- 2008-Bobby Wied
- 2009-Rene & Jinx Snead
- 2010-Bessie Holt
- 2011-Joe Bowens
- 2012-Greg & Jamie Lewellen
- 2013-Becky Jones & Jo Beth Gipson
- 2014-Charlie & Britny Pope
- 2015-Larry & Sharon Rector
- 2016-Friona Volunteer Fire Department
- 2017-Connie Slagle
- 2018-Erika Carrillo
- 2019-Fabiola Dominugez
- 2020-Skyler Harris

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Man of the Year - Harry DeWit

Harry is very involved in all youth activities. he sponsors youth league shirts, supports the Parmer County Livestock Show and Snack Pak for Kids. He is very active in his church and is willing to help where needed. He was on the committee to build a new school in Friona. He moved his family to Friona as fast



as he could 18 years ago to bring the first dairy of the 21st century to Parmer County. He was instrumental in starting the Kidz Build event which is held each summer. With the support of his wife Margret, and kids Ryan, Jake, Kim, and Cody, he is able to be a positive force in the community.



Man of the Year Hall of Fame

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| 1959-Dr. Paul Spring | 1979-Hollis Horton | 2000-Bill Stovell |
| 1960-A.L. Black | 1980-Ron Smiley | 2001-Bill Ellis |
| 1961-Andy Hurst | 1981-JeDon Gallman | 2002-Clarence Monroe |
| 1962-George W. Jones | 1982-Tom Jarboe | 2003-Mike Hanes |
| 1963-Steve Messenger | 1983-Charles Caudill | 2004-Billy Joe Mercer |
| 1964-Baker Duggins | 1984-Geary Brogden | 2005-Danny Campbell |
| 1965-Frank Spring | 1985-Ron Davenport | 2006-Percy Parsons |
| 1966-J.C. Claborn | 1986-Jim Johnston | 2007-John Gurley |
| 1967-W.L. (Preach) Edelmon | 1987-Archie Echols | 2008-Gary Brown |
| 1968-Dr. Loyd Shackelford | 1988-Robert Neelley | 2009-J.B. Douglas |
| 1969-A.L. (Jake) Outland | 1989-Floyd Reeve | 2010-Dr. Dale Schueler, DVM |
| 1970-Louis Welch | 1990-Wesley Barnett | 2011-Ricky Barnett |
| 1971-G.B. (Pete) Buske | 1991-Benny Pryor | 2012-Bob Hurst |
| 1972-Charles Allen | 1992-Cordie Potts | 2013- Andy Montana |
| 1973-Alton Farr | 1993-David Goddard | 2014-Alan Monroe |
| 1974-Sloan Osborn | 1994-Wendell Gresham | 2015-Cris Ingram |
| J.G. McFarland | 1995-W.M. Massie | 2016-Kenny Austin |
| 1975-A.W. (Dub) Anthony | 1996-Jim Parker | 2017-Clint Mears |
| 1976-Roy Miller | 1997-Cecil Maddox | 2018-Rickey Rector |
| 1977-J.T. Gee | 1998-Hal Ratcliff | 2019-Larry Rector |
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Woman of the Year - Erin Barnett

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schools for 25 years. Under her sponsorship students have been able to travel to many destinations to compete for their school. With the support of her husband Ricky and children Josh and Kendall, they have made it possible for her to do all that she does for the community.



Woman of the Year Hall of Fame

- 1959-Eva Miller
- 1960-Katy Osborn
- 1961-Louisa Wilson
- 1962-Rose Lange
- 1963-Phyllis Sanders
- 1964-Mary Kate Zeman
- 1965-Deke Kendrick
- 1966-Eufaula Ethridge
- 1967-Ethel Ruth Spring
- 1968-Emma Elmore, Altha Presley
- 1969-Willard Stewart
- 1970-Sarah Alexander
- 1971-Ethel Bengier
- 1972-Lilah Gaye Gee
- 1973-Pearl McLean
- 1974-Tommy Mercer
- 1975-Mrs. (Pete) Myrl Buske
- 1976-Nora O'Brian
- 1977-Allo Reeve
- 1978-Beth Thompson
- 1979-June Floyd
- 1980-June Rhodes
- 1981-Gaye Tannahill
- 1982-Celia Loflin
- 1983-Lois Norwood
- 1984-Kathryn Goddard
- 1985-Ann Osborn
- 1986-Pat Fleming
- 1987-Connie Neelley
- 1988-Katherine Smith
- 1989-Kitty Gallman
- 1990-Becky Riethmayer
- 1991-Peggy Monroe
- 1992-Marca Lynn Herring
- 1993-Varla Wilcox
- 1994-Edith Johnson
- 1995-Sylvia Ingram
- 1996-Teena Hughes
- 1997-Doris Barnett
- 1998-Nancy Edelman
- 1999-Betty Reeve
- 2000-Sharon White
- 2001-Linda Chesher
- 2002-Mary Johnston
- 2003-Mercedes Williams
- 2004-Mary Joyce Barnett
- 2005-Allison Johnston
- 2006-Lucy Beth Hinkle
- 2007-Jyl Grimsley
- 2008-Linda Griffin
- 2009-Stormi Choate
- 2010-Kathryn Gurley
- 2011-Holly Campbell
- 2012-Carol Ellis
- 2013-Elizabeth McLellan
- 2014-Darla Bracken
- 2015-Anna Jo Blackburn
- 2016-Kathy Rector
- 2017-Jeri Lynn White
- 2018-Chris Alexander
- 2019-Sharon Rector
- 2020-Erin Barnett

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Boy Student of the Year - Zeke Garcia

Zeke is a very impressive student and represents Friona well. He is in the top 10% of the senior class and is a member of the National Honor Society and National English Honor Society. His extracurricular activities are just as impressive as his academics. He is in Band, UIL



Debate, UIL Science, Basketball, FCCLA, One Act Play, to mention a few. He has lived in Friona for 8 years. He helps with Snack Pak for Kids and helped organize a blood drive for Andrew Rivera. He is the son of Roman & Jessica Garcia and Jamie and Carol Ramirez.

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Girl Student of the Year - Carly Drake

Carly is very active in the Friona community. She has volunteered in various town cleanups and works with the youth at Kids Building Camp. She is very active in her church and volunteers for Summer Bible School. She is definitely a leader who leads by example.



She is a member of National Honor Society, National English Society, plays Volleyball, Basketball, and is on the Track Team. She has helped with community events such as Christmas in the Park. She is the daughter of Wes and Amber Drake.




Students of the Year Hall of Fame

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| 1972-Bill Bailey/Sally Kendrick | 1997-Greg Lewellen/Candi Baca |
| 1973-Kevin Wiseman/Carol Reeve | 1998-Jeff Hamilton/Carrie Cox |
| 1974-Marc Shackelford/Annette Reznik | 1999-Justin Grimsley/DaLinda Black |
| 1975-Dale Cleveland/Carol Bavousett | 2000-Landon Martin/Kayla Wylie |
| 1976-Davy Carthel/Lisa Edelson | 2001-Matt White/Veronica Velazquez |
| 1977-Joe Lafuente/Jaton Widner | 2002-Frank Dominguez/Candace Ingram |
| 1978-Bryan Johnston/Rhonda Parsons | 2003-Adam Bandy/Holley Hand |
| 1979-Chris Barnett/Vickie Smiley | 2004-Keith Hunt/Haleigh Herbert |
| 1980-David Fleming/Sarah Mears | 2005-Pedro Ramos/Maegan Ingram |
| 1981-Marc Blankenship/Jana Brownd | 2006-Kelby Monroe/Kimberlee Jones |
| 1982-Andy Fleming/Sunny Horton | 2007-Sean Lookingbill/Allison Jones |
| 1983-Richie Malouf/Sherri Brownd | 2008-Alex Gurley/Brooke Herbert |
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| 1985-Brent Hinkle/Julie Wilshire | 2010-Matthew Stanberry/Paige Herbert |
| 1986-Daniel Gowen/Susan Bailey | 2011-Lacy Austin/Jay Gurley |
| 1987-Jeff Dickson/Glenda Ellis | 2012-Tenna Montana/Miguel Soto |
| 1988-Keith Hancock/Leigh Neelley | 2013-Sajal Patel/Stephen Albarado |
| 1989-Lon Outland/Deena Willard | 2014-Isaac Gallardo/Holly Johnston |
| 1990-Toby Brito/Bonnie Israel | 2015-Brandon Berend/Karina Hernandez |
| 1991-Lance Outland/Amy Israel | 2016-Josh Barnett/Jasmine Rodriguez |
| 1992-Chad Hamilton/Antonio Torres | 2017-Mason Fleming/Kendall Barnett |
| 1993-Jon Parker/Jessica Alvarado | 2018-Hadley White/Brooklynne Johnston |
| 1994-Jon Goddard/Teresa Taylor | 2019-Damian Rodriguez/Adriana Ortiz-Carrillo |
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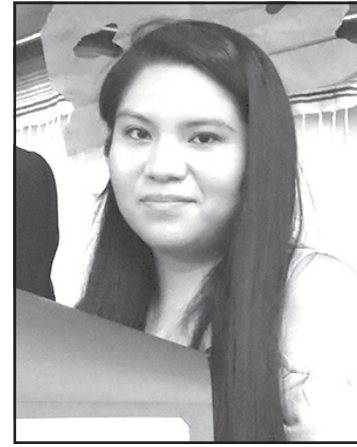
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Educator of the Year - Maria Garcia

Maria is dedicated to the students of Friona ISD. She is always going above and beyond what is required on a daily basis. Always available before and after school and sometimes during lunch, she never makes kids feel like it is a burden to ask for help. She works closely with parents and administrators



concerning students. Her dedication is proven in the success of students on the STARR test. Church is very important to her and she is dedicated to teaching a class at church. She started school in Friona in 1999 as a non-English speaker and is the single mother of a first grader named Antonio.



Educator of the Year Hall of Fame

- 1962-Jo Phillips
- 1963-Mrs. O.J. Beene
- 1964-Mrs. L.B. McClain
- 1965-Mrs. R. L. Bates
- 1966-Benny Pryor
- 1967-Mal Manchee
- 1968-Mrs. Benny Pryor
- 1969-Mrs. Ernest Osborn
- 1970-Mrs. & Mrs. Wayne Hodgson
- 1971-Mrs. Baker Duggins
- 1972-Mrs. Frank Truitt
- 1973-Fay Reeve
- 1974-Joy Morton
- 1975-John R. Cook
- 1976-Tom Jarboe
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- 1978-Paul J. Smith
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- 1980-Lucille Lewis
- 1981-Jerry Shelton
- 1982-Nancy Edelman
- 1983-June Rhodes
- 1984-Mary Bavousett
- 1985-Faye Smith
- 1986-Rick Tullis
- 1987-Bobby Wied
- 1988-Peggy Hamil
- 1989-Jim Parker
- 1990-Loy McLellan
- 1991-Gayle Murdock
- 1992-Tommy Carr
- 1993-Tana Stephens
- 1994-Jeffie Talley
- 1995-Sharon White
- 1996-Charlotte Ratcliff
- 1997-Linda White
- 1998-Jane Dixon
- 1999-Connie Slagle
- 2000-Tracy Ellis
- 2001-Karen Renner
- 2002-Sheryl Salyer
- 2003-Mickey Griffin
- 2004-Cheryl Weatherly
- 2005-Patsy Allen
- 2006-Tammy Gammon
- 2007-Sandy Houston
- 2008-Sandra Berend
- 2009-Melissa Randolph
- 2010-Ron McWilliams
- 2011-Terry Hunt
- 2012-Erika Montana
- 2013-Allison Johnston
- 2014-Kathi Miller
- 2015-Tracy Blount
- 2016-Kim Kimbrough
- 2017-Beverly Ingram and Annette Frye
- 2018-Amber Drake
- 2019-David Gonzales
- 2020-Maria Garcia



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Live Auction Winners

- Yeti Zipper Cooler – Whiteface Ford
- SMV Sprayer- Bobby Tyler
- Yeti Hard Case Cooler filled with Traeger Items- Whiteface Ford
- Yeti Blanket- Del Rio Dairy
- Rugger Old Army Pistol- Clint Hurst
- Kendra Scott Set- Hi-Pro Feed
- StS Bag- Tom Alger
- Private Guided Buffalo Tour – Hi- Pro Feed
- Large Hanging Cow Head- Harry DeWit
- Gas Yard Trimmer- Carly Drake
- Brazilian Cow Hide – Harry DeWit

The live auction brought in \$10,375 dollars and the silent auction raised \$3,645

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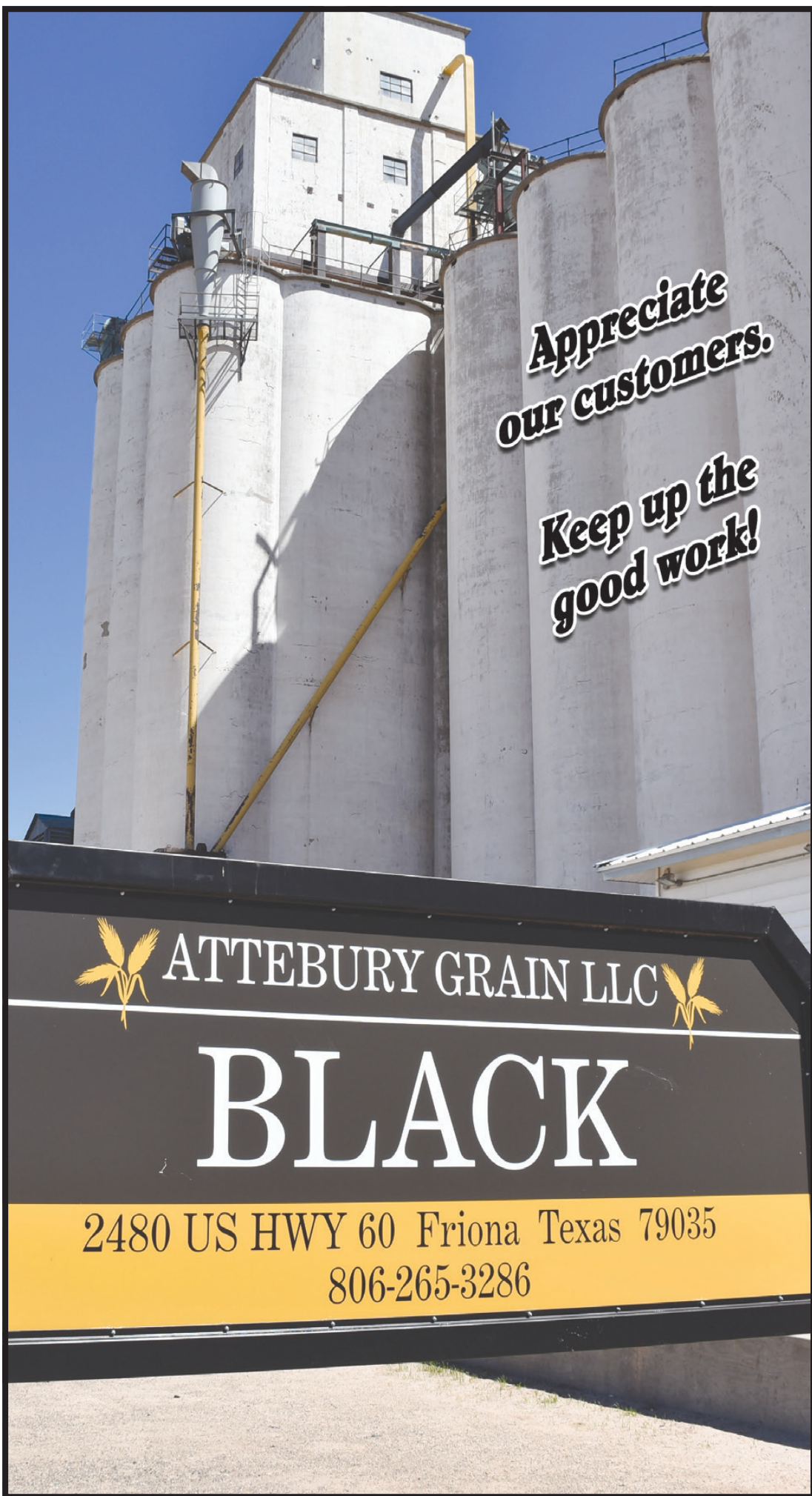
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