



A March rain and snow storm hit Friona early Wednesday morning bringing thunder, lightning, and some needed moisture to our area. This month marks the 20th Anniversary of Heritage Estates. The assisted living complex, shown in the photo, opened its doors in March of 2001. Please see flashbacks on page 3.

FISH FRY FRIDAY

Friona Senior Citizens

1410 Washington Ave.

Friday, March 19th

12 noon

thru 2 pm

or until

“the fish runs out”

Donations

\$5.00 for non-members

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Attention motorists!!!



A new 4-way stop has been installed at the intersection of 14th Street and Cleveland Avenue. Also, the 4-way stop at 14th Street and Main has been reverted back to a 2-way stop.

Since its construction, 14th Street had always been a “through street” with no east/west stop signs from Highway 214 to

Cemetery Road. Unfortunately, that convenience also led to higher average speeds in excess of the posted 30 mph.

When contacted by the Friona Star concerning the change, City Manager Lee Davila said, “The 4-way stop at 14th and Main was originally intended to slow down traffic near the hospital

but wasn’t accomplishing that task.” He continued, “The City relocated it to its new location at 14th and Cleveland in hopes that it will be more effective.”

The City of Friona performs traffic studies every 5 years to assess the effectiveness of traffic signs around town. Changes are made as needed.



FHS One Act Play advances to Bi-District

The Friona High School One Act Play (OAP) was selected by the judges to advance to the bi-district round after last Friday’s district OAP performance. Friona competed against plays presented by Brownfield, Denver City, Dimmitt, Lamesa, Littlefield, and Muleshoe at the District 3-AAA event held in Denver City.

Karlee Osborn and Melody Hernandez were named to

the All Star Cast. Dieter Ally was selected as Honorable Mention for the All Star Cast and Breanna Godinez was selected for the Honor Crew.

The Friona Cast & Crew are performing “A Clearing in The Woods” by Arthur Laurents. Cast members are: Melody Hernandez, Breanna Rivera, Litzy Gonzalez, Dieter Ally, Karlee Osborn, Moises Piña, Autumn Fletcher, Mario Bautista, and Humberto

Cruz. Crew members are: Amy Montana, Yvonne Legarreta, Tim Ally, Breanna Godinez, Lizett Garcia, Leah Hernandez, Michael Bautista, Magdalena Licerio, and Audrianna Trevino. The Friona OAP is under the direction of Shawn Farrar.

The Bi-District competition will be held at the J.W. Jones Performing Arts Center in Denver City on Monday, March 22nd.



Comptroller to distribute \$763 million in monthly sales tax revenue to local governments

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced that he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$762.5 million in local sales tax allocations for March. This amount is 0.5% less

than in March 2020. These allocations are based on sales made in January by businesses that report tax monthly.

The City of Friona will receive a \$45,978.40 payment. This represents a 29.86% in-

crease over the \$35,403.53 payment received last March. Friona has received \$142,103.50 year-to-date for 2021. The amount is a 15.35% increase over last year’s \$123,193.19 year-to-date total.

Parmer County COVID-19 stats as of March 9, 2021



Confirmed Cases
857

Probable Cases
342

Fatalities
35

Active Cases
12

Recoveries
1152



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Friona Weather March 18-24	T ☀️ 57 27 N 10-15	F ☁️ 64 34 S 10-20	S ☁️ 71 41 S 20-30	S ☀️ 77 48 SSW 10-20	M ☁️ 67 35 SW 20-30	T ☁️ 67 39 W 10-20	W ☁️ 61 32 NE 15-25	Precipitation March 0.50 Year 1.17	Burn Ban Yes
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Community Calendar

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- March 18**
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center
- March 20**
• Spring Begins
- March 22**
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center
- March 23**
• Snack Pack for Kids at Friona United Methodist Church at 3 p.m. (volunteers welcome)
- March 25**
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center
- March 29**
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center
- April 1**
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center
- April 4**
• Easter
- April 5**
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center
• Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at The Farmwife Kitchen
- April 6**
• Snack Pack for Kids at Friona United Methodist Church at 3 p.m. (volunteers welcome)

National Ag Week is March 21 - March 27

**Frona FFA Facebook Page
Ag Mech and Ag Mech Marketplace Students
San Antonio Stock Show Results**

We want to start off with Tim Ally. He took his cattle guard down and it is a massive project that makes a huge lasting impression on everyone that sees it. Tim won a blue ribbon and placed 2nd in his class. This is not an easy task but he made it happen.

Next is Stef Ally, he exhibited his calf crane. The crane is a unique and original design that is meant for transporting baby cattle on their home Dairy. Stef brought home a blue ribbon. This project is the definition of creativity.

Caden Bunker, built and exhibited an 8 foot by 4 foot shop table. When it comes to metal shop table this thing is an absolute hoss. With tool bars and breathable flooring this is a table that everyone would want to have. Caden brought home a blue ribbon and new found passion for the Ag Mech community.

Last but certainly not least is your Ag Mech Marketplace contest. The three young men are Heston Grimsley, Elijah Robledo, and Jaden Phillips. This is a contest that is only 5 years



old. It requires a test over Ag business and marketing, A sales pitch and on the day of auction selling the product to buyers. This is a difficult contest that is constantly evolving. These three young men have put in late nights and early mornings to try and finish this project. The money

that was made off of this project will go right back to the chapter to help in building big project for the future.

We would also like to just a huge thank you to Hi-Pro feeds and Optima Dairy. Both of these folks gave selflessly to these young men to look professional and like a team. Optima gave the beautiful black shirts and face mask that they wore on show day. Hi-Pro gave every young man and their father a custom cap, each young man received a polo and a hooded sweatshirt to commemorate the occasion.

Last but certainly not

least we want to thank the parents of these fine young men. With out your love and support for what we do none of this would have been possible.



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ACROSS

- 1 ___ Davis County
- 5 ___ vera
- 6 TXism: "ain't got a ___" (baffled)
- 7 Atlanta, TX AM before it was KYPN
- 8 result of a woman's tears (2 wds.)
- 18 boat paddle
- 19 TXism: "he ain't got both ___ water" (loony)
- 20 dir. from Ozona to Abilene
- 21 TXism: "___ as the driven snow"
- 22 Sunday dinners for many Texans
- 24 heavy duty bomb
- 29 this Nacogdoches TV was intended to be part of an "East Texas TV Network"
- 30 Army women in World War II
- 31 ___ Campo, TX
- 32 TXism: "as long as ducks go ___" (forever)
- 34 Nolte of 1979 film "North Dallas Forty"
- 35 TXism: "the bigger they ___, the harder they fall"
- 36 a Mexican state (1824-35): "___ y Tejas"
- 37 ___ Lavaca, TX
- 38 font
- 39 benevolence of many Texans
- 41 TXism: "in ___ of trouble"
- 42 TX Ted Cruz's time at work (abbr.)
- 43 "Houston Museum of ___ Arts"
- 44 horse shelter (2 wds.)
- 45 late TX blues guitarist Stevie ___ Vaughan
- 46 TX Elder, the first black to play in Master's (init.)
- 47 medicine tablets
- 48 TXism: "easy as shooting fish in ___"
- 50 shoe bottoms
- 51 historic huge TX Panhandle ranch (1885-1912)
- 52 ___dale, TX
- 53 TX Jayne Mansfield was a Hollywood "___ symbol"

DOWN

- 1 Edna is its seat (2 wds.)
- 2 TX ___ Morse who sang "Cow-Cow Boogie" (1942)
- 3 more stinky
- 4 "gave my ___ rest" (sat down)
- 9 TXism: "gentle as a horse on a merry-go-___"
- 10 this Campbell was "The Tyler Rose"
- 11 A&M's original "12th Man" ___ King Gill
- 12 Miss or Mrs.
- 13 early environmental law: "Clean ___ of 1963"
- 14 "___ it off" (stop it)
- 15 arrival estimates at Hobby Airport
- 17 TX Mary Martin role in the 1950s (2 wds.)
- 21 ___ guilty or not guilty
- 23 TXism: "does a bear ___ in the woods?" (yes)
- 24 abdominal muscle, for short
- 25 tic, ___ toe
- 26 Spanish "gold"
- 27 paltry
- 28 TXism: "___ rooster, he'll crow"
- 29 former Terrell FM that is now KRWF in Kerens, TX
- 30 sinewy
- 33 Grand ___ Oprey
- 34 "worthy of ___" (important)
- 35 TX Phylcia Rashad mother, Vivian
- 37 "Boot Hill" coffins (2 wds.)
- 38 Tom ___ wrote "Harper Valley PTA"
- 40 Houston Rockets coach, Stephen capable of ___
- 41 "putting on ___" (pretentious)
- 47 before Uncle Sam gets its share
- 49 TX Roy Orbison's only starring role: "The Fastest Guitar ___" (1967)

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Small Town Cookin' By Jeri Lynn White

Sloppy Joes

Every year the Sloppy Joe is celebrated on March 18 on National Sloppy Joe Day. Growing up I was not a fan of Sloppy Joes, but I think that was because I had only eaten the canned version. When I learned that you could make these sandwiches from scratch, my attitude for them changed. I realized what an easy, delicious, and kid-friendly meal a Sloppy Joe can make.

The history of the Sloppy Joe is, in itself, a little sloppy. Some insist that the sandwich was developed in the 1930's by a cook in Sioux City, Iowa that was made of "loose meat." The sandwich quickly became popular especially in the Midwest as ground beef became readily available. Others claim the sand-

wich was actually created in Havana, Cuba at bar name Sloppy Joe's in the early 1900's. He created the sandwich to fill up his customers that had spent the day drinking. However, another twist to the story says that the sandwich was created in Key West, Florida in a bar also named Sloppy Joe's. This bar was supposedly named after the Cuban bar because Earnest Hemmingway frequented both establishments. Sloppy Joe's in Key West is still open to this day and serves many Sloppy Joes every year.

Around the country the Sloppy Joe is known by a variety of names such as slush burger, yum yums, sloppy janes, dynamites, and Tavern sandwich. The name Manwich was created by Hunt's

when they revolutionized the Sloppy Joe by introducing their canned meat sauce.

I have included my favorite Sloppy Joe recipe by Rachael Ray along with the easy potato salad she suggests serving with the sandwiches. I also have included a slightly different version by the Pioneer Woman. One of the best things about these recipes, is that you can easily substitute different seasonings, meats, or even add some hidden vegetables for the kids. However, if you really want a twist on your Sloppy Joe, I suggest trying either the Asian Style Sloppy Joe at www.howsweeteats.com or the Tex Mex Sloppy Joe at www.smells-like-home.com.

Super Sloppy Joes

By Rachael Ray
www.foodnetwork.com

Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil, 1 turn of the pan
- 1 1/4 pounds ground beef sirloin
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons to 1 tablespoon steak seasoning blend, such as McCormick brand Montreal Seasoning
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 small red bell pepper, chopped
- 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 2 cups tomato sauce
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 4 crusty rolls, split, toasted, and lightly buttered
- Garnish: sliced ripe tomatoes, pickles, Deviled Potato Salad

Directions

Heat a large skillet over medium high heat. Add oil and meat to the pan. Spread the meat around the pan and begin to break it up. Combine brown sugar and steak seasoning. Add sugar and spice mixture to the skillet and combine. When the meat has browned, add onion and red peppers to the skillet. Reduce heat to medium and cook onions, peppers, red wine vinegar and Worcestershire sauce with meat for 5 minutes. Add tomato sauce and paste to pan. Stir to combine. Reduce heat to simmer and cook Sloppy Joe mixture 5 minutes longer. Using a large spoon or ice cream scoop, pile sloppy meat onto toasted, buttered bun bottoms and cover with bun tops. Serve with your favorite sides or sliced tomatoes seasoned with salt and pepper, dill pickles and Deviled Potato Salad. Have plenty of napkins on hand!

Deviled Potato Salad

By Rachael Ray
www.foodnetwork.com

Ingredients

- 5 all-purpose potatoes, peeled and diced
- Coarse salt
- 1/4 onion
- 3 tablespoons prepared yellow mustard
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise, eyeball the amount
- 1 teaspoon sweet paprika
- 1 teaspoon hot cayenne pepper sauce (recommended: Tabasco or Frank's Red Hot)
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 2 scallions, thinly sliced, for garnish

Directions

Boil potatoes in water seasoned with coarse salt until they are tender, about 10 minutes. Drain cooked potatoes and return to the warm pot to dry them out. Let the potatoes stand 2 minutes, then spread potatoes out on to a cookie sheet to quick-cool them. In the bottom of a medium mixing bowl, grate 1/4 onion using a hand grater. Add mustard and mayonnaise, paprika and cayenne pepper sauce to the grated onion and stir to combine. Add potatoes to the bowl and stir to evenly distribute dressing. Season potato salad with salt and pepper and taste to adjust your seasonings. Top servings of salad with chopped scallions.

Sloppy Joes

By Ree Drummond
www.foodnetwork.com

Ingredients

- 2 1/2 pounds ground beef
- 1 large green bell pepper, diced
- 1/2 large onion, diced
- 1 1/2 cups ketchup
- 5 cloves garlic, minced
- Hot sauce, such as Tabasco
- Worcestershire sauce
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 8 kaiser rolls
- 2 tablespoons packed brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons chili powder, or more as needed
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes, or more as needed
- 2 tablespoons butter, softened
- Chips or salad, for serving, if desired

Directions

Start by browning the ground beef in a large pot over medium-high heat. Drain off the fat. Add in the green peppers and onions. Stir, and then add 1 cup water, the ketchup, and garlic. Stir it around to combine, and then add the brown sugar, chili powder, dry mustard, red pepper flakes, and hot sauce, Worcestershire, salt, and pepper

to taste. Stir to combine, and then cover and simmer over medium-low heat, about 20 minutes. To serve, spread the rolls with the butter and brown them on a griddle or in a skillet. Spoon a good amount of the meat mixture onto the bottom roll, and then top with the other half. Serve with chips, salad or just enjoy it by itself.

Happy Birthday Friona Folks

March 18

Ryan Cash
Bob Ferguson
Nick McFarland
James Dakan
Juan Tafoya

March 19

Shara Renner
Laney Graham
Crystal Moroney
Randy Baize

March 20

Joyce Wells
Claudia Hanes
Kenda Dunnam
Tammy (Spencer) Fincher
Shelby (Hutson) Mata
Pamela Nelson-Ray
Karla Rector
Eric Gonzales
Sam Rushing

March 21

Joe Murphree
Lou Keith
Amelia Wright
Jeffrey Sunderlin
Peyton Schueler
Melissa Tamez
Olga Legarreta
Uriah Monreal

March 22

Zane Gonzales
Kenny Austin
Andrew Diaz
Lillyana Madrigal
Jane Veggeberg
Ezmeralda Rangel

March 23

Judy Potts
Mary Stone
Chase Alexander
Julie Reeve Banfield

March 24

Matt Osborn
Dennis Field
Sabrina Barraza
Jisela (Torres) Licerio
Emerson Maricle



Vaccines are free and available

Parmer Medical Center will be giving vaccines this week on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. at the Friona Community Center.

To request a place on the list for a vaccine, please call (806) 240-1562, or (806) 240-1761 (Para Espanol llame a este numero de telefono).

They will need your name, your date of birth, and a phone number to reach you to let you know when you are scheduled. If the line is busy, leave a voicemail message and someone will call you back to confirm your information and answer any questions you might have.

Remember that vaccination are by appointment only. The vaccine is free and available to anyone age 16 and older. Appointments are not limited to people from Friona or even Texas. If you have friends who live out of town and they want to

come here to get their vaccine just give them this information and we will take care of them also.

Vaccination update

As of Wednesday morning, Bi-Wize Pharmacy has administered 200 Covid vaccines. 100 were the two-shot Moderna and 100 were the Johnson & Johnson one-shot vaccine. Bi-Wize is currently out of stock but expects another shipment in the near future.

Parmer Medical Center has administered 2,201 Covid vaccines. 790 of those have received the two shots. PMC uses the Moderna and Pfizer two-shot vaccine. See phone numbers above to schedule an appointment.

According to State of Texas figures, there are 7,222 Parmer County residents eligible for the vaccine. Please help spread the word to everyone that vaccines are free and available.



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Two Weeks To Live

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

On any given day each of us has 86,400 seconds to spend. We can spend it sleeping, which accounts for about 1/3 of it. Eating takes a little, working another 1/3 visiting with family, watching TV, a couple of hours on the cell phone and boom day is done. By God's grace another 86,400 seconds shows up the next morning. Time is a precious commodity and we each have a finite amount of it. We do not know when the last tick of the clock is the last tick of the clock. But for just a moment let us pretend we did know exactly how much time was left. If you had two weeks to live, would it change anything in your day-to-day activities? Would there be a rush on the bucket list of things yet to be done. Tim McGraw several years ago wrote a song, "Live Like You Were Dying." It was about a man who learns of cancer and begins to

focus on those things that become critically clear as the most important things in his life. Yes, there was the bucket list, but there was also becoming a better husband, a better friend and son. It is funny how we change the focus of life, when life becomes the precious commodity that we had not realized it is until that moment.

As we approach Easter weekend Jesus is two weeks out from being arrested in the dark, put on trial under false accusations, beaten unmercifully, and asked to carry a cross to Golgotha where he would die. What did Jesus do, knowing he had two weeks left? He continued to do what he had done since his ministry had begun, love those needing hope, teach those needing courage and not losing sight of why He came to earth in the first place, to breach the chasm that sin had created be-

tween God and man. He had come to die and in that last two weeks as he prepared for his earthly ministry to come to an abrupt and brutal end, He had you in mind.

So, as you reflect on exactly what Christ has done for you over the next couple of weeks, knowing you do not know the number of ticks left on the clock, how will you spend whatever amount of time is left? My encouragement if I could be so bold? Mend the fences needing mending, forgive where forgiveness is needed, love more deeply, adjust your priorities to include things greater than yourself. Do not squander today for a future not yet given, nor cling to something from the past that is no more. The gift you have been given is now, that is why it is called the Present. Be wise in your use of today. Have a blessed week.

Jesus is the Bread of Life

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Don't you love eating at restaurants and you get the rolls, biscuits or a small loaf of bread you eat on as an appetizer? It gets even better when they bring out the butter, honey or jelly and you satisfy your appetite with such yummy goodness. Partaking of such delicious food expels your hunger and satisfies your body.

In John 6:35 and 48, Jesus said "I am the bread of life." When he said this, he had miraculously fed the massive

crowd of thousands of people using only five barley loaves and two fish the day before. This miraculous feed caused the people to seek him out the next day, in hopes of another miracle they could observe. Instead of a miracle, Jesus gave them something far more lasting, the truth about himself. Jesus proclaimed in John 6 that physical bread lasts only for a little while, but those who have saving faith in him will be satisfied forever. John 6:35 says, "I am the

bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

Only Jesus can take care of your most pressing problem, your sin. Sin leaves you empty, parched and separated from God, deserving of his judgment. Jesus paid the penalty for your sin, and it is only because of Jesus and through saving faith in Jesus alone that one can experience the eternal and abundant salvation and satisfaction he brings.

A Christian's Dilemma

By Teena Hughs

When I was growing up, illegal aliens came across to Texas by crossing the Rio Grande. They were nearly always from Mexico, and many times they were starving and needed to earn money for their families back in Mexico.

My dad, like many other ranchers, employed illegal aliens. The Border Patrol knew it. Nearly every year during sheep and goat shearing, they would pay my dad a visit, and they would tell him to call them when they finished shearing. He would call, and they would come and get the men working for my dad. By then, they had usually earned enough money to help their families, and they were ready to go back to Mexico. It was a great working relationship for everyone.

I have fond memories of some of the men who worked for my dad. And, I do long for those days, and those men, because times have changed.

Today, we have a crisis on the southern border of the United States. Today, illegals enter the southern border from all over the world, and they are transported across the Rio Grande rather than swimming or walking across. They aren't coming, working, and going back home; they are here to stay!

Plus, the type of person coming across is different. While some of today's illegals

are trying to better their lives, our law enforcement is dealing with cartels that are getting filthy rich off of getting people and drugs into our country illegally. Rape, drugs, burglaries, human and sex trafficking are all happening at an all-time high rate.

I am reading on facebook that home burglaries in my hometown are on a fast rise. I read stories of how ranchers are being accosted by illegals; I have read where they go up to houses and demand food. I hear about some of them having guns with them; vehicles are being stolen, and some are being wrecked and illegals killed. They are running through fences and tearing up private property. I hear stories of how criminals are coming across and violating and scaring people. It seems that people living close to highways like Interstate 10 are really being hit hard. In Uvalde, the two longest highways in the United States intersect at Getty and Main. From that

point, you can go just about anywhere in the US.

Friends, this is America, and this is not right. We are compassionate people. We help out more in any disaster than any other country does. But, in the case of today's illegals, we do not know the "good" guys from the "bad" ones. So, as Christians, what are we supposed to do? For the next couple of weeks, I would like to talk about some of the things I think need to be done, from a Christian point of view.

And, to close, I want everyone to understand that I favor LEGAL immigration, but I do NOT FAVOR in any form or fashion what is going on today. And, I cannot tell you how upset I will be if any hard-working, tax-paying American is killed or raped or harmed by any illegal alien.

Illegal immigration is a multi-faceted problem, and it is going to take a tremendous amount of time, study, and effort to fix it.

Steven Ray Clark

November 26, 1953 - March 9, 2020

A year ago this month I lost my best friend Steve Clark. On the anniversary of his death, it's important to me to write a tribute to him and our life together.

In 1996 I went to a small party. He was standing there, tall and handsome, and it was love at first sight. I had not even met him yet, but I had strong feelings anyway. When I did meet Steve later in the night, my feelings were confirmed and intensified.

I found out he was a farmer from Friona and he started traveling to Lubbock to spend time with me. We enjoyed eating out in restaurants, shopping at Walmart and United, and doing research at the Genealogy Center or the Mahon Library. We would go to movies together. We would occasionally go dancing or go to the park with the dogs. When he shopped he was notorious for bringing home lots of candy. On weekends we would cook massive quantities so we would both have plenty of leftovers for the week while we were apart. We fell into a rhythm of life of missing each other, then reuniting again. He put many miles on his truck going back and forth. We talked nightly on the phone; he would share the struggles of farming which were many. I learned a lot about farming! I would share the highlights of my day and he was a good listener. When he met my parents, their relationship was special. I teased Steve that

my mother loved him best. Steve had a dry, quirky sense of humor and we laughed a lot together. When we would eat out, he insisted on sitting on the same side of the booth so we could be closer. Steve was a natural hands-on and loving caregiver. I watched as he cared for his mother and father and then when they were gone, he cared for me many times. He would sit in the hospital and would not leave my side.

In 2016 I broke my tibia and he moved me to Friona so he could provide daily care when recovering from surgery. We were never apart that year. I never thought I'd meet a man so giving. He was kind, caring, fun to be around. Steve was my best friend, lover, my partner-in-life and we cared for each other deeply. He backed me up when I needed it. When I didn't want to go somewhere, he would tell me to blame him. He waited on me, fixed things, ran errands, was a technology guru and generally all around encompassing and caring man. He deferred to my needs, except in the area of large purchases. He was opinionated about those and I accepted it. Since Steve died, it has been so hard to live without him. I miss him terribly and my heart is broken. He wasn't perfect, but he was perfect for me.

In my heart forever,
Meg Goodner

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Sports



Powerlifting Results

Region 1 Division 2 Regional Meet - Sundown High School - 3/13/2021

Wt.	Place	Athlete	BWT	Squat	Bench	Dead	Total
123	3	Ponce, Giovanni	122.6	370	215	350	935
123	9	Bautista, Michael	120.4	285	185	305	775
132	SC	Bautista, Mario	0	0	0	0	0
275	6	Padilla, Jake	252	545	330	480	1355

THSWPA Region 1 Division 3 Regional - Kermit - 3/2/2021

Wt.	Place	Athlete	BWT	Squat	Bench	Dead	Total
97	9	Ramos, Trinity	93.4	180	95	190	465
132	11	Licerio, Magdalena	129.4	200	140	255	595
198	10	Soltero, Ahtziri	194.8	315	90	265	670

Track & Field Meet Results

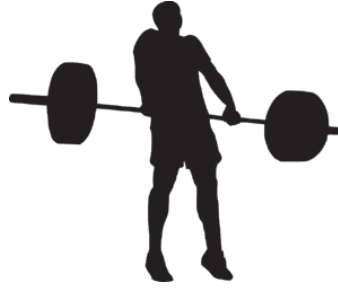
Tulia, Texas - March 12, 2021

Varsity Boys

- 100 Meters**
- 1. Abisai Torres 11.59
- 200 Meters**
- 5. Andrew Rivera 25.11
- 400 Meters**
- 1. Aaron Salinas 53.22
- 2. Juan Diego Salinas 58.23
- 800 Meters**
- 6. Gabriel Perez 2:30.2
- 1600 Meters**
- 1. Adrian Legerreta ... 4:56.0
- 3200 Meters**
- 2. Adrian Legerreta . 11:00.7
- 110 Meter Hurdles**
- 3. Jared Rejino 17.4
- 300 Meter Hurdles**
- 2. Jared Rejino 44.7
- 4 x 100m Relay**
- 1. Friona 45.01
- Abisai Torres
- Angel Carranza
- Marc Mendoza
- Jacob Bautista
- 4 x 200m Relay**
- 1. Friona 1:33.3
- Abisai Torres
- Marc Mendoza
- Angel Carranza
- Jacob Bautista
- 4 x 400m Relay**
- 1. Friona 3:34.7
- Alan Martinez
- Aaron Salinas
- Adrian Legaretta
- Marc Mendoza
- Pole Vault**
- 2. Angel Carranza 11'6"
- Long Jump**
- 3. Abisai Torres 17' 11"
- High Jump**
- 1. Jared Rejino 5'10"
- Shot Put**
- 1. Jake Padilla 39' 3"
- Discus**
- 1. Jake Padilla 109' 4"
- Team Results**
- 2. Friona Varsity Boys... 157

JV Boys

- 100 Meters**
- 5. Jaden Phillips 13.26
- 200 Meters**
- 4. Josh Gonzales 26.94
- 400 Meters**
- 2. TJ Vasquez 59.78
- 3. Jorge Gallegos 61.8
- 800 Meters**
- 1. Fabian Salinas 2:21.8
- 3. Ramon Ortiz 2:35.4
- 1600 Meters**
- 3. Ramon Ortiz 6:44.0
- 3200 Meters**
- 1. Fabian Salinas 13:58.2
- 4 x 100m Relay**
- 1. Friona 49.99
- Josh Gonzales
- Jaden Phillips
- Matthew Dimas
- Jorge Gallegos
- 4 x 200m Relay**
- 1. Friona 1:47.4
- Matthew Dimas
- Josh Gonzales
- Gabriel Rocha
- Giovanni Ponce
- 4 x 400m Relay**
- 1. Friona 4:04.5
- TJ Vasquez
- Jorge Gallegos
- Gabriel Rocha
- Fabian Salinas
- Pole Vault**
- 2. Jaden Phillips 7'
- Shot Put**
- 2. Matthew Dimas 31'7"
- 3. Frank Perez 29'8"
- 6. Jose Alvidrez 26'5"
- Discus**
- 1. Jose Alvidrez 78'
- 6. Frank Perez 65'3"
- Team Results**
- 4. Friona Varsity Boys... 145



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Xcel Energy celebrates essential workers who continue working tirelessly through pandemic

AMARILLO, Texas (March 16, 2021) - Xcel Energy is dedicating this week to celebrating its essential frontline workers who have kept the lights on for customers throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

During this challenging time more than 6,000 Xcel Energy employees have continued doing their essential work in service centers, power generating plants and in the field without missing a beat.

They've adjusted to wearing additional personal protective equipment (PPE), having daily temperature checks, and keeping social distance from colleagues at worksites and in company vehicles.

"I am so pleased that we are celebrating the dedication and commitment of our essential frontline workers," said Ben Fowke, chairman and CEO of Xcel Energy. "At a time when many of us have had the ability to work safely from home, our essential frontline workers have adjusted to new COVID-19 protocols and continued to deliver electricity and natural gas services to our customers and communities when they've needed it most."

"We appreciate our essential frontline workers ev-

ery day, but this year we are thrilled to publicly thank them and honor the fact that they have gone above and beyond to deliver for the company and our customers during this very challenging time," said Bob Frenzel, president and COO of Xcel Energy.

In Xcel Energy's Texas-New Mexico territory, work continued unabated on several critical projects that have made the grid stronger and more capable to serve an economy that continues to grow. In December 2020, the company placed the 522-megawatt Sagamore Wind Project in service that is delivering tens of millions of dollars in fuel cost savings annually, and several key transmission links and new substations were completed in both states in the past 12 months.

"Our essential employees have done a great service for their communities," said David Hudson, president, Xcel Energy - New Mexico, Texas. "On top of the major grid enhancement projects they completed, they worked through extreme heat during the summer and two historic winter storms since October to keep the power flowing."

Throughout the week, Xcel Energy is hosting COVID-safe



events in each of the eight states it serves, providing essential workers with free meals and special thanks for their dedicated service during this time.

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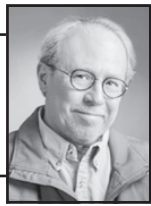
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State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



State's jobless rate still double record low

The state's unemployment rate dropped to 6.8% in January, down a tick from December's 6.9% rate but double the record low of 3.4% in May 2019. It is unclear what effect the mid-February winter storm had on employment, when power outages swept the state and many roads were impassable. We'll find out next month.

What is certain is that state lawmakers must grapple with a revenue shortfall as they build a biennial budget, since sales tax revenues are down from the previous year. The state comptroller's office announced February sales tax revenues totaled \$2.68 billion, down 7.5% from the same period last year.

Sales taxes account for most of the state's revenues. Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced in January that the state was running a \$1 billion deficit for the current budget. Hegar estimated state budget writers will have an estimated \$112.5 billion in revenue available for the next two-year budget, which is nearly \$500 million less than the total current budget.

Hegar said the forecast could change due to uncertainties such as the continuing effect of the pandemic, oil and gas revenues and how quickly the state's economy rebounds as the state fully reopens.

Abbott, Patrick spar over PUC, ERCOT

The market monitor for the Public Utility Commission has revised its claim that the Electric Reliability Council of Texas overcharged power companies by \$16 billion during the winter storm, saying last week that the actual amount is \$4.2 billion.

Gov. Gregg Abbott has made legislation relating to correcting any ERCOT billing errors an emergency item. In a highly unusual move, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick showed up at a state senate committee hearing to question the lone remaining member of the PUC — new chair Arthur D'Andrea. Patrick on Friday night called on Abbott to replace D'Andrea after he fills the other two vacancies on the PUC. Patrick also said Abbott should intercede to "correct" the pricing error.

Abbott quickly — and tersely — responded to Patrick, saying that, as a former Supreme Court justice and former Attorney General, the governor's legal view is that he does not have "independent authority to accomplish the goals you seek," which is why he made the issue an emergency item for the Legislature to consider. This saga is far from over.

Parts of Texas still face drought

Despite record snowfalls in much of the state, precipitation in February was below average, which led to an increase in the area of the state affected by drought. Dr. Mark Wentzel, a hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board, said rain during April, May and June will be crucial. The expected breakup of the La Niña weather system in April could bring a return to normal amounts of rainfall in May and June, Wentzel wrote.

He noted that there will be pockets of drought almost always in such a vast state.

Right now, the United States Drought Monitor shows 62 percent of the state is in some stage of drought, with the most severe areas located in parts of the Panhandle and the Rio Grande Valley. Only 10.8 percent of the state's area has normal rainfall conditions, primarily in Northeast Texas.

COVID-19 vaccines steadily rising across state

With another 800,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines arriving in Texas this week, more than 5.2 million people have received at least one dose, and 2.78 million are fully vaccinated — about 9.5% of the state's population. The latest shipment is down from the 1 million first doses delivered last week, which included the first large batch of the one-shot Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Last week the Texas Department of State Health Services announced that vaccinations have been expanded to people over 50 years of age. Previously, school and child-care workers were added to the Phase 1B list, which also included people over 65 and those with underlying medical conditions.

"We've seen a remarkable decrease in the number of hospitalizations and deaths since people 65 and older started becoming fully vaccinated in January," said Imelda Garcia, DSHS associate commissioner. "Expanding to ages 50 to 64 will continue the state's priorities of protecting those at the greatest risk of severe outcomes and preserving the state's health care system."

COVID-19 cases, deaths continue to drop

The number of new cases of COVID-19 in Texas dropped again last week to 31,916 — down 26% from the previous week. A total of 1,117 deaths were reported, down 35% from the previous week. To date, there have been 2.7 million cases in the state since the pandemic began, with 46,366 deaths, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University.

Hospitalizations of confirmed COVID-19 patients also continue to decrease, with 4,219 patients currently in Texas hospitals, according to TDSHS. That's down 14% from the previous week and 70% lower than the record high of 14,218 hospitalizations in mid-January.

Texas young lawyers launch website honoring iconic women in legal history

The Texas Young Lawyers Association this week launched an online site intended to educate students about women in our nation's legal history who have fought for equality and civil rights, and who have helped shape American culture. The project is designed to give Texas high school teachers an effective tool to teach students about such iconic women as Rosa Parks and Susan B. Anthony. The site can be accessed by anyone at: iconicwomen.tyla.com.

Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches and Cedar Park. Email: gborders@texaspress.com.



Obituaries



Amelia Rodriguez



Amelia Rodriguez, 95 of Friona passed away March 10, 2021 in Friona. Viewing will be held from 9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. with Rosary Services scheduled for 6:00 P.M. Friday, March 12, 2021 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY with Mass of Christian Burial Services set for 10:00 A.M. Saturday, March 13, 2021 at St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Friona with Father Gregory Bunyan as Celebrant. Burial following in the Friona Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Amelia was born February 28, 1926 in Goliad, Texas to Edinio and Vincenta Arenas Rodriguez. She later married Jose Meza September 12, 1945 in Karnes City, Texas. She was a member of the

Guadalapenas of St. Teresa's Catholic Church where she was a member. She loved to sew, take care of children, watching novellas on TV, playing lotteria dancing and cooking.

Amelia is preceded in death by her parents, hus-

band, 1 son-Jose Mesza, Jr., 4 sisters, and 1 step-brother.

Those to carry on her legacy include 3 sons-Alfredo Mesza and wife Vera of Plainview, Domingo Meza and wife Estella of Adrian, and Jesus Meza and wife Maria of Lamesa, 6 daughters- Adela Hernandez of Friona, Yolanda Cantu and husband Marcos of Amarillo, Rosa Reyes and husband Fermin, Sylvia Rios and husband Rudy, Martina Rios and husband George, all of Friona, and Mary Ramirez and husband Tom of Garland, 25 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and 11 great-great-grandchildren.



Ruben Chavira



Ruben Chavira, 64 of Friona passed away March 12, 2021 in Ft. Worth. Viewing will be held from 1:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Sunday, March 14, 2021 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY with Celebration of Life Services set for 3:00 P.M. Monday, March 15, 2021 at Friona Para Cristo Llamados A Conocerle with Pastor Aurelio Silva, officiating. Burial following in the Friona Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Ruben was born April 9, 1956 in Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico to Gerardo and Maria Nevarez Chavira. He later married Alexandra Domin-

quez December 1975.

Ruben loved to work and was a longtime area farmer working for the Monroe family for 38 years. He was a very

happy man that loved music and his dog Bear.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

Those to mourn his passing include his wife Alexandra of Friona and sons and daughters, Miguel Chavira and family, Jerry Chavira and family, Enriqueta Chavira and family, Manuela Chavira and family, all of Santa Maria, California, Maria Chavira and family of Florida, Familia Garcia sons and daughters.



March Winds Blow!

Word Search: TUMBLEWEED, BUSH, KIE, TLE, ENL, N, A, B, O, N, T, Y, O, E, N, Z, C, I, M, V, E, R, A, T, I, O, N, S, L, P, I, N, W, H, E, E, L, O, R, A, E, T, W, O, E, R, F, G, T, C, E, D, U, O, L, O, Y, E, D, C, F, V, G, B, H, J, U, I, N, G, E, N, A, L, P, R, T, A, R, E, P, A, P, P, O, L, J, H, B, C, O, F, E, A, Q, W, R, E, K, N, H, F, R, E, S, C, D, F, V, G, B, A

Crossword Clues:
 1. calm day (0 up to 1 mph)
 2. light breeze (4-7 mph)
 3. near gale (32-38 mph)
 4. violent storm (64-72 mph)
 5. hurricane (72-82 mph)
 A. leaves rustle
 B. smoke rises straight up
 C. widespread damage
 D. extreme damage
 E. whole trees in motion
 1. in the wind
 2. get wind of
 3. take the wind out of one's sails
 4. throw caution to the wind
 5. gone with the wind
 A. is gone forever
 B. make a risky move
 C. is about to happen
 D. to find out about something secret
 E. to surprise someone by doing better or by finding a mistake they made
 Strong gusts made this blow out of Chatter's hands:
 Really? Again!!!!
 The wind roars into March!
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Notice of Impoundment of Estray

On the 2nd day of February, 2021, I impounded the following estrays:
 Kind of Animal: Heifer
 Breed: Unknown
 Color: Black
 Sex: Female
 Age: Unknown
 Size/Weight 700-900 lbs
 Brand, Marks, Identifying Characteristics: Brand right hip with "101" with a line through it possibly a brand that was branded over

And, on the 15th day of March, 2021, I filed Notice of Estray in the Estray Book of Parmer County, Texas.

I have made diligent search of the register of recorded brands in Parmer County, Texas, for the owner of the said estray, but the search did not reveal the owner.

Notice is hereby, given that, if the ownership of said estray is not determined by the 25th day of March 2021, said estray will be sold at public auction/sheriff's sale at Muleshoe Livestock Auction.

Witness my hand this 15th day of March, 2021.

Randy Geris
 Sheriff, Parmer County, Texas

By: *J. Schlalis*

Notice of Impoundment of Estray

On the 2nd day of February, 2021, I impounded the following estrays:
 Kind of Animal: Heifer
 Breed: Unknown
 Color: Red
 Sex: Female
 Age: Unknown
 Size/Weight 700-900 lbs
 Brand, Marks, Identifying Characteristics: Brand right hip with "SS"

And, on the 15th day of March, 2021, I filed Notice of Estray in the Estray Book of Parmer County, Texas.

I have made diligent search of the register of recorded brands in Parmer County, Texas, for the owner of the said estray, but the search did not reveal the owner.

Notice is hereby, given that, if the ownership of said estray is not determined by the 25th day of March 2021, said estray will be sold at public auction/sheriff's sale at Muleshoe Livestock Auction.

Witness my hand this 15th day of March, 2021.

Randy Geris
 Sheriff, Parmer County, Texas

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Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



“Pearl, you are closer to heaven,” said my granddaughter Lillie when I told her how old I was on my birthday March 13.

Lillie is five but quite the philosopher.

With those six words, she pretty much sums up the optimistic attitude I should have at this point in life.

Many of us can remember when we were kids that 65 was old. “Those” people walked with achy knees, sported thinning gray hair, and were graced with wrinkles. They drove slowly, sometimes taking up two lanes.

On the other hand, I remember my parents at 65. Mother was still teaching full-time and would for the

next four years. Dad was selling insurance. Their knees never went out, both had full heads of beautiful hair, and I never noticed their aging skin until they were in their 80s. Mom took a tour to Spain and walked with the group many miles every day. She also hopped a train by herself to Copper Canyon in Mexico in her 60s. Dad and his wife Elaine pulled a camper and traveled the U.S.

So, it would seem I have choices to make at this juncture of being old or being elderly.

These past 18 months of retirement—which include a life-altering pandemic—have given me the physical rest my body needed.

But 65 finds me on the cusp of wanting more. Maya Angelou said, “There is no greater agony than bearing an untold story inside you.”

My writing goals this next year may not yield material results in terms of financial or literary success. But if the stories make it to print, then those of whom I write will live on past the years they spent on earth.

Along with Lillie’s prophecy, the new Medicare card in my possession will keep me humble and appreciative of whatever time remains. The task I am choosing soon is one of changes and challenges, but I am ready.

I am 65, going on infinity.

Friona grad selected as a Site Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to Aimee Houston for being named the Jenks Southeast Elementary Teacher of the Year. Aimee is a Fourth Grade Teacher at Southeast Elementary, which is part of the Jenks school system located in Jenks, Oklahoma. Jenks is a suburb of Tulsa.



Aimee (Renner) Houston

Aimee was chosen by peers for her dedication and compassion for colleagues and students. She is applauded as being a mentor, a tireless advocate for kids, and someone who loves nothing more than sharing a book with her class to spark discussion.

Aimee is the daughter of Gary & Karen Renner, and

the granddaughter of Valoris Osborn. She is a 1996 Friona High School graduate and is married to Seth Houston,

valedictorian of the Friona High School Class of 1995. Seth’s parents, Sammy & Sandy, live in Canyon. Valoris, Karen, and Sandy were teachers in the Friona school system. Gary & Karen live in Amarillo.

Aimee is quoted on the school website as saying, “Teaching makes me happy and fulfilled because I get to work with students and educators that inspire me. It matters to me that I do the best I can at this job because it is important work - teaching and loving children and helping them become resilient, kind individuals.”

South Plains College students crown Homecoming King and Queen

South Plains College students selected Demarcus Sneed of Lakeland, Florida, and Kamryn Alvarez of Earth as Homecoming King and Queen during halftime of the Texans/Western Texas College basketball game on Thursday, March 11th in the Texan Dome.

Sneed, a business major, represented the Sixth Man. Alvarez, a video and cinema major, represented the Catholic Student Ministry. The contest was open to all student organizations, clubs and residence halls.

The nominees for Homecoming King were Pavel Voufo of the Cameroon, STAR Center Student Organization; Ripley Youngblood of Lubbock, Wesley Foundation; Matthew Marin of Brownfield, Baptist Student Ministry; Jonathan Rangel of Littlefield, Catholic Student Ministry; Sahel Azzam of Jordan, Camp Ambassador; and Dylan Keuhne of Knox City, Smallwood Apartments.

The nominees for Homecoming Queen were Kayla Martinez of Lubbock, STAR Center Student Organization; Kylie Pope of Lubbock, Wesley Foundation; Dayley Mosley of Whiteface, Baptist Student Ministry; **Amelia Sandoval of Friona, Campus Ambassadors**; Aurora Garcia of Plainview, Sixth Man; and Andrea Hernandez of Slaton, Smallwood Apartments.



HOMECOMING HONORS - Students at South Plains College selected Demarcus Sneed of Lakeland, Florida, and Kamryn Alvarez of Earth as Homecoming King and Queen last Thursday. (SPC Photo/Wes Underwood)

We’re okay with OK

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith

Did you know that the United States does not have an official language? The Constitution does not specify one, nor is there a law which mandates the country to speak English; most Americans have accepted it as their “mother tongue,” but adapting it in a very un-British way.

Take the distinctly American “okay,” which started out as an abbreviation: “OK.” It was common in the mid-19th century for younger, educated men and women to deliberately misspell words for amusement. For example, the slang for “all correct” became “oll korrekt” or OK—and was sopped up in the American lexicon when the editor of the March 23, 1839



edition of the Boston Morning Post, tagged it “OK” to denote that the copy was “all correct” or-- “oll korrekt.”

Other newspapers replicated the abbreviation; it diffused all over the world and morphed into “the most frequently spoken word on the planet.”

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends **OK: The Improbable Story of America’s Greatest Word**, by Allan Metcalf.

Courtesy of History Matters, a feature of The Grateful American Book Prize: Showing our children that their past is prelude to their future.


March is National Nutrition Month

By Courtney Lowe, MS, RDN, LD, Extension Agent-Health

National Nutrition Month is an annual campaign developed by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. Help us celebrate National Nutrition Month 2021 by learning to Personalize Your Plate! The great thing about nutrition is there is no “one size fits all” method to nutrition and health. While the basic principles of remain the same, they can be used to personalize your health journey! A Registered Dietitian Nutritionist can help you tailor a healthful eating plan that fits YOU! There are four key messages to take away from National Nutrition Month 2021. For more information about National Nutrition Month, visit the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics website at, eat-right.org.

ONE: Eat a variety of nutritious foods every day! Include healthful foods from ALL food groups, hydrate healthfully, avoid distractions while eating, take time to enjoy your foods and learn to read Nutrition Facts Panels.

TWO: Plan your meals each week! Choose health-



Wendy Case

Contact Wendy Case at 806-251-5120 for information about nutrition, and health education. She is the AgriLife Extension Family and Community Health Agent for Parmer County. Many of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension’s educational programs can help you learn these principles and many more! Do not let your health journey be derailed by misinformation or misunderstanding!

ful recipes to make during the week and use a grocery list to shop. Enjoy healthful eating at school and at work and understand how to make healthy choices when dining out.

THREE: Learn skills to create tasty meals! Keep healthful ingredients on hand, practice proper home food safety, reduce food waste, and try new flavors and foods. Share meals together as family as often as possible.

FOUR: Consult a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN). Thrive through the transformative power

and food and nutrition by asking your doctor for a referral to an RDN. Find an RDN that is specialized to serve your unique needs and receive personalized nutrition advice to meet your goals.

Extension programs of Texas AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO SELL OR EXCHANGE REAL PROPERTY AND INVITATION TO BID

The City Council of the City of Friona, Texas is soliciting sealed bid proposals for the sale or exchange of certain city property (“Property”) described as THE SURFACE ONLY of:

A tract of land in the NW ¼ section 1, T3S R3E, Capitol Syndicate Subdivision, Parmer County, Texas and said tract being described as follows:
 BEGINNING at a point from which the NW corner of said section bears N 89° 46’ 47” W 624.71 feet and N 01° 06’ 38” E 2174.16 feet;
 THENCE S 89° 46’ 47” E a distance of 851.36 feet;
 THENCE S 01° 34’ 16” W along a fence being the west line of the Raymond Hamilton tract described in Volume 214 Page 374 of the Parmer County Deed Records, a distance of 150.0 feet;
 THENCE N 89° 46’ 47” W along the north line of the Bobby Tyler tract, a distance of 850.15 feet;
 THENCE N 01° 06’ 38” E a distance of 150.0 feet to the point and place of beginning. Said tract contains 2.93 acres of land more or less.

The City will consider cash offers, exchange of existing land and buildings, or some combination thereof. The City will be the sole arbiter of what offer, if any, constitutes the best value for the City.

The City is seeking a combination of the best purchase price or exchange value for the Property as well as the best long-term benefit to the City and the citizens of Friona, Texas.

Sealed bids will be received until 12:00 p.m. on April 7, 2021, at City Hall located at 623 Main Street, Friona, Texas 79035. All bids received at or prior to such time will be opened and read aloud on April 7, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. Bids received after such time will not be opened or considered. The highest, best or most acceptable bid or bids will be presented to the City Council for review and possible approval at a meeting on April 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Bid security in the amount of five percent of any cash bid amount submitted is required. Bidders must also submit with their bid evidence that they have legal title to any property offered in exchange for the Property or sufficient funds, or access to funds, to pay the entire purchase price within five business days of the City accepting the bid.

Bidders are expected to inspect the property and to inform themselves of all local conditions. Additional information may be obtained at City Hall, 623 Main Street, Friona, Texas 79035 or by calling City Manager Leander Davila at (806) 250-2761.

WAIVER OF CLAIMS: BY TENDERING A BID TO THIS INVITATION TO BID, THE BIDDER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT HAS READ AND FULLY UNDERSTANDS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMITTING A BID AND THE PROCESS USED BY THE CITY FOR SELECTING A BEST BIDDER. FURTHER, BY SUBMITTING A BID, THE BIDDER FULLY, VOLUNTARILY AND UNDERSTANDINGLY WAIVES AND RELEASES ANY AND ALL CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY AND ANY OF ITS COUNCIL MEMBERS, OFFICERS, AGENTS AND/OR EMPLOYEES THAT COULD ARISE OUT OF THE ADMINISTRATION, EVALUATION, OR RECOMMENDATION OF ANY BID SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO THIS INVITATION TO BID.

Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope and must be plainly marked “City of Friona Real Property Bid” in the lower left-hand corner and must be received before the above stated time. To be valid, the bid must be manually signed in ink by an authorized person. By such signature, the bidder agrees to strictly abide by the terms, conditions, specifications contemplated in this invitation for bids. Failure to comply with any bid requirement will result in the bid being considered void by the City.

Bids may be withdrawn at any time prior to the official opening. Alterations made prior to the opening time must be initialed by the Bidder to guarantee authenticity. After the official opening, bids may not be amended, altered or withdrawn without the approval of the Friona City Council.

The City reserves the rights to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids received and to accept the bid that best serves the interest of Friona, Texas.

CITY OF FRIONA, TEXAS
 By: Leander Davila
 City Manager

Publish Two (2) Times – Affidavit of Publication is Required Thursday, March 11th, 2021 and Thursday, March 18th, 2021.



Blake Stowers with Elida, Gary Stowers, Carolyn Stowers, Amanda Raines, Diana Williams, Dale Williams, Amelia Taylor, Jim Taylor, Dewey Rambo, Amy Rambo, John Taylor, Sherri Taylor, and in front is Payson Stowers. Diana (sister of Jim & John) and husband Dale live in Roswell, New Mexico.



Amelia & Jim Taylor (center) and daughters Amy Rambo (left) and Amanda Raines (right). Amy and husband Dewey live in Amarillo. Amanda and husband Todd live in Wichita Falls.

Appreciation Dinner for Jim Taylor

Last Saturday evening, Jim Taylor was honored at an Appreciation Dinner to celebrate his 32 years of service as Friona's Fire Chief. Newly-elected Fire Chief Danny Campbell presented Jim with a token of appreciation from the members of the Friona Volunteer Fire Department. The gift was a .22 rifle engraved by Bobby Tyler of Tyler Gun Works in Friona. See photos above.

Friends, family, fellow firefighters, city & county officials, and well-wishers were on hand to help Jim celebrate. River Smith's of Lubbock catered the meal. Even though he "retired" as Fire Chief, Jim is still an active member of the fire department.



Friona's Fire Chiefs

Howard Morris
1930-1934 (5 years)

C. S. "Charley" Bainum
1935-1958 (24 years)

Reuben Taylor
1959-1960 (2 years)

Ralph Shirley
1961-1987 (27 years)

Jim Taylor
1988-2020 (32 years)

Danny Campbell
2021-present



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 - Team captains share team code with members
- Team members join team with team code at
 - www.howdyhealth.org

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- Walk each day for 8 weeks
- Log your miles at least once a week
- Watch our Facebook page each Tuesday for tips, info, mini challenges and more!

- Most importantly --Have fun and WALK!!

For more details, information, or assistance -
Contact Wendy Case, FCH Agent, Parmer County
806-251-5120 or wendy.case@ag.tamu.edu

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