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Parmer County COVID-19 stats

As of Monday, July 20, 2020

Tested at Parmer **Medical Center**

683

Negative Results from Parmer **Medical Center**

450

Pending Results from PMC 23

Positive Results from PMC 210

Parmer County Residents Positive Results From All Test Sites

Friona Rural Health Clinic **Offering Vaccinations**

If your child needs updated on their vaccinations, Friona Rural Health Clinic will be open on Saturday August 1st from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. If this date does not work for you, please feel free to make an appointment with the clinic and you will be taken care of that way, as well. The child must present their shot records at the time of vaccination for them to be seen.

Vaccinations and physicals are a part of the requirements for "back to school". We at Friona Rural Health Clinic are ready to assist you in meeting those needs. If you have any questions or need to schedule an appointment, please call Friona Rural Health Clinic at 806-250-2781.

Xcel Energy provides options for high summer bills

July's extreme heat has likely led to higher bills for Xcel Energy's customers in Texas and New Mexico, and the company is urging customers to get in touch with customer agents to discuss options if they're concerned about having funds to cover summer

electricity costs. "Our electricity prices have fallen since last summer, but overall customer bills may wind up being higher in the summer months because we all used so much more power to stay cool when the temperatures hit triple digits for days on end," said Brad Baldridge, Xcel Energy director for Customer and Communi-

tv Relations in Texas and New Mexico. "We want to work with customers who are concerned they may not have the funds to pay their bills in full, and we'd rather work something out now before customers fall further behind."

Xcel Energy understands that customers may not have budgeted for the additional power they needed to keep cool, so the company offers payment arrangements on a case-by-case basis, allowing customers to pay over time. These extensions vary according to individual circumstances, but most are from three to six months

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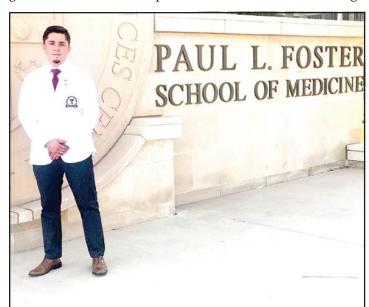
By Esdras Rodriguez

Thursday, July 23, 2020

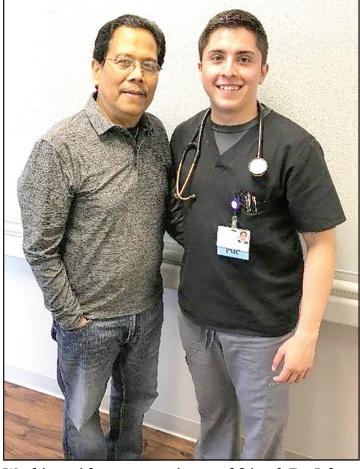
At a young age, I became immersed in the medical field-translating for my mom at her appointments, being hospitalized for a blood disorder and for respiratory issues, plus, accompanying my dad for his surgeries and appointments. I cannot pinpoint an exact situation which I can say was the "defining moment" that showed me medicine was my calling. Instead, it was the culmination of all the community experiences, talents, passions, and interests that the Lord graced me with. These expe-

riences began during high school and have followed me through many cities and communities-yet, the Texas Panhandle has and will always be, my home.

One of the biggest opportunities I received early in my journey was from Parmer Medical Center. PMC believed in me and granted me the only scholarship I ever received from Friona, and then they went on to provide for me multiple unique and extensive trainings through their partnership with Ogallala Commons. Through



Entering Texas Tech School of Medicine in El Paso, Texas (July 2018)



Working with my supervisor and friend, Dr. Jubay, at Parmer Medical Center's Rural Clinic (2017)

my experiences with PMC and OC, especially under the guidance of my amazing mentor Dr. Jubay, I was able to get distinctive, hands-on experience that few, if any, students my age can receive at such an early point in the

medical profession. This experience enabled me to qualify for another major blessing and turning point within my journey, that of becoming a JAMP student.

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ll systems go, for now

UIL officials released a much-anticipated plan on Tuesday that offers a guideline to begin the fall sports season. "Our goal in releasing this plan is to provide a path forward for Texas students and schools," UIL Executive Director Charles Breithaupt said in a press release. "While understanding change and there will likely be interruptions that will require flexibility and patience, we are hopeful this plan allows students to participate in the education-based activities they love in a way that prioritizes safety and mitigates risk of COVID-19 spread."

Friona ISD Superintendent

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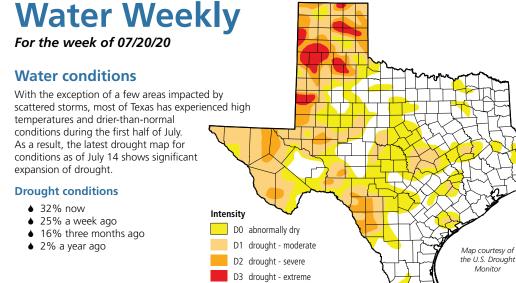
in Texas that means Friday night football, volleyball, and

For Friona, the first day of practice for volleyball is August 3rd and the first day for a first day for rehearsal for the band is August 3rd and the first day to begin the contest show visual/marching curriculum is September 7th.

Acknowledging the situation is not always clear-cut and release that "the plan also allows for local flexibility and encourages districts to plan for possible interruptions in order to complete district seasons." Superintendent Burns said that the Friona school district will post information in all social media venues so everyone can have access to the latest

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U.S. seasonal drought outlook The latest seasonal drought outlook from the National Weather Service doesn't look good for Texas. Through the end of October, drought is expected to maintain Drought persists its grip on West Texas Drought remains but improves and the Panhandle while Map courtesy of Drought removal likely expanding to cover most Drought development likely of Central Texas as well.

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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 July 23-29

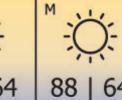




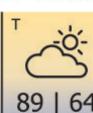




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Precipitation July 1.86 Year 6.59

Burn Ban:

Community Calendar

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

August 3

• Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at noon at The Farmwife Kitchen

COVID-19 News

Coronavirus cases confirmed

As of July 21, 2020

Texas Panhandle: 7,242 cases, 116 deaths 5,974 recoveries

Armstrong County: 3 Briscoe County: 9 Carson County: 10 Castro County: 142 Childress County: 9 Collingsworth County: 6 Cottle County: 6 Dallam County: 160 Deaf Smith County: 453 Donley County: 35 Gray County: 139 Hall County: 2 Hansford County: 43 Hartley County: 77 Hemphill County: 23 **Hutchinson County: 91** Lipscomb County: 12 Moore County: 940 Motley County: 2 Ochiltree County: 63 Oldham County: 7 Parmer County: 263 Potter County: 3,263 Randall County: 1,355 Roberts County: 6 Sherman County: 35 Swisher County: 64

Wheeler County: 30

Eastern New Mexico: 432 cases, 3 deaths Curry County: 316 Quay County: 24 Roosevelt County: 92

Union County: 14

Oklahoma Panhandle: 1,040 cases, 7 deaths, 1,026 recoveries Beaver County: 32 Cimarron County: 1

Texas County: 1,007

Texas: 356,000 cases 4,334 deaths

United States: 3,790,000 cases 144,000 deaths

1,160,000 recoveries

108,000 recoveries

Worldwide:

15,000,000 cases 617,000 deaths 8,470,000 recoveries

Wash your hands Stay 6 foot away Wear your mask Stay at home if sick

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

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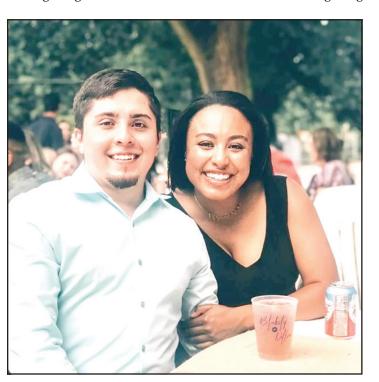
Medical School and My Journey Homeward

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Joint Admissions Medical Program (JAMP) is a program designed to help students from underserved communities to both afford and prepare for the journey into medical school. Having been convinced by a counselor to attend WTAMU, I then was also helped by the same counselor to get into an honors mentorship program (Attebury Honors Program), there I met another fellow student who was pursuing the same goal as I felt lead to, helping others through medicine. Mercedes Hernandez, who was my unofficial mentor for 2 years, helped me connect to both Ogallala Commons and the JAMP program. Then, after being one of the 100 students who qualified from 500 applicants, I was able to experience so many rare and amazing opportunities. Through the JAMP program, I benefited from two summer internships at major medical centers in Houston and San Antonio. All these experiences played a major role in me getting both into medical school and falling in love with this profession.

Having stated all the above and being in so many cities for internships, interviews, and business trips, I still feel that the Texas Panhandle is and will forever be my home. I don't know what all the Lord has planned for my path, whether that be practicing somewhere else initially or something else, but I do know that I want to be able to come back and practice in the Panhandle as it will always be the place that gave me the opportunities and resources to become who I am now.

Esdras Rodriguez grew up in Friona, Texas. He graduated from Friona High School and was the Valedictorian for the Class of 2014. He received his bachelor's degree from West Texas A&M University, while completing 3 OC Community Internships at Parmer Medical Center from 2015-2017. Esdras has just finished his second year at Texas Tech University School of Medicine. He passed his licensing exam and will now be getting



Taking a break from exams and studying - spending time with girlfriend, Hannah Burk



Houston (2016)

into clinicals.

About Ogallala Commons, Inc: Ogallala Commons, Inc., is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization providing education and leadership to build vibrant communities in the Great Plains region. Their service area is centered over the High Plains-Ogallala Aquifer, but also extends west into the Rocky Mountains region, and east to the riverbraided prairies. The Ogallala Aquifer is a tremendous gift of groundwater that intertwines all human and natural communities living in this unified area of the Great Plains, even though we are politically and culturally sectioned into eight different states.

Ogallala Commons is shaped and directed by a 9-member Board of Directors, assisted by an Advisory Coun-

cil and a small staff--men and women leaders from 6 states in the High Plains-Ogallala Aquifer region—leaders who follow the vision of Ogallala Commons and build it into an operational community resource network.

Ogallala Commons works to reinvigorate the commonwealth that forms the basis of our assets. Simply put, Ogallala Commons helps communities "to do together what no one community can do alone."



Web: ogallalacommons.org

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Additionally, the COVID-19 risk mitigation guidelines for the 2020-2021 school year were published. This includes guidance around face coverings, general operations and protocol for individuals confirmed or exposed to COVID-19, congregate settings (band halls, locker rooms, etc.), practice and rehearsal activities, spec-

tators and media, and concession stands and food service. These guidelines are in addition to guidance issued by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and intended to be implemented along with TEA guidance, which applies to UIL academic activities and extracurricular non-UIL activities.

In the press release, the UIL

TEXAS

CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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also has several requirements in response to the pandemic. Stadiums will be limited to 50% capacity, and the UIL will also require schools to develop a plan for mitigating risk of spreading the coronavirus during UIL-sanctioned activities. The UIL recommended that "each school identify a staff member or group of staff

members to serve as compliance officer(s) to oversee effective use of these protocols. Schools must follow all requirements of state authorities." Schools must post these plans on the homepage of the school website or other easily accessible area of the school website, per the UIL announcement.

ACROSS

- 1 TXism: "saddle sores eventually " (keep trying)
- 5 this Guthrie sang at 8 of TX Willie's "Farm Aids"
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- his own tail" (lazy) 7 football score (abbr.) 47 move stealthily 8 in Taylor County on highway 84
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- Is All It Takes" (1991)
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- objective (2 wds.) 27 work boot smell
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- dog he wouldn't wag 45 computer operator 46 Gen. Houston (init.)
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 - UT's Harry Ransom Center, e.g. (2 wds.) 13 symbol of something
 - 15 used in distilling some malt whiskeys (2 wds.)

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- Ginger Rogers 18 the "race" that Hitler promoted
- 20 TX Meat Loaf's surname at birth
- 22 actor Ford of 1993 film "The Fugitive" with TX Jones (init.)

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- 23 TXism: "___ as sin" 24 "_ or less" 25 first name of TX Doak Walker
- Heisman winner 26 "caminos (royal roads)
- 31 2020 pandemic: at home" 34 TX singer/actress,
 - Mandrell (init.) 35 org. for old Texans
 - 37 Colorado indians 40 TXism: "tough _ old boot"

43 secret spy

28 Houston suburb

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- 44 user of suspended front porch seat
- 50 "the echo," south of the border 51 Gov. "__" Ferguson (1925-27; 1933-35)

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SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

(7/13/20) Genaro Esparza, Jr., 20, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested on a MTR (possession marijuana < 2 oz.), pending County Court.

(7/16/20) Nick Vasquez, 25, of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of Aggravated Assault with Deadly Weapon, pending Grand Jury and Evading Arrest/Terroristic Threat, pending County Court.

(7/17/20) Mandy Montoya, 37, of Trinidad, Colorado was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of Assault, pending County Court.



Milk House Market

Wedding Registry

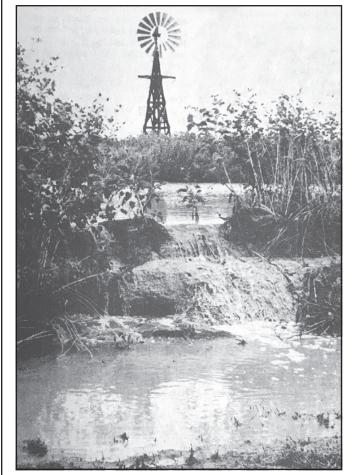
Anna Murphree & Jeff Chambliss Lindy Wiseman & Lino Tarango Cassidy Devault & Tyler Hough

Hours: Friday 11-5 Saturday: 10-3

Call: 602-739-0813

Farmhouse to Your House

Friona Flashbacks



EXTRA WATER....Typical of the water-logged area was this tailwater pit between Friona and Bovina, where the water ran over the top of the pit and into the barrow ditch following a couple of days and nights of steady rain. Up to 7.25 inches of moisture were received in the area during the past week, most of which was in the form of good, soaking rain. Stanley Ellis photo. (Friona Star, August 16, 1981)

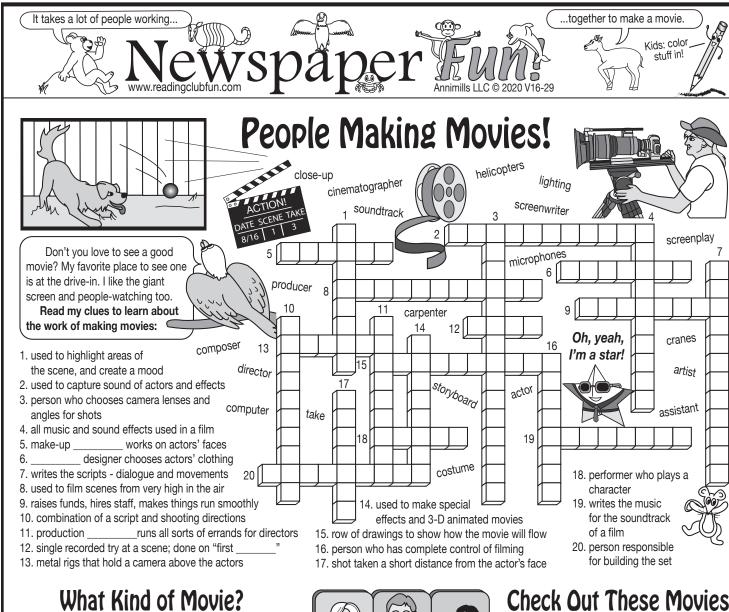
FRIONA STAR SUBSCRIPTIONS

IN PARMER COUNTY: \$30 PER YEAR

OUT OF PARMER COUNTY: \$40 PER YEAR

ESTAR (EMAILED): \$24 PER YEAR

Call 806-250-2211 for more information



What Kind of Movie?

There are many kinds of movies! Do you like spooky or funny ones? Match each kind of movie below to what it is or does:

- 1. action
- 2. drama
- 3. comedy 4. scary
- 5. musicals or dance
- 6. science fiction 7. documentary
- 8. animated
- 9. fantasy





a. meant to spook you b. uses song and movement

c. usually set in the future or space

d. set in the American frontier, often featuring cowboys

- e. about something real, often used to teach about a topic
- f. wizards, dragons and elves, filled with magic and swords
- g. hand- or computer-drawn characters h. fast paced: fight scenes, explosions and chases
- with lots of jokes to make us laugh! j. serious; strong characters and story

What do you think it means when someone calls a movie a "cash cow?"



Check Out These Movies

- 1. The Little Prince 2. Percy Jackson & the Olympians:
- The Lightning Thief
- 3. Charlotte's Web 4. The BFG
- 5. The Jungle Book 6. Harry Potter

These movies are based on good books. You can read the book with your friends or family and then watch the movie. When you are done, talk about the differences between the book and the way the movie was made.

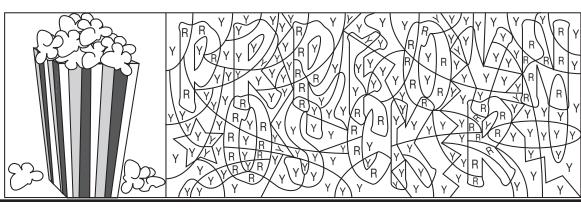
Match each movie to its description:

- A. A girl named Sophie befriends a gentle giant.
- B. A young boy raised by wolves in the jungle of India is taught by a bear.
- C. An orphaned boy goes to a school for wizards and learns about a world of magic.
- D. A live-action film about farmyard
- animals and one very special spider. E. The son of an Olympian god uses his
- powers to find Zeus' legendary weapon.
- F. A girl becomes friends with her neighbor, a zany pilot, who tells her a whimsical story.

Movie Treats

When you go to the movies someone sells you a ticket, and then someone asks if you'd like to buy a treat. Follow the color code to see a favorite movie treat:

> R = RedY = Yellow





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The 50th Reunion celebration for the FHS Class of 1970 has been cancelled. Because of the uncertainty of being able to hold an indoor group gathering and the desire to keep everyone healthy, the reunion will not be held this year. The reunion committee will meet again in December to set a date in 2021 for the celebration.

Strike up the band! Full rehearsals for the FHS band will

begin on Monday, August 3rd at 7 p.m. Remember to bring a face mask, bottle of water, medical history form, and tennis shoes. Rehearsals are scheduled for 7 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on August 3rd, 4th, 6th, 10th, 11th, 13th, 17th, and 18th.

Please see back page for information on how you can participate in the 12th Annual Pudge Kendrick Memorial Golf Tournament. You do not have to be in the golf tournament to enjoy great food and to participate in the raffle, give-away, and silent auction. All proceeds will go to the Parmer County and Hereford Coalition. They provide grants for area cancer patients.

Farwell's "Border Town Days" and Bovina's "Bull Town Days" celebrations have been cancelled due to the COVID-19

pandemic. Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar revised the Certification Revenue Estimate (CRE) and now projects a fiscal 2021 ending shortfall of \$4.58 billion. The shortfall, which Hegar attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic and recent volatility in

oil prices, is a decrease from the \$2.89 billion positive yearend balance originally projected in the October 2019 CRE. The pandemic hit tax revenues hard across the board, particularly hotel, motor vehicle sales, severance and mixed beverage taxes. The state's sales tax, its largest source of tax revenue, has held up better than some taxes, but still has fallen significantly.

Did you know that outdoor watering can account for 50 to 80 percent of the water used in a home. The High Plains Water District (HPWD) offers the following landscape watering tips: (1) most turf grasses need about one inch of water per week to survive; (2) water lawns in the morning or evening to reduce water losses from evaporation & wind drift; (3) use sprinklers that throw large drops of water rather than a fine mist; (4) water plants deeply and less frequently to encourage healthy root systems; (5) don't water during or directly after a rainfall event.

National Days

July 23 — Gorgeous Grandma Day July 24 — Drive-Thru Day July 25 — Day of the Cowboy July 26 — Aunt and Uncle's Day July 27 — Love is Kind Day July 28 — Buffalo Soldiers Day July 29 — Lipstick Day July 30 — Cheesecake Day

COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from July 9, 2020 to July 16, 2020

(7/9/20) Landon Meeks, Kalee Meeks — Whisper M Farms Inc. — All of the SE/4 of Sec 1 B A Rhea Brothers Subdiv in Parmer County and All of SW/4 of Sec 1 B A Rhea Brothers Subdiv in Parmer County and NW/4 of Sec 1 B A Rhea Brothers Subdiv in Parmer County E 37 Ac of NW/4 of S 1 B A Rhea Brothers **Subdiv in Parmer County**

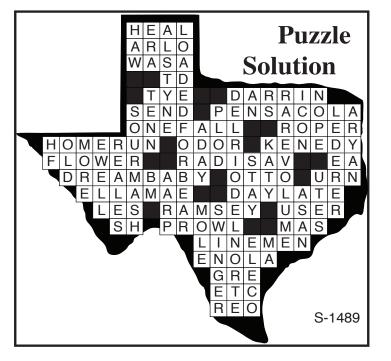
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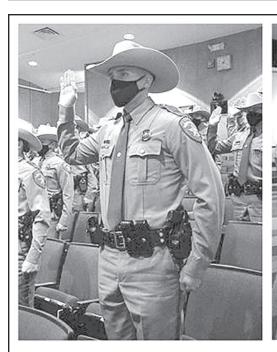
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(7/14/20) Flor Idaia Silguero — Santos Teresa Ramos — L 4 B 44 Original Town of Friona in Parmer County

(7/16/20) Sharon White — Rafter W Partnership, Teddy L. White — All of SW/4 of Sec 27 Township 3 R 3 E of Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County A 10 Ac tract out of the NW part of Sec 14 Township 3 R 3 E Capitol Syndicate Subdiv out of Capitol League No 496 AS Vol 3 Pg 588 in Parmer County

(7/16/20) David Davila, Emma Villanueva Davila — Jesus Martin Huicoza Lopez, Martha Fidelia Rabago Huicoza — Lots 7-9 and the N 17.7 L 10 Block 3 Jones Addition City of Friona in **Parmer County**







Texas DPS Commissions 77 New Troopers at Graduation Ceremony

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) commissioned 77 new Texas Highway Patrol Troopers from its A-2020 recruit class during a graduation ceremony held on Friday, July 17. These new Troopers join the ranks of thousands of commissioned DPS officers across the state.

"These 77 new Troopers are now part of a larger legion of men and women who have devoted their lives to serving the public and protecting our communities," said Texas Public Safety Commission Chairman Steven P. Mach.

"Their hard work and perseverance during the Training Academy has shown their exemplary commitment to their duties as law enforcement officers, and I want to thank each of them for their dedication to protecting and serving Texans."

Governor Greg Abbott delivered the keynote address during Friday's graduation ceremony for Class A-2020. This was the department's 166th recruit class, and the recruits ranged in age from 21 to 42 years old. Fifteen recruits had prior law enforce-

ment experience, 29 served in the military and two recruits celebrated the birth of a baby. The class even had a former NFL player in its line-

"Class A-2020 underwent rigorous training during a unique and unprecedented time, and I'm proud of these 77 men and women for overcoming challenges, remaining dedicated to their mission and persevering through everything that was thrown at them," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "The training that our recruits undergo

prepares them for their careers as Texas Highway Patrol Troopers, and I am pleased to welcome each of them to the DPS ranks."

This recruit class had to tackle some very unique challenges during the 27-week Training Academy due to the COVID-19 pandemic. To do so, the recruits underwent twice-daily health screenings, were divided into multiple classrooms and even socially distanced during meals in the cafeteria. The recruits will report to their individual duty stations on August 3rd.

Gas prices in neutral

By GasBuddy

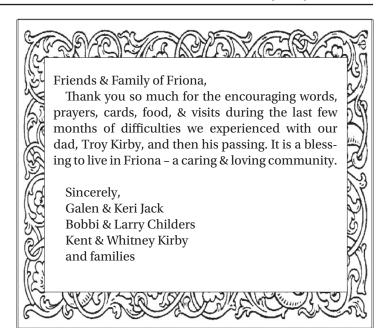
Texas gas prices are unchanged in the past week, averaging \$1.90 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations. Gas prices in Texas are 6.5 cents per gallon higher than a month ago but stands 60.7 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$1.39 while the most expensive is \$2.69 per gallon. The national average price of gasoline has fallen 2.0 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.18 per gallon. The national average is up 5.4 cents per gallon from a month ago and but stands 58.4 cents per gallon lower than a year

"Similar to watching the Cubs game last night with a quiet and empty stadium, gasoline prices have been quiet last week as markets await the next chapter in the coronavirus situation," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "As cases continue to rise, the likelihood rises that gas prices will stabilize and demand may continue to see small decreases, which is the name of the game behind gas prices. I wouldn't expect much movement until we either see more states being impacted again

or we see cases start to drop, either one would provide clarity to where we stand now. For now, motorists are still 'stuck' with the lowest summer gas prices in 16 years."

GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data spanning nearly two decades. GasBuddy's survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country. GasBuddy data is accessible at http:// FuelInsights.GasBuddy.com.



Happy Birthday Friona Folks!

July 23

Peggy Monroe John Ingram Hadley White Dave Thompson Tom Hefner Ella Rector Troy Talley Jason Randall Karen Rose Bonnie Pope Susie Perez

July 24

Phila May Weatherly Lilah Gay Vars Abraham Castanon Briana Padilla Sara Van Valkenburg Ale Gonzales Chelsi Bass Amy Yosten Darlene Case Antonia Ramirez Ale Rainey

July 25 Ruben Castaneda



July 26

Jo Drummond T.J. Randolph Faith Carr Carolina Camarillo **Grady Beauchamp** Sherri Taylor Miguel Soto

July 27 Kelley Cash Holli (Hudson) Blanton Noel Grajeda Mariah Smith Carol Hernandez

July 28

Dianne Tatum Sarah Coronado Katy Nelson Kyle Steen Geneva Vargas Rev. Heather Reed Salma Ramirez

July 29 Lindy Wiseman Rex Cumpton Kyndali Duran Ashley Nicole Reeve Brooklynn Brown

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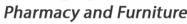
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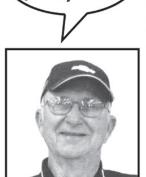
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Return to God

By Teena Hughs

This is what I believe: God has had ENOUGH; He is "at the end of His rope"; He is tired of the mess humans have created!!!

You might ask, "What mess???" How about making gods and idols out of ourselves, others (athletes, wealthy people, politicians, etc.), and things (alcohol, drugs, money, biggest home, car, etc.)? How about people killing people with murder and abortion? How about not making God the center of our lives and our number one priority? How about not obeying God's Word, but just doing what we "feel" is right? The "How about"s are endless. And, what are we supposed to do about them?

Jeremiah 4:1,2 helps provide an answer: "'O Israel, come back to Me," says the LORD. If you will throw away your detestable idols and go astray no more, and if you will swear by My name alone, and begin to live good, honest lives and uphold justice then you will be a blessing to the nations of the world, and all people will come and praise My name."

God's list isn't too long; it

depends on how you are living your life as to how difficult and time-consuming it will be to get in line with God's Word.

Our nation, and many of us personally, need to return to God. We need to examine our lives and ask God to show us what idols we need to get rid of; we may not even realize that God considers some of the things in our lives to be an

We need to make God our number one priority and live like He is number one in our lives; and, we need to swear by His name and His name only. His name and Word are the most important guides for helping us live the good and honest lives He desires we live

We need to have the desire to not want to go astray, and live our lives so that we don't go astray. When we are tempted to go astray, we need to ask God for help so we won't give into that temptation. But, if you err, don't give in to your old ways; pick yourself up and start over with God! Jesus died so we can have do-overs and new beginnings, and every day is a new beginning!

Today, we are seeing A LOT of crazy things happen. A couple in St. Louis may be charged for defending their property; not for firing their guns, but just using them to scare people who broke into their property and trespassed. We see innocent babies getting killed on the streets of some of our major cities. We see criminals being let go because they live in a no-bail city. Friends, we aren't seeing any justice in cases like these. The good, law-abiding citizens are being harmed and living in fear while the "bad guys" go free. It is easy to say that criminals will one day get their justice with God, but God wants justice to be upheld right now. He is depending on us to stand up and demand that justice be carried out. When justice is carried out, it is a deterrent for crime, because people know what can happen if they go astray!

God has told us what to do. Are we going to do it, or are we going to be led into exile like the Israelites were for not obeying God? It is our choice. Hopefully we will choose God and His Word!

Obedience is Better than Sacrifice

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

In the heart of man a host of desires can short circuit God-pleasing obedience, and 1 Samuel 15:22 is clear that obedience to God's word is better than sacrifice. 1 Samuel 15 begins with God's clear command for King Saul to devote everything and everyone to destruction after he would defeat the Amalekites, an ancient enemy of Israel. Saul returns from the battle in great victory, enjoying the spoils of war and in his mind he is pleasing God 100%, but Samuel, the prophet of God comes and corrects Saul's misguided, self-justifying inclinations.

In Saul's mind, it was okay to keep the best of the livestock, although God had told them to destroy

everything. Saul's reasoning was that people would go and sacrifice to God with these critters, even though God had already made clear that they were all to be destroyed. Saul's reasoning is strongly rebuked by the prophet Samuel in verse 22-23, "And Samuel said, 'Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offering and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and presumption is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, he has also rejected you from being king."

Obedience is better than

sacrifice. In other words, don't do your own thing and try to get God's endorsement, and even make your disobedience have a religious flare. As you read 1 Samuel 15, Saul's main problem is a disregard for all of God's Word. In the same way today, individuals, churches, denominations and nations will be tempted to care less and less for obeying the Word of God, and cultivate a religious sentimentality that may be culturally digestible, yet is deprived of full obedience to the word of God. May you, your church, and your church's denomination be more committed to obeying the word of God lovingly, completely and diligently.

Panhandle Parables

Shin Getters

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

Receiver hitches are an amazing invention. It allows you to change your hitch set up with very little effort. You can buy all sorts of stingers (the part that has the trailer ball on it.) They can be very useful if you are pulling various types of trailers. They can also remind you where your shin is when you forget they are there. Apparently, I do not have any fat on my shins. It is amazing as to how quickly I remember it is there only wishing I had remembered 5 seconds prior to contact with the fatless shin. Once a shin getter gets you, there is a cycle of emotions. It begins with pain, that causes your eyes to water and your mouth to shout something encouraging, hopefully your mouth

shouts something encouraging right? Then your emotions move through well, motion as you hop around on one leg. Then anger follows as you now know why the inventor named them stingers. Finally, calm sets in and you get back to doing what you are doing when the shin getter gets the other SHIN! It is at this point you attempt to rip the whole apparatus out from under your pickup to no avail.

Life has shin getters too and they do sting. They do not rise to the level of tragedy or heart break; they are not devastating like major problems. They are the everyday sort of thing that get your attention. Learning to take control of these little inconvenient moments is part of our growth as His children. This is easy to say sitting at a computer, not so easy to practice while holding a fatless shin in pain. These moments although a bit painful can also be called education. If I learn from those moments, then I am better for it. It doesn't mean something else won't get me later, but it is often through experience we gain knowledge and knowledge used well is wisdom and that shows maturity. Paul talks about what it looks like when we are Spirit filled. Go read Galatians 5:22-23. Notice self-control is listed.

So if you see me wearing soccer shin guards don't worry I am not playing soccer, just hooking up a trailer or getting something out of my pickup.

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Notice is hereby given that PARMER COUNTY SSA intends to destroy records of students who received special education services ending during the 2012-2013 school year. These records include only those located in the Parmer County SSA office located at 618 Main St., Friona, Texas. Records herein described include students receiving special education services in the following school districts: Bovina ISD, Farwell ISD, Friona ISD and Lazbuddie ISD. Legal parent/ guardian or adult student with disabilities may request copies of these records by contacting Carrie Arias, Director of Special Education, at the PARMER COUNTY SSA office at 618 Main Street, Friona, Texas 79035, phone number (806) 250-3315 by July 27, 2020. PLEASE RE-MEMBER THAT THESE RECORDS MAY BE NEEDED FOR SOCIAL SECURITY PURPOSES.

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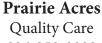


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State Capital Highlights

By Ed Sterling



Department of Defense sends teams to assist hospitals in COVID crisis

AUSTIN — COVID-19 turned aggressive to the point last week that the Department of Defense activated U.S. Army and U.S. Navy medical task force teams and assigned them to Texas at Gov. Greg Abbott's request.

Teams were deployed to support Houston and San Antonio hospitals and medical facilities in hard-hit Rio Grande Valley. The Texas Division of Emergency Management was on the job, too, working with local officials to line up additional hospital capacity in Cameron and Hidalgo counties and to identify other sites to house patients who are recovering from COVID-19.

Some \$41 million in federal funds are being put toward assisting cities and counties in the COVID-19 response, Abbott said. Those funds will be used by local government for first responder overtime and hazard pay, equipment and supplies for teleworking technologies, social distancing and personal protective gear, county jail costs associated with medical needs of inmates and as reimbursement for holding inmates awaiting transfer to the state prison system.

Cumulative figures posted July 19 by the Texas Department of State Health Services showed some 325,030 people in Texas diagnosed with the deadly virus, and 3,958 confirmed deaths resulting from the disease.

TEA: Schools to open

Texas schools will open next month, but school systems will be allowed to limit access to on-campus instruction for the first four weeks of school, the Texas Education Agency announced July 17.

A school system may limit access to on-campus instruction for an additional four weeks with a board-approved waiver request to the TEA. Health and safety procedures will be in place to support student and teacher safety, Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath said.

All students, teachers, staff and visitors coming to campus must be screened before being allowed on campus. Masks will be required while in school buildings, with certain exceptions

More information is available at tea.texas. gov.

On July 17, Gov. Abbott, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, House Speaker Dennis Bonnen, Senate Finance Committee Chair Jane Nelson, Vice Chair Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, and House Appropriations Committee Chair Giovanni Capriglione and Vice Chair Oscar Longoria announced the state would allocate \$200 million in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding to the Texas Ed-

ucation Agency for the purchase of eLearning devices and home internet solutions to enable remote learning during the COVID-19 pandemic for Texas students who lack connectivity.

Runoff results are in

Mary "MJ" Hegar of Round Rock won the Democratic Party runoff for U.S. Senate with 498,180 votes to 457,555 for state Sen. Royce West of Dallas, so Hegar will face incumbent Republican Sen. John Cornyn of San Antonio in the Nov. 3 general election.

In the only runoff for a state agency office, Texas Railroad Commission, Democrats chose Dallas lawyer Chrysta Castañeda over Robert Alonzo of Dallas, a former longtime member of the Texas House of Representatives. Castañeda received 575,460 votes to 353,399 for Alonzo. Complete election results are posted at sos.texas.gov.

It's hot, so be careful

With summer air temperatures reaching 100 degrees and higher, the Texas Department of Public Safety on July 14 reminded the public to take extra heat-related safety precautions.

Children, the sick, elders and pets should not be left alone in vehicles. Drivers should always check all passenger and cargo areas before walking away from their vehicle, the DPS said.

Jobless rate improves

Texas added 243,900 private sector positions in June, resulting in an unemployment rate of 8.6%, the Texas Workforce Commission reported July 17. The state's unemployment rate in May was 13.0%.

The Amarillo Metropolitan Statistical Area recorded the lowest non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in June among Texas MSAs with 6%, followed by Abilene at 6.4% and College Station-Bryan at 6.5%.

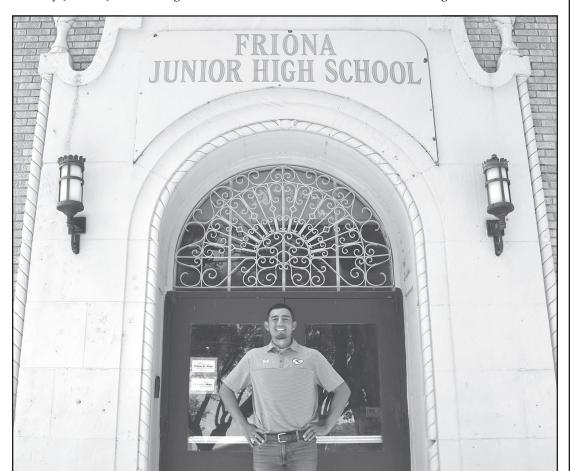
The national unemployment rate stood at 11.1% in June.

Agency releases data

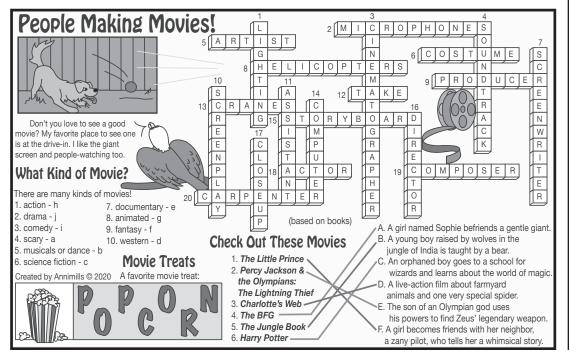
More information about oil and gas field cleanup programs are publicly available now, the Texas Railroad Commission announced July 15

Data posted at rrc.texas.gov/data-visualization/ includes bar graphs, an interactive Texas map, a list of counties and other search options.

"These latest additions will help the public and energy industry operators easily see key aspects of the important work we do in protecting the safety of Texans and the environment," said Texas Railroad Commission Executive Director Wei Wang.



The Friona Independent School District announced that Daniel Rosales has been hired as Principal for Friona Junior High School. Daniel is a 2000 Friona High School graduate and has 15 years of experience in the teaching profession. He will be starting his 6th year with the Friona ISD. Construction at the Junior High building should be completed by the first day of school on August 19th. Information concerning the upcoming year will be posted on social media including the FISD website and the Friona Junior High facebook page.



Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



Sportsfest XII was scheduled for July 16-18 in Charlottesville, Virginia. Like many family gatherings, ours has been postponed until next summer. It's not so much that my cousins and I will miss seeing each other as we do a fairly good job of staying in touch throughout the year via Facebook, texts, mail, etc. We are mighty ticked off, however, that our chance to go head to head in competitive events is off the books for 2020. We've been training. We've been training our children. Our grandchildren.

The Sportsfest Executive Committee consists of my grandparents' five grand-daughters. We have fended off coup after coup by the brothers/cousins who at times are threatened by our self-assured demeanors and bossy ways. Under our oversight, however, Sportsfest has grown from a mere idea discussed at a gas station in Arlington, Texas, after a Rangers baseball game to the family crown jewel that it is today.

Since 1997 when the first Sporstfest was held in Austin, Texas, the descendants of George and Bessie McCleskey have met every other summer to compete in bowling and Putt-Putt. Those two events are the staples, but other competitive activities have been added: diving competitions in Barton Creek Pool, family history crossword puzzles, synchronized swimming, a theatrical production based on family history, cookie decorating, Newlywed Game, karaoke, and home run derbies among

So intense has been Sportsfest that one of our awards is the Horse's Ass Award (which actually is a trophy of a horse's rear end). The Executive Committee selects the family member who has complained the



most about anything (the heat, the scoring system, the Executive Committee). One year we had a tie (shout out to my brother-in-law Tim and cousin's husband Jeff who cleverly conspired to win the award). They were given a one-year suspension.

We have experienced many highlights from our Sportsfest. In August 2013 on the date that would have been the 100th wedding anniversary of our grandparents George and Bessie, we celebrated for them. This Sportsfest IX moment included a beautiful wedding cake, reading of postcards they had written to each other, and the traditional review of family history with the younger generation with photos and stories.

The second was the unforgettable performance of the McCleskey women/girls in the choreography contest at Sportsfest X held at Buffalo Lake (Lubbock). We crushed the guys with our dance to "Shake It Off" as they guys floundered with a last-minute attempt with "Stanky Legg."

Word has reached the Ex-

ecutive Committee that many family members have put on some weight and extra bulk of late. Because of this, we have discussed testing for performance enhancement vitamins in 2021. The youngest McCleskey descendants--Little Sam, Ellie, June, Arlo, Elliot, Leeland, and Baby Gore--will not be exempt from having their baby food tested for juicing. We may be their grandmothers, but the Executive Committee is serious. We will not hesitate to disqualify baby toddlers from bumper bowling competition should their diaper test posi-

Turning 94 next month, Uncle Clifton (who lives in Charlottesville) is the sole surviving child of George and Bessie—Frances, Eula, Roberta, Preston, and Lillie have passed. These biennial reunions have provided wonderful moments to celebrate the legacy of the two people who met over 100 years ago and moved to Fisher County after marriage to farm and raise a family.

Here's to 2021, family, and lots and lots of hugs and kisses.



Lions Club News



Josh McDonald (left), owner of Sea Scrolls LLC, was the guest speaker at the Friona Noon Lions Club meeting last Monday. Josh gave an update on the progress of the new housing project between Ashland and Woodland streets. The Lions club meeting was hosted by Erin Grimsley (center), owner of The Farmwife Kitchen. City Manager Lee Davila (right) was also a guest at the meeting and told the group that the city was starting the budget process for the new fiscal year. The Friona Noon Lions meet at The Farmwife Kitchen on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at Noon.

Census News



2020 Census Self-Response Rate Information - July 20, 2020National Response Rate62.3%Texas Self-Response Rate57.2%Parmer County Self-Response Rate42.7%Friona Self-Response Rate53.1%Bovina Self-Response Rate35.9%Farwell Self-Response Rate25.2%





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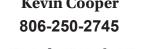
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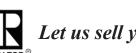
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Guadalupe Ibarra Moreno

Guadalupe Ibarra Moreno, 78 of Bovina passed away Wednesday, July 15, 2020 in Bovina. Viewing was from 9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. with Rosary Services at 6:00 P.M. Friday, July 17, 2020 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY with Mass of Christian Burial Services at 10:00 A.M. Saturday, July 18, 2020 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina with Father Gregory Bunyan as Celebrant. Burial following in the Bovina Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Guadalupe was born in Piedras Negras, Mexico to Francisco Ibarra Rodriguez and Margarita Moreno Banda. He later married Maria Ibarra April of 1980.

Guadalupe worked for Cargill for 31 years and was a very hard worker. He loved taking care of his family and helping others, fishing and collecting tools.

He is preceded in death by his parents, 1 son-Carlos Moreno, 2 brothers-Antonio Ibarra Moreno and Jose Ibar-



ra Moreno, and 1 sister-Alicia Reyna.

Those to carry on his legacy include his wife of Bovina, 1 daughter-Sandra Moreno of Bovina, 1 brother-Humberto Ibarra Moreno of McAllen, Texas, 3 grandchildren-Yulissa Vasquez, Arriana Vasquez and Kayden Martinez.

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



Jerry Rankin

September 28, 1942 - May 29, 2020

Born in farm country, Jerry Rankin loved the earth and his family dearly. He held a doctorate in political science and left his professorial position to farm grass and raise cattle in central Texas (Hays County) and in the Panhandle (Wheeler County). His grade school through high school years were spent in Friona (Parmer County). Jerry always carried with him the love of learning and equity, which he shared with friends and family through rich conversation. His strong moral compass guided his family and lent itself to his progressive ideals and activism.

A contemplative thinker (and thoughtful pauser), Jerry had a great memory for stories, dates, and indelicate jokes. He did not shy away from hard work and was a grounded man, at home outdoors. Detail-oriented, he was happiest when he had a project at hand to create or improve, even if that project was the world.

Jerry passed in peace at



age 77 and is survived by his three daughters (Julie, Leigh & Iris), his grandchildren (Paige, Seth, Aidan & Elsie), and his life partner of 42 years, Brigitt Widmer. He was predeceased by his parents, Maxine Leigh and Olaf Rankin.

If you would like to honor Jerry's memory, stand up for what you believe is fair and true. Treat people kindly. Tell others you love them dearly and, if it moves you to tears, know that he would have teared up, too. Talk, laugh, and stay up later than you might have. Jerry will be there. In fact, he may be the last one to leave.

Gary Brooks

Gary Brooks, 78, of Dalhart Texas passed away July 10,

A Celebration of Life service was held at the graveside in Memorial Park Cemetery at 11:00 AM on Tuesday July 14th, 2020. Officiating was Rusty Hancock of Lincoln Street Baptist Church of Dalhart TX. Horizon Funeral Home is honored to help with Gary's Celebration.

Gary Dean Brooks was born September 24, 1941 to Alvin and Arletta (Williams) Brooks at the family home in Liberal Kansas. While in elementary school the family moved to Friona Texas, where in 8th grade Gary met his future wife of 59 years, Phyllis Bainum. They were married September 4, 1960. The newlywed couple moved to Hereford Texas where Gary owned a dairy and did custom harvesting. While making their home in Hereford, Gary and Phyllis started their family with daughters Angie and Amy.

In 1967 the family moved to Liberal Kansas where Gary had a drilling rig. In 1968 they added on to their family, with another daughter, Andrea. Later that same year the family moved to Dalhart Texas to be closer to family while he did custom harvesting and recy-

Gary enjoyed going and participating in surrounding area Farm Sales. While others his age were retiring, Gary



decided to pursue his lifelong dream and purchased land to farm. Gary was a member of Lakeview Methodist Church of Dalhart Texas.

Gary is preceded in death by his father and mother, Alvin and Arletta Brooks, brother Warren Brooks and daughter Amy Brooks.

Gary is survived by his wife Phyllis, daughters Angie Hodson and son-in-law Doug of Dalhart, TX and Andrea Brooks of Amarillo, TX, Grandson and Granddaughter-in-law Ryan and Andra Brooks and family (Chantry, Falon, Madison and Aisley) of Pampa, TX, Granddaughter and Grandson-inlaw Ashlyn and Raul Puga and family (Bransen, Zailynn, Laigann and Bristen) of Piedmont, OK. A Sister Iva Perkins, a brother-in-law Danny Bainum and wife Patsy.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Coon Memorial Home Health and Hospice - 1422 Denver Ave., Dalhart, TX 79022

Thomas Rhodes

Thomas Rhodes was a child of the depression, born on February 1, 1931, to T.E. Rhodes and wife Nannie. Thomas passed on to glory on July 19, 2020.

"That's a tough way to serve the Lord" was one of Thomas's favorite quotes. Thomas would make the comment while watching a hay-grinder standing in a cloud of dust, a concrete-finisher, or a roofer during a hot afternoon. Thomas understood "a tough way to serve the Lord" as he lived those words following the tragic death of the loveof-his-life Virginia in August 2013.

Thomas is survived by daughter Rhonda Rhodes and husband Terry Howard and their daughter Ragan, all of Denver. He is also survived by son Thomas Alan Rhodes and wife Robyn of Amarillo and their children Katherine Parks, husband Billy, and daughters Abigail and Alden, all of North Richland Hills, Thomas Kregg Rhodes, wife Julie and son Thomas, all of Dallas and Jena Rhodes of Dallas.

Thomas is also survived by eight of fourteen of the Godgiven blessings known as Ellison-family first cousins. The survivors are Jim Ellison, Johnny Glover, Lois Damron, Lillie Christian, Willie Denney, Janeen Grissom, Harold Tidenburg, and Rosa Lea Tabor. The Ellison cousins enjoyed almost sibling relationships and the cousins' children enjoy close relationships today.

In addition, Thomas is survived by the descendants of his sister, Dorothy Sims Wilson: Susan Moudy and husband Mark, Mike Sims and wife Dalene, Pat Sims and wife Suzanne, Doug Sims and wife Donna, and Scott Sims and wife Tina. Finally, Thomas was blessed to be survived by Virginia's brothers and sisters: Jeanie Bailey of Lubbock, Karen McCall and husband Mike of Hempstead, Texas, Jerry Bailey and wife Nita of Clovis, New Mexico and Leta Harvell and husband Chuck of Aiken, South Carolina.

Adding to Thomas's comment: "tough way to serve the Lord" was Thomas recurring reminder that: "one inspection is worth 500 reports." Thomas was a Parmer County farmer's farmer. Thomas was known for beautiful crops, clean seed-wheat delivered to Sherley Anderson elevator, mowed bar-ditches, and a squeaky-clean barn. Thomas respected and practiced "attention to detail". Alan and his farming partner relied on



Thomas's careful inspections and reputation as they developed a Parmer County farm and assisted dairy farmers choosing to locate in Parmer, Castro and Deaf Smith Counties, southwest Kansas and eastern New Mexico.

Thomas encouraged Rhonda and Alan to make good choices by using the words: "discretion is the better part of valor." Thomas coached Rhonda and Alan and enjoyed an uncanny knack of urging his children to put themselves in the best possible strategic position and multiply opportunities that were developed.

Thomas was an Elder of the Bovina Church of Christ, a member of Colonies Church of Christ and Central Church of Christ, and a past member of the Boards of Trustees of the Bovina School District and the Parmer County Appraisal District. Thomas followed his uncle Buck Ellison as one of the volunteer care takers of the Bovina Cemetery.

Thomas and Virginia enjoyed supporting the New Mexico Christian Children's Home, the High Plains Christian Children's Home, the Rhodes Institute for Undergraduate Students at Lubbock Christian University, the Rhodes Scholarship fund for educators at Lubbock Christian University and the Endowment Fund for WTAMU's Amarillo Center. In lieu of other acknowledgements, the family requests that you consider a gift to the High Plains Children's Home, Lubbock Christian University, or the WTAMU Foundation for the benefit of WT's Amarillo Cen-

The Rhodes family thanks the staffs of Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital, the Continental, the Arbors and the Ware for caring for Thomas through the Covid-19 quarantine.

A graveside service will be held at the Bovina Cemetery on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

From Thomas's family, Blessings, All the Best, and Thanks for all you've done for our family.

Catalina Garcia

Catalina Garcia, 59 of Bovina passed away July 19, 2020 in Friona. Viewing will be held from 9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Friday, July 31, 2020 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAM-ILY with Celebration of Life Graveside Services set for 10:00 A.M., Saturday August 1, 2020 in the Bovina Cemetery with Stan Miller, officiating. Burial following by HAN-SARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Catalina was born February 28, 1961 in Artesia, New Mexico. She later married Fidel Garcia on November 8,

Catalina worked for Cargill for 10 years and the passed 31 years bringing smilies to children as a teacher's assistant for the Bovina I.S.D.

Catalina loved all children, especially her grandchildren, loved crafting and collecting ceramic frogs.

Those to carry on her legacy include her husband of Bovina, 2 sons, David Garcia and wife Jacklyn of Amarillo. and Bryan Garcia of Bovina, 2 daughters-Brandi Munoz of Hobbs, N.M., and Vanessa



Garcia and husband Leo of Plainview, brothers- Paul Munoz of Roswell, Nate Munoz of Artesia, N.M., Vincente Munoz and wife Micky of Bovina, Henry Perez, Michael Perez also of Artersia, N.M., sisters-Mary Vasquez of Artesia, Virginia Robinson of Simpsonville, S.C., Beatrice Barenca and husband Jorge of Artesia, Corina Galvan of Bovina, Yolanda Alvaredo and husband Gilbert Sr. of Springtown, Texas and Sylvia Vasquez of Artesia, N.M., and 8 grandchildren.



Helen Gerner

Services for Helen Gerner, 73, of Post were held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Keith Garner officiating. Burial in Terrace Cemetery was under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home. Visitation was from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. on Monday, July 20th at the funeral home.

Helen died on July 18, 2020 at her home near Post. She was born on August 27, 1946 in Hereford to A. T. (Buddy) and Kathleen (Stevick) Stowers. She was a graduate of Friona High School. She married Gerald Gerner on April 5, 1969 in Friona. Helen worked

as a designer of window treatments and later as an office manager in the financial industry.

Survivors include her husband Gerald Gerner of Post, one son: Karl and wife Missy Gerner of Slaton, two daughters: Tamra and husband Brandon Evans of Burleson and Kathy and husband Marcus Wall of Lubbock, two brothers: Jackie and wife Peggy Stowers of Friona and Ken and wife Janice Stowers of Owasso, Oklahoma, one sister: Sharon and husband Jeff McCormick of Pampa, 5 Grandchildren and 1 Great Grandchild.

Fabian Flores

Fabian Flores, 64 of Friona passed away July 17, 2020 in Mexico. Celebration of Life Memorial Services will be held 1:00 P.M. Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at Templo Damasco Church in Friona with Rev. Ruben Rivera, officiating. The family is asking that all who attend wear masks for Covid-19 protection. Inurnment will follow in the Friona Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Fabian was born January 20, 1956 in Mexico to Demetrio and Eucebia Carrillo Flores. He later married Rosa Torres April 29, 1983 in Farwell.

Fabian worked at Caviness, Hi Pro and Cargill for many years. He loved the Lord and his church and was an extremely loving and uplifting family man. He loved spending time with his family on vacations, or at home with campfires and grilling.

Those to carry on his legacy include his wife of Friona, 3 sons-Fabian Flores and wife Kayla of Lubbock, Bryan



Flores and Adrian Flores and wife Maritssa, all of Friona, 5 brothers-Pedro Flores, Armando Flores, Julian Flores and wife Socorro, and Demetrio Flores and wife Josefina, all of Mexico, and Tito Flores and wife Socorro of Dumas, 1 sister-Nina Treviño and husband Javier of Canyon, grandchildren-Ishmael, Isaiah, Aryanna, Elijah, and Mia Rose Flores and Nathan



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Xcel Energy provides options for high summer bills

Continued from Page 1 Customers wishing to visitwithXcelEnergyabout payment arrangements can call 1-800-895-4999 Monday through Friday or visit the customer support page at xcelenergy.com to learn about options and programs to help manage

For customers facing loss of income or other hardships that prevent them from making payments, Xcel Energy's personal account representatives can assist in connecting them with agencies in their area that offer help with utility bills. Most communities have long-established funds through local charities that can often help with utility payments, food and rental assistance. Newer funds have been set up across the area to help families affected by COVID-19 and the economic hardships it has brought.

Personal account repre-

of appropriate community funds in each town served by Xcel Energy, and will help qualified customers apply this funding to outstanding balances. Additionally, agents have been reaching out to customers who have qualified for energy assistance in the past to ensure they are aware of the resources available to them. Agents can also point customers to energy-saving tips that will help reduce future bills, as well as inform them about incentives for making their homes and businesses more energy ef-

"We understand that a lot of people in our communities are struggling, especially with so much upheaval brought about by the pandemic," Baldridge said. "It's in everyone's best interest that we offer flexible options for staying current on bills and preventing further hardship down the line."

Small Town Cookin'

Summer Squash Casserole

By Luella Drake From the Duck Drake Family Cookbook

2 squash, sliced

½ c. diced onion

1 can cream of chicken soup

1 c sour cream

1 c grated carrots 1 cube butter

1 - 8 oz. pkg Pepperidge Farm dressing mix

Cook squash and onion in boiling salt water for 5 minutes. Drain. Mix cream of chicken soup with sour cream. Add carrots. Fold squash into soup, sour cream, and carrot mixture. Melt butter and mix with dressing mix. Cover pan with dressing and add squash with the rest of the dressing on top. Bake in 350°F oven for 30 minutes.

Founders Board champions Benevolent Care

By Jim Steiert

This year's King's Manor annual barbecue and auction fundraiser has been cancelled due to Covid-19. However, members of the Founders Board for Benevolent Care are hard at work seeking to replace the funds generated by this annual fundraiser with a raffle for a pair of prize spurs.

Founders Board members include Bill Bridge, David Fanning, Sharon Hodges, Brenda Paschel, Kris Dollar, Shirley Carlson, Shelly Moss, and Jim Steiert. The mission of the board members is ensuring that no one is turned away from King's Manor retirement home due to inability to pay.

Accordingly, the Founders Board is conducting a drawing for a uniquely decorated pair of custom handmade spurs as an alternate fund raising effort. The spurs, numbered 1,000, are hand crafted and donated by local spur maker Wayne Dollar. The heel bands and shanks are completely overlaid with sterling silver. Mountings atop the silver are 14 karat gold. Eight 4mm AA grade rubies are set in gold rosettes. The bands are 1-1/4 inches wide and the shanks are 2-3/4 inches long. The rowels are 2-1/2 inches and have 15 spokes. Hand engraving covers the precious metals as well as the rowels, swings and shank tops. Antique browning is the finish on the exposed steel. Estimated retail value of this



SPURRED TO ACTION....Members of the Founders Board at King's Manor are looking to replace part of the Benevolent Care income that was lost because of cancellation of the annual Founders Day event due to Coronavirus. So, they are conducting a drawing for a gorgeous pair of custom spurs. Board members in front holding the spurs are Brenda Paschel and Shirley Carlson. Back row (1-r) are board members Bill Bridge, Shelly Moss, Kris Dollar, Stoney Gleisner, executive director of King's Manor, and David Fanning. Not pictured is board member Sharon Hodges. (Photo by Jim Steiert)

"boot jewelry" is \$4,000.

Drawing tickets are \$100 each. The drawing will be held Tuesday, August 18th. A purchased ticket has a one in 200 chance of winning as only 200 tickets are being sold.

View the spurs or purchase tickets on Facebook and make PayPal payments to benevolentcare@kmmrs.com or see website link kmmrs.com. Tickets may also be purchased by con-

tacting a Founders Board member or by calling the King's Manor office at 364-0661.

The original founders of the organization felt strongly about the benevolence mission, and that sentiment persists to this day. The Founders Organization was put in place in 1967 to propagate the goal of assisting those in need and to safeguard the mission in perpetuity.

A man with a dream and

a community with a conscience were brought together providentially in 1960 to attend to the area's retirement care needs. Reverend Don Davidson, who dreamed of a mission for the elderly, and the Business and Professional Women's Club, identified a need in Hereford and came together, resulting in King's Manor Home for the Aged. The Home opened in 1962 with the support of the Northwest

Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church. The organization began as a small nursing home with retirement apartments and homes, but has responded to the changing needs of seniors by adding services to the facility. The organization began doing business as King's Manor Methodist Home and in 1997 was incorporated as a 501 (c)(3) under the name King's Manor Methodist Retirement System, Inc.

King's Manor's mission is "Caring for the generations through the healing hands of Christ." King's Manor strives to provide care to the elderly embracing the whole person, through the hands-on loving care of employees, and enhanced by pets, activities with children, the engagement of community, music, and spiritual care.

King's Manor is a notfor-profit organization concerned with the well-being of the entire community it serves including residents, families, and employees. It is open to individuals of all religions and backgrounds and through the support of the United Methodist Church, an involved community, and loving families, endeavors to create an extraordinary place to live and work.

Those serving on the King's Manor Founders Board and administering its Benevolent Fund subscribe to the code that they will continue an ongoing purpose of seeing

to the benevolent care needs of those who have exhausted their means so that they may continue to reside at King's Manor.

Traditional sources of income for the King's Manor Founders Founders Board include the annual Founders Day Barbecue and Auction fundraiser, monies donated directly to King's Manor for the cause of Benevolence, and distributions from Restricted Accounts. Monies raised by the Founders Board or donated to the cause of Benevolence at King's Manor are known as the Benevolent Care Fund. Monies awarded to qualifying applicants are known as Benevolent Grants.

Those serving on the Founders Board manage the application process for the grants. They receive and review the applications, as well as determining the amount of and awarding Benevolent Grants to the residents. Recipients of grants must have been a resident in either Assisted Living or Independent Living for a minimum of one year. The individual must have exhausted all funds from all other available resources.

Founders Board members are charged with sharing information with the community and surrounding area. They raise awareness of the Benevolent Care mission as well as the services available at King's Manor Methodist Retirement System, Inc.

WTAMU announces honor lists

West Texas A&M University has announced its honor lists for the 2020 spring semester. Eight Friona students made the Dean's List. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must complete a minimum of 15 credit hours with a GPA of 3.50 to 3.99. Five Friona



students made the President's List. A student must complete a minimum of 15 credit hours with a GPA of 4.00 to be eligible.

Dean's List

Brayan Ayala — Senior/Mechanical Engineering
Mekkala Bourapa — Senior/Computer Info System
Stephanie Corralez — Junior/Interdisciplinary Studies
Almadelfina De Leon — Senior/Interdisciplinary Studies
Alexa Garcia — Senior/English
Marissa Lozova — Senior/Political Science

Marissa Lozoya — Senior/Political Science Angelica Valencia — Sophomore/Animal Science Hadley White — Junior/Ag Media & Communication

President's List

Eduardo Guaderrama — Sophomore/Music
Derreck Hernandez — Junior/General Studies
Brooklynne Johnston — Senior/Music
Rosa Maria Macias — Junior/ Health Sciences
Jasmine Rodriguez — Senior/Nursing

FSA News: Lone Star State Edition

by Gary L. Six State Executive Director Farm Service Agency – Texas

With a few important deadlines behind us, there's still several upcoming deadlines that require your attention. As our offices continue to take phone and virtual appointments, we encourage you to prepare and complete as much business as you can during your appointment. A handful of FSA offices are open for scheduled, in-person appointments. Regardless of your office's operating status, please call first to make an appointment.

Time is running out to file nominations for County Committee Elections. If your local administrative area is up for election this year, you have until Aug. 1, 2020, to submit a nomination form. County committees are an important part of the FSA structure; they make important decisions on how federal programs are administered locally.

Signup for the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) closes Aug. 28, 2020. Producers can visit farmers.gov/cfap to use the CFAP payment calculator to populate the application form or to download the application form to complete manually. A CFAP Call Center is available for producers who would like additional one-on-one support with the application process. Please call 877-508-8364 to speak directly with a USDA employee ready to offer assistance.

As a reminder, due to the pandemic, producers who

have not filed a timely acreage report can file within 30 days of the acreage reporting date without paying the late file fee.

Eligible producers can also enroll in the Wildfire and Hurricanes Indemnity Program Plus (WHIP+), which helps producers recover from losses related to 2018 and 2019 natural disasters. Producers can apply for eligible losses of drought (D3 or above) and excess moisture. Assistance is also available to sugar beet producers.

FSA offices are open for business by phone appointment only. You can find contact information for your local FSA office at farmers.gov/service-center-locator.

As a reminder, our

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

Career and Technical Education

Public Notification of Nondiscrimination

Friona ISD offers career and technical education programs in Family and Consumer Sciences, Business, Marketing, Finance, Digital and Interactive Media, Agricultural Science, Small Engine Repair, and Multi-Occupational Cooperative Training Programs. Admission to these programs is based on student course requests, grade classification, job ability, and class size. Work programs require filling out an application.

It is the policy of Friona ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its vocational programs, services or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

It is the policy of Friona ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, or age in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

Friona ISD will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator / District 504 Coordinator, Mr. Jimmy Burns at jburns@frionaisd.com, 909 E. 11th Street Friona, TX 79035. 806-250-2747

Career and Technical Education

Public Notification of Nondiscrimination

Friona ISD ofrece programas de educación técnica y vocacional en Ciencias de la Familia y del Consumidor, Negocios, Mercadeo, Finanzas, Medios Digitales e Interactivos, Ciencias Agrícolas, Reparacion de Pequeños Motores y Programas de Capacitación Cooperativa Multi-Ocupacional. La admisión a estos programas se basa en solicitudes de cursos de estudiantes, clasificación de grado, capacidad de trabajo y tamaño de clase. Los programas de trabajo requieren completar una colicitud.

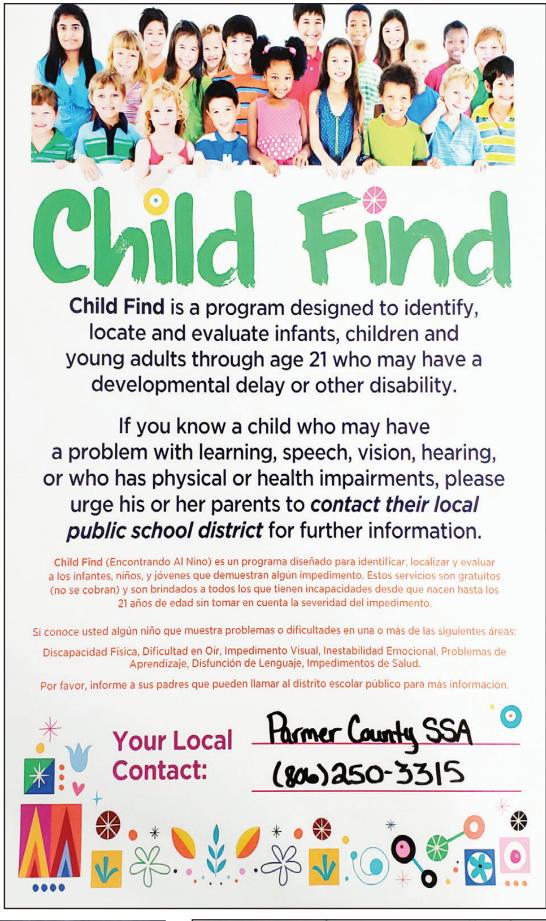
Es norma de Friona ISD no discriminar en sus programas, servicios o actividades vocacionales por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo o impedimento, tal como lo requieren el Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964, según enmienda; Título IX de las Enmiendas en la Educación de 1972, y la Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973, según enmienda.

Es norma de Friona ISD no discriminar en sus procedimientos de empleo por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, impedimento o edad, tal como lo requieren el Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964, según enmienda; Título IX de las Enmiendas en la Educación, de 1972, la ley de Discriminación por Edad, de 1975, según enmienda; y la Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973, según enmienda.

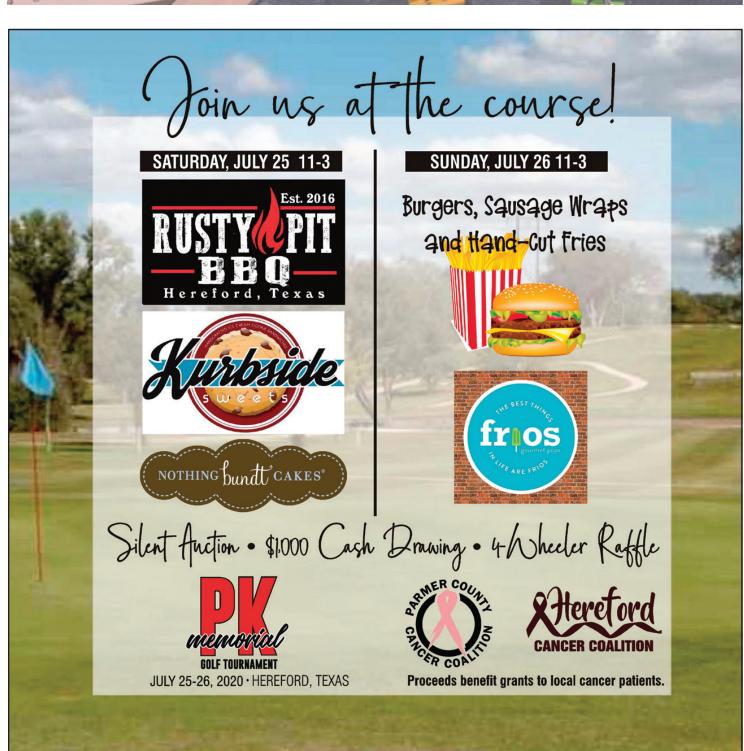
Friona ISD tomará las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso del inglés no sea un obstáculo para la admisión y participación en todos los programas educativos y vocacionales.

Para información sobre sus derechos o procedimientos de quejas, comuníquese con el Coordinador del Título IX / FISD Coordinador del 504 en Mr. Jimmy Burns en <u>jburns@frionaisd.com</u>, 909 E. 11th Street, Friona, TX 79035. 806-250-2747.











TWO ACES....In a three day span, golfers Robert Taylor, left, and Pudge Kendrick both scored their first ever holes-in-one. Taylor aced Hole #2 and Kendrick aced Hole #7 at the Friona Country Club golf course. (Friona Star, April 10, 1969)

You don't have to play golf to support the cause

12th Annual Pudge Kendrick Memorial Golf Tournament

Everyone is invited out to the John Pitman golf course in Hereford from 11 a.m. till 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday to enjoy the delicious line-up of food!!! The menu will consist of food from Kurbside Sweets, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Rusty Pit BBQ, and Frios Gourment Pops.

There will also be a raffle for a 4-wheeler donated by Clovis Sign Company. Tickets are available from cancer coalition members and on the Hereford Cancer Coalition facebook page. The drawing will be held on Friday, July 31st and you do not have to

be present to win.

There will also be a Silent Auction and a \$1000 Cash Drawing contest. Both of these events will be open through Sunday afternoon. Winners will be announced Sunday evening.

Information for all events can be found on the Parmer County Cancer Coalition and Hereford Cancer Coalition facebook pages. Proceeds will go to the Parmer County and Hereford Cancer Coalitions who provide grants for our neighbors fighting cancer in Hereford and Parmer County.

