



Thursday, April 8, 2021

Friona Blood Drive

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

Please donate - blood supplies low!

Meal donated by Subway of Friona

Nominations are needed!!!

The 65th Annual Chamber Awards Banquet is scheduled for Tuesday, May 4th, 2021! Now is the time to nominate a candidate for Man, Woman, Citizen, Employee, Teacher, Student, and Business of the Year! You can stop by the Chamber of Commerce office to pick up a nomination form. You can also go to <https://form.jotform.com/93393939481169> to fill out and submit your nomination online. Contact the office at 806-250-3491 with any questions.

The SWC Roundup: Top 10 Tackling Seasons

The SWC Roundup (swcroundup.com) is a website dedicated to the memory and the reformation of the legendary Southwest Conference. They recently posted a list of the greatest tacklers. The list includes Tony Perea, a 1969 Friona High School graduate, who rushed for 2,823 yards as a halfback during his high school career. Congratulations Tony!

(1) Putt Choate, SMU, 253 tackles in 1978 (2) Mike Singletary, Baylor, 232 tackles in 1978 (3) Robert Williamson, Rice, 196 tackles in 1980 (4) Britt Hager Texas, 195, tackles in 1988 (5) Lawrence Flugence, Texas Tech, 193 tackles in 2002

(6) **Tony Perea, UTEP, 192 tackles in 1971**

The 5-11, 220 pounder from Friona, Tony Perea held down the middle of UTEP's defense for three seasons. In 1970 Tony Perea had 26 tackles against Arizona State. His most productive year was 1971 when he made 192 tackles in eleven games. He had eighteen tackles against Utah '71 and twenty vs. Arizona. Perea teamed with future NFL referee and all-around swole guy Ed Hochuli to form a very good linebacking tandem at UTEP.

(7) Kyle Clifton, TCU, 189 tackles in 1983 (8) Mike Singletary, Baylor, 188 tackles in 1979 (9) Britt Hager, Texas, 187 tackles in 1987 (10) Putt Choate, SMU, 186 tackles in 1977

Golden Girls



Friona Squaws bring home the gold from the District 3-3A Track & Field Championships

Anchored by 5 gold medals from Rebecca Schlenker and 3 gold medals from Yvonne Legarreta, the Friona Squaws powered their way to the District 3-3A Championship last week at Mustang Stadium in Denver City. Rebecca won gold in the long

jump, triple jump, 100m run, 4x100m relay, and 4x200m relay. Yvonne won the 800m run, 1600m run, and 3200m run for her three gold medals. Noelia Bautista, Destini Fernandez, and Anahi Gonzalez also qualified in three separate events. Duvy

Ortiz qualified in the pole vault. Lyliaanna Martinez, Lizbeth Toledo, and Makayla Ramos are part of the 4x400m relay team that qualified. The Area track meet will be held on Thursday, April 15th in Denver City. Complete results are on page 8.



This week is National Library Week. Library Director Anahi Gomez and Assistant Director Becky Upton invite to drop by for a visit and see how great our local library really is. The Friends of the Library Gift Basket raffle is underway so you purchase your tickets during your visit. Also, there will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Monday, April 12th at 10:00 a.m. for the new Book Shop.



UIL Academic & Speech regional meet qualifiers are: Back row (l-r) Jarrett White, Humberto Cruz, Jose Vazquez, Diego Escamilla, Juan Diego Salinas. Front row (l-r) Anahi Gonzalez, (alternates) Daniela Rodriguez, Nohemi Castillo, and Amy Montana. The regional meet will be held next Friday and Saturday.

Parmer County COVID-19 stats as of April 6, 2021



Confirmed Cases
881

Probable Cases
357

Fatalities
35

Active Cases
30

Recoveries
1173



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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 April 8-14	T ☀️ 81 47 WSW 10-20	F ☁️ 79 36 N 10-20	S ☀️ 75 44 SW 10-20	S ☁️ 83 39 WNW 10-20	M ☀️ 68 39 ENE 15-25	T ☁️ 63 38 SE 10-20	W ☁️ 57 37 E 10-20	Precipitation April 0.00 Year 1.40	Burn Ban Yes
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Community Calendar

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

- April 8**
- Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center
 - Friona Community Blood Drive at Calvary Baptist Fellowship Hal from Noon to 7 p.m. with meal provided by Subway of Friona
- April 12**
- Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center
- April 15**
- Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center
- April 19**
- Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center
 - Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at The Farmwife Kitchen
 - Early voting begins for School Board election at FISD admin building
- April 20**
- Snack Pack for Kids at Friona United Methodist Church at 3 p.m. (volunteers welcome)
- April 22**
- Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center



FCCLA students headed to Dallas for the State Conference. FHS qualifiers are: (l-r) Daniela Rodriguez, Nohemi Castillo, Mirelly Armendáriz, Blanca Chavez, and Tiffany Sandoval (not in picture).

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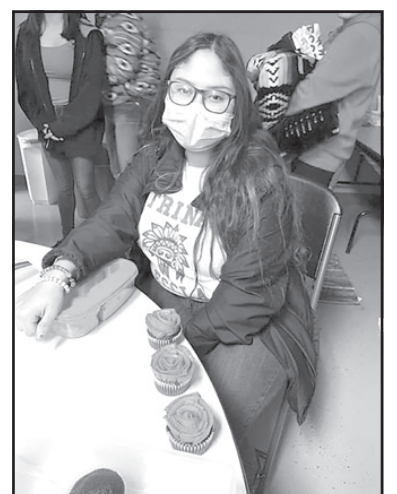
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National Programs in Action level 3,
Blanca Chavez and Nohemi Castillo
4th place, advance to state



Chapter Service Display level 3,
Mirelly Armendáriz and Tiffany Sandoval
4th place, advance to state



Cupcake Presentation level 3,
Daniela Rodriguez, advance
to preliminary round at state

Milk House Market

Wedding Registry

Josh Barnett & Rachel Box

Macey Thurman & Justin Brown

Hours:
Thursday 11-5
Friday 11-5
Saturday 10-3

Call:
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Farmhouse to Your House

Elementary "A" Honor Roll

Kutter Bradshaw, Attaleigh Conner, Layne Davis, Ryan Dyck, Anndrea Fehr, Kassi Fulcher, Yarely Hernandez, Nikki Hill, Creed Russell, Alejandra Silva, Heinrich Thiessen, Logan Tyler, LeJynd Smyer, Elizabeth Burch, Berkley Cleavinger, Yurianna Silva, Paisley Branscum, Naomi Cleavinger

Elementary "AB" Honor Roll

Brantley Chancey, Angel Loya, Bryton Bilyeu, Braylee Brown, Emme Mendez, Paislee Ruthardt, Gonzalo Silva, Ayden Solano, Kaylee Chancey, Abigail Fehr, Davyn Glover, Alexia Hernandez, Jacob Thiessen, Beatrice Bishop, Audrey Damron, Daniel Froese, Meline Hill,

Adan Ontiveros, Nash St. Clair, Rhett Weaver, Joseph Carrillo, Sebastian Ibarra, Cole Dyck, Reagan Kirby, Hagen London, Yaslin Silva, Dylan Tyler

Junior High "A" Honor Roll

Brynlie Cleavinger, Kobi Kirby, Jacey McDonald, Madison Tyler

Junior High "AB" Honor Roll

Leelynn Davis, Noelith Fernandez, Judy Froese, Maelyne Garza, Jaydeen Gomez, Randi Hughes, Claire Lostroh, Deveny Pacheco, Brock St. Clair, Bruno Ibarra, Wylee Chambers, Johanna Garcia, Jacqueline Nunez, Karim Porras, Riley Railsback, Jennifer Diaz, Aaron Solano, Nelinora Thiessen,

Blaykin Branscum, Carson Davis, Dwight Dyck, Emmaly Ibarra, Tanner Lostroh, James Olson, Lauren Weaver

High School "A" Honor Roll

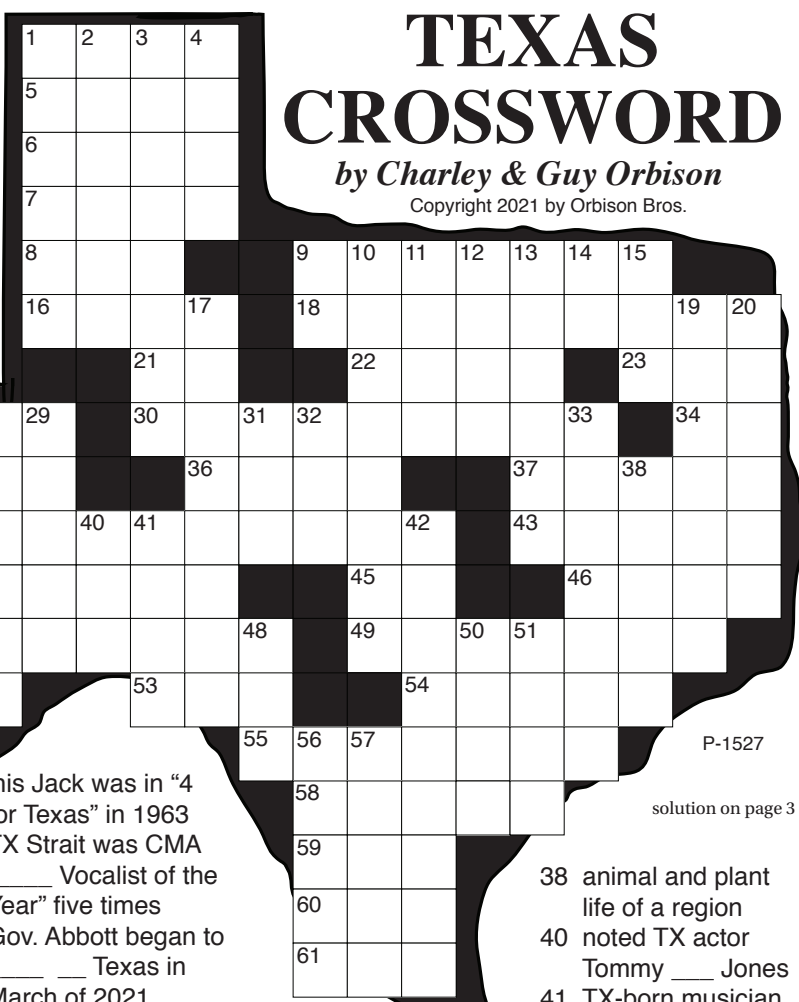
Noemi Garcia, Iliana Lopez, Daniella Sanchez, Julia Ibarra, Catalina Sanchez, Halley Wales, John Henry Schacher, JR Vallejo

High School "AB" Honor Roll

Jessica Fernandez, Eva Froese, Delialah Gonzalez, Kaylee Lee, Ryelan Mason, Fabiola Nunez, Elias Buie, Jonah Buie, Erin Martinez, TJ Chavez, Macy Davis, Kylee Ruthardt, Isabella Salazar, Jamie Carrillo, Gatlin Copley, Maribel Gomez,

LAZBUDDIE ISD
5th 6 Weeks Honor Roll - 2020/2021

- ACROSS**
- 1 _____ Davis County
 - 5 out in the Gulf
 - 6 dishonest scheme
 - 7 trim off
 - 8 computer graphics file format
 - 9 TX biography: "H.L. Hunt - _____ of My Father" (1992)
 - 16 in "Big Jake," Texas Rangers traveled in these cars, ruined by the kidnappers
 - 18 green chili peppers on nachos
 - 21 TXism: "that's Greek to _____" (confusing)
 - 22 TX George H.W. alma mater
 - 23 "Santa _____ National Wildlife Refuge"
 - 24 plant-covered alcoves
 - 30 necessary items to drill oil wells
 - 34 1970s TV series with TX Lynda Day George (abbr.)
 - 35 Lindsay Wagner: "The _____ Woman"
 - 36 TX Willie & Waylon sang "Mammas Don't Let Your Babies Grow _____ Be Cowboys"
 - 37 filmed in Houston: "_____ Cowboy"
 - 39 TX Gary Morris tune: "_____ it Takes"
 - 43 TXism: "_____ the town" (celebrate)
 - 44 city of Fort Hood
 - 45 org. of states in Europe
 - 46 gear wheels
 - 47 TX Ginger's co-star, Francis, in 1935 film "Romance in Manhattan"
 - 49 "I boot _____ a different drummer"
 - 52 19th governor: _____ Ross
 - 53 "without further _____"
 - 54 TXism: "he'll kick you _____ funeral home" (mean horse)
 - 55 radio no-no (2 wds.)
 - 58 country duo of Loretta's daughters
 - 59 TXism: "he can't _____ through a barbed wire fence"
 - 60 TX Willie album to pay tax debt: "The _____ Tapes" (1992)
 - 61 road curve
- DOWN**
- 1 TX city hit hard by Hurricane Rita in 2005
 - 2 TXism: "jump bail"
 - 3 frightening in Houston: "_____ Cowboy"
 - 4 Troy Aikman is in Pro Football Hall of _____
 - 9 legendary TX car racer: _____ Foyt
 - 10 these are danced around on May Day
 - 11 this Jack was in "4 for Texas" in 1963
 - 12 TX Strait was CMA "_____ Vocalist of the Year" five times
 - 13 Gov. Abbott began to _____ Texas in March of 2021
 - 14 "that is" abbr.
 - 15 a nucleic acid
 - 17 like a rhinestone cowboy?
 - 19 Chicano novel: "The House _____ Street"
 - 20 pro team of TX QB Drew Brees
 - 24 first two letters
 - 25 _____ Grande
 - 26 to hit someone
 - 27 Jennifer of 1970 western "Rio Lobo"
 - 28 Winchester, e.g.
 - 29 injure with very hot liquid
 - 31 delivery co.
 - 32 TXism: "call _____ day" (knock off)
 - 33 a John Deere, e.g.
 - 38 animal and plant life of a region
 - 40 noted TX actor Tommy _____ Jones
 - 41 TX-born musician, Lynn
 - 42 ability to think clearly
 - 48 TXism: "ram _____" (boss)
 - 50 TXism: "fits like ugly _____ ape"
 - 51 ex-Rocket Thorpe
 - 56 Borden cow mascot
 - 57 Vivian, mother of TX Phylcia Rashad



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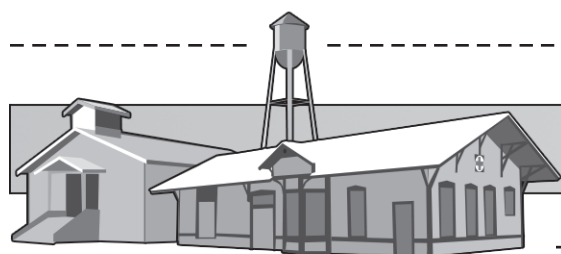
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The Prairie Acres "Resident of Month" for April is Mildred Hobbs. The April "Employee of the Month" is Maddie Zambrano. Maddie works in the nursing department and has worked at Prairie Acres since July of 2020. Congratulations to Mildred and Maddie!

Parmer County has changed the address of its website. You now type in www.parmercounty.texas.gov to gain access to county information and services.

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Please be aware of Medicare and Covid-19 scams. Medicare and IRS officials WILL NOT call you on your phone. DO NOT give Medicare or credit card info over the phone. Covid-19 vaccinations are FREE.

Drop by the Friona Public Library this month and purchase tickets for a chance to win one (or more) of the 10 awesome Gift Baskets in the annual fundraiser raffle by the Friends of the Library. See more on back page.

The park was full of Easter Egg hunters last Saturday for the Victory Family Worship Center's Eggstravaganza. Kids were divided into various age groups and had an opportunity pick up a few of the thousands of eggs strewn across the park. Food trucks, including Joe Taco, were there to feed the masses. See photos on back page.

Thomas Jefferson Day on April 13th honors the birth of the third President of the United States. Most known as the primary author of the Declaration of Independence, Jefferson was a stalwart of democracy. While not much an orator, his pen cut quite a swath of ink through correspondence, documents, journals, and manuscripts. Those who write, tend to read. Jefferson was no different. His vast library contained 6,500 volumes. Jefferson was not only a lawyer, but he was also a scientist of agriculture, paleontology, and astronomy. Immensely curious, he kept detailed records of the weather and eventually established weather observers across his home state of Virginia.

National Days

April 8 — Zoo Lovers Day
April 9 — Cherish an Antique Day
April 10 — Siblings Day
April 11 — Pet Day

April 12 — Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day
April 13 — Thomas Jefferson Day
April 14 — Gardening Day

FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



REGIONAL BOUND....Friona High School won the District 3-AA Literary championship last weekend, and qualified ten students for the regional meet. In the back are John Bingham and Bryan Elliott (debate), Larry Johnston (slide rule and ready writing), Steve Stone (prose), and Sally Kendrick (persuasive speaking). Seated are Sheila Struve and Diane Rodgers (debate), Beverly Bailey (spelling), and Carolyn Martin (spelling). Not shown is Troy White, who qualified in the boys poetry interpretation division. (Friona Star, Thursday, April 8, 1971)

SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

(3/29/21) Jordan Olivarez, 27, of Hereford was arrested by the Friona Police Department on charges of Possession of Marijuana < 2 oz. and DWLI w/previous, pending County Court. There were also 2 Deaf Smith County warrants, posted bond and released.

(3/30/21) Priscilla Nunez, 23, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on a charge of Possession of Marijuana < 2 oz., pending County Court.

(4/1/21) Jennifer Pippes, 37, of Bronco, Texas was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of DWLI w/previous, Pending County Court.

(4/3/21) Serra Dequinzio, 23, of Oklahoma was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on charges of Possession CS Pg2 > 4g < 400g, pending Grand Jury and Possession of Marijuana < 2 oz., pending County Court.

COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from March 25, 2021 to April 1, 2021

(3/4/21) Bettie Foster Sulser, Bettie Foster Sulser Neill — Robbie T. Foster — 224 Ac out of the W 1/2 of Sec 16 Blk Z W.D. and F.W. Johnson Subdiv in the N of the railroad right of way in Parmer County and the part of the E part of the W 1/2 of Sec 16 Blk z W.D. and F.w. Johnson Subdiv in Parmer County

(3/25/21) Old World Tuscany Properties Inc. — Garrett Viss — NW/4 of Sec 10

(3/25/21) The Estate of Steven Ray Clark — Garrett Thomas Clark — NE 1/4 of Section 16 Block C, All of SE 1/4 of Sec 16 Blk C, All of W 1/2 of S 1/2 of Sec 2 T3S R3E containing 186.75 Ac, All NW 1/4 of Sec 16 Blk C Leag 482 and 498, 173.04 Ac of NW 1/4 of Sec 2 T3S R3E

(3/26/21) Estate of Norma Charlene Whitten — Earl Whitten — App 1981.045 Ac Sec 1 T9S R1E, S 1/2 of Sec 19 Blk A, All Sec 30 Block A Capitol Sub, All of Sec 31 N of Hwy 60 Blk A, All sec 32 Blk A except 1.613 Ac SW part of Sec 32 Blk A, NE/4 of Sec 31, NE 1/4 of sec 20 Blk B, W/2 of Sec 20 Blk B, 4.54 Ac Capitol Leag 521 NE part of Sec 21 T7S R2E of Capitol Sub, See Doc

(3/26/21) Heartland Co Op — Gayle O'Brian, Dwight O'Brian — 7.626 Ac SW of Sec 9 T5-1/2 R5E of Capitol Sub

(3/26/21) Weldon J. Crim — Joshua Ryan McDonald, Kristen Marie McDonald — W 1/2 of Sec 26 T11S R3E

(3/29/21) Maria De Los Angeles Santana, Maria A. Montanez — Jiliana Lara — All of Lot 10 Blk 43 Original Town of Friona in Parmer County

(3/30/21) Mary Alger, Raymond Alger, R and M Alger Trust — A-Tex Dairy LLC — All of Sec 12 Township 5 S R 4 E Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County Vol 68 Pg 196 and in Vol 59 Pg 24 leaving 632.606 Ac of Land more or less

(3/30/21) Janell Miller, Gerald Daniel, Bobby Daniel, Estate of Paul Daniel — A-Tex Dairy LLC — All of the W 1/2 of Sec 15 Township 5-S R-4-E of the Capitol Syndicate Subdiv of Parmer County 317.51 Ac more or less and except 2.49 Ac and Vol 68 Pg 195 in Parmer County and All of Sec 14 Township 5-S R-4-E of the Capitol Syndicate Subdiv and 6.29 Ac for Vol 59 Pg 27 of the Parmer County Records

(3/30/21) Kristi K. Steelman — Ivy Kaileigh, Ivy Haldon — Lots 17 and 18 Blk 15 and an adjacent tract out of the alleyway being 10' x 50' lying due W of Lots 17 and 18 in Farwell

(3/31/21) Angelica Chico, Harvey Chico, Sergio Chico Jr. — Scott Verlod, Michael Chico — The N 100 ft of Lot 1 Blk 2 Welch Acres Addition to the City of Friona in Parmer County

(4/1/21) Olen Edward Wilson Revocable Living Trust — Kevin Gene Welch, Linda Wise Welch — The NE/4 of Sec No 4 of the Roberts Subdiv in Parmer and the SE/4 of Sec No 4 of the Roberts Subdiv in Parmer County

(4/1/21) Keith Meeks, Lacey Meeks — Daniel Wiseman — All of the W/2 of Sec 6 Township 6 S R 3 E of a Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County

Puzzle Solution

JEFF
ASEA
SCAM
PARE
EPS AMEMOIR
REOS JALAPENOS
ME YALE ANA
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We read using our eyes. We use the alphabet. People who cannot see well or are blind can read Braille, a system of raised dots, with their fingers. People who are deaf may read lips or fingers spelling out hand signals, in addition to the printed word.

Reading gives us such joy!

Read the clues about reading to fill in the crossword puzzle:

- 1.) We read using the letters of the _____.
- 2.) When we read _____ we are able to share stories.
- 3.) We read for fun and to _____.
- 4.) We read signs by seeing the words or _____.
- 5.) We read words, _____ and paragraphs.
- 6.) We read using our _____.
- 7.) Some people, who cannot see well or are blind, may read using _____, a system of raised dots.
- 8.) We learn new words and _____ when we read.
- 9.) We read from the left side to the _____.
- 10.) We can read about places we can _____ to and places we might not.
- 11.) We read music by reading the _____.
- 12.) People who are deaf may read finger _____, or hand signals as well as the printed word!

We'll help you to learn how to read!

We enjoy reading on our new tablet.

There are 3 letters in my puzzle. Connect dots in the first one by following the numbers. Then, follow the alphabet in the middle one. Finally, connect the numbered dots of the last letter to see the word we use the most.

What Word Do We Use the Most?

Do you know what word is used the most in written materials?

ABCDEF
Braille

alphabet
sentences
learn
ideas
travel
notes
right
spelling
eyes
aloud

We're nuts...
...about reading!

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

N A D E
M B C F
J I
L K H G

A Recipe for Reading!

Chatter's recipe for reading is not a secret. Find and circle all of these items that we read every day:

We Read:

recipes	labels	announcements
poetry	maps	bulletin boards
symbols	charts	invitations
signs	flyers	directions
notices	letters	newspapers
websites	books	magazines
articles	diaries	instructions
comics	plays	scrapbooks

I love puzzles!

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Read to learn!

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W N I R T O P V B G A E S Z U G T L B Y U W I M E
J E R T G L A P Q O T N H C Y U S E B I L U G A L
A N E W S P A P E R S N I P A E W T V Y L I N E C
I U X D C O M I C S Q Y Q T L V B T S O E U S N I
D I X O I Q T W S P O D M X C A T E R B T B U I T
V N S K O O B P A R C S Q B U I Y R E V I L K S R
X S F V D B U I V O W E R I O N G S Y B N P L N A
F T I N V I T A T I O N S J L L B L L F B P O O A
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C C O O M V O I U D G S M M V N J U W P R T B C W
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Q I B P U K X E S F G I V N P L A B E L S A P R T
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M A G A Z I N E S O T D I W S O A Z S L O B M Y S
B P W T Y V A R P O N M O I L M E X B I N V E S Q

Read Right! Read Left!

We read English words and sentences from left to right. The languages of Arabic and Hebrew are read from right to left.

Here are some fun English words that can be read in both directions and still have meaning for us. Study the words and fill in the vowels that make sense:

CAN YOU READ FROM LEFT TO RIGHT?
?TFEL OT THGIR MORF DAER UOY NAC

1. k _ _ p = p _ _ k
2. st _ p = p _ ts
3. p _ ls = sl _ p
4. t _ p = p _ t
5. st _ r = r _ ts
6. l _ v _ = _ v _ l

I love to read!
Books!

7. n _ w = w _ n
8. n _ t = t _ n
9. s _ w = w _ s
10. r _ _ d = d _ _ r
11. b _ t = t _ b
12. m _ _ d = d _ _ m

Newspapers!

Small Town Cookin' By Jeri Lynn White

Empanadas

An empanada is a fried or baked pastry stuffed with sweet or savory fillings. The dough can be made from wheat flour, cornmeal, corn flour, plantain, or potato. The first mention of the empanada was in Persia around 100 BC. The Moors brought the pastry to Spain and Portugal. The Spanish loved it so much they gave it its Spanish name, empanada, derived from the

Spanish verb empanar, which means to wrap in bread. A cookbook published in 1520 in Catalan, Spain featured an empanada recipe made with seafood. From there the empanada made its way to the Western Hemisphere where the Spanish shared the pastry with the Aztec and Mayan people.

Empanadas continue to be popular in Portugal, the Ca-

ribbean, Latin America, and the Philippines, as well as in America. The empanada is also known by other names such as creoles, fried pies, pastelito, empanadilla, pastelillo, as well as patties or pasties.

Empanadas are also very popular in Mexico. Each region has its own variety of empanadas. Although empanadas were originally

stuffed with sweet filings such as pumpkin, sweet potato, or apple, savory filings are also common. Across the regions of Mexico, you will find empanadas stuffed with eggs, fish, olives, raisins, onions, and jalapenos, or pork with spices.

I have included a few recipes you can try and celebrate National Empanada Day on April 8.

Empanada Dough

www.thespruceeats.com

Ingredients
3 cups flour (plus a little more for kneading)
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup cold water
1 egg
1 egg white
1 teaspoon vinegar
3 tablespoons shortening
Steps to Make It

Gather the ingredients. In a bowl, beat the water, egg, egg white and vinegar together. Set aside. In a separate bowl, mix together the 3 cups of flour and salt. Cut the shortening into the flour mix with a pastry blender or two butter knives. Make a well in the center of the flour mix and pour the liquid ingredients from the first bowl into the center. Mix the wet and dry

ingredients with a fork until it becomes stiff. Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured surface. Knead it just until all the flour is incorporated, and the dough is smooth. Wrap the dough in plastic and refrigerate for at least 1 hour, but never more than 24 hours. Enjoy!

Tip: If you want to keep the dough longer than 24 hours, you can freeze it.

Beef Empanada Filling

www.thespruceeats.com

Ingredients
1 teaspoon bacon grease (pork lard or vegetable oil)
1 large onion (peeled and coarsely chopped)
5 garlic cloves (peeled and finely chopped)
2 pounds/900 grams beef (ground)
1 cup beef broth (homemade or from a jar/box)
1/4 cup green olives (pitted and finely chopped)
1/2 cup raisins (soaked in warm water for 1 hour)
2 small potatoes (diced into 1/2-inch cubes and boiled until soft)
2 eggs (hardboiled, coarsely chopped)

Steps to Make It

Note: The olives and raisins add great flavor and texture to this dish, but don't hesitate to omit either of them if you need to, as the filling will still be very good without one of these ingredients.

Gather the ingredients. Heat the bacon grease, lard, or oil in a medium-sized pan. Sauté the onions and garlic over medium heat for 1 minute. Add the ground beef; continue to cook and stir. When the beef has all browned, add the broth, olives, and raisins and bring to a simmer. Let cook, uncovered, until the liquid has almost all evaporated. Remove from heat and fold in the cooked potatoes and eggs.

Abuela's Apple Empanadas

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You can use this dough for your savory empanadas as well. That way you can use the leftover dough to make these apple empanadas.

Ingredients
For the Dough:
3 cups flour (all-purpose)
4 teaspoons sugar (white)
1 tablespoon baking powder
1 teaspoon cinnamon (ground)
1 pinch salt
1/2 cup lard (good quality; or vegetable shortening)
1 egg
3/4 cup water
For the Filling:
1 cup plus 2 tablespoons water (divided)
4 pounds apples (peeled, cored, and cut into small cubes)
1 tablespoon cinnamon (ground)
2 cups sugar (white)
1 teaspoon lemon juice
1 cup raisins (softened in warm water and drained)
Oil (or shortening, for frying)

Steps to Make It

Abuela's Apple Empanadas dough ingredients

Use a fork or a whisk to toss the flour, 4 teaspoons sugar, baking powder, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, and salt together in a large bowl. Cut in the lard with a pastry cutter or 2 knives until the mixture resembles coarse meal. Beat the egg in a mixing bowl, then stir in 3/4 cup water. Add the egg mixture to the flour mixture and knead it until a dough forms. Cover and refrigerate the dough for 30 minutes.

Abuela's Apple Empanadas filling ingredients

Bring 1 cup of water to a simmer in a shallow pan. Add the apples and cinnamon and simmer until the apples turn fork-tender and the water evaporates. (Add a little more water, if necessary, for the apples to fully cook.) In a small saucepan, add the sugar, lemon juice, and remaining 2 tablespoons of water. Warm it over low heat, stirring constantly, until the mixture reaches a simmer. When it turns a dark golden color (or reaches 335 F/168 C on a candy thermometer), take

it off the heat, but continue stirring constantly. Quickly fold in the cooked apples and softened raisins. If the filling begins to harden before you assemble your empanadas, return it to the stove and keep it warm over low heat.

Assemble and Fry the Apple Empanadas

Lightly flour a surface and roll out the empanada dough to 1/4-inch (6.3-millimeters) thick. Cut out 4-inch (10-centimeter) circles for small empanadas, 5-inch (13-centimeter) circles for medium ones, or 6-inch (15-centimeter) circles for large ones. Place 1, 2, or 3 tablespoons of filling in the center of the small, medium, and large dough circles, respectively. Fold the dough over to form a semi-circle and use a fork to press the edges together. Refrigerate the prepared empanadas for 3 hours before you cook them. Heat the oil in a deep, heavy pan to 350 F (177 C). Deep-fry the cold empanadas in batches for 6 to 7 minutes or until they turn golden brown. Drain the empanadas briefly on a metal rack or several layers of absorbent paper before you serve them.

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Gas prices down again

By GasBuddy

Texas gas prices have fallen 1.5 cents in the past week, averaging \$2.61 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Gas prices in Texas are 12.2 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 92.0 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$2.27 while the most expensive is \$3.49 per gallon. The national average price of gasoline has fallen 0.4 cents in the last week, averaging \$2.86 per gallon. The national average is up 9.9 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 95.5 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

"Last week was a mixed bag for consumers at the pump as gas prices in half of states rose, while the other half saw declines, with March closing like a lamb after starting out like a lion," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "Oil prices have shown signs of strength in the last few trading sessions, as OPEC agreed to raise oil production starting in May by a very modest 350,000 barrels per day. Overall, it's a small increase in output as global demand continues to show strength in light of Covid-related improvements. U.S. gasoline demand rose for the sixth straight week as consumers hit the road for Easter, and with demand growth likely to remain robust, we may see a second attempt at a run at a national average of \$3 per gallon in the months ahead. While the last few weeks have seen gas prices hold mostly steady, it's not likely to last forever, especially as Americans increasingly get outside as warmer temperatures return."

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>.



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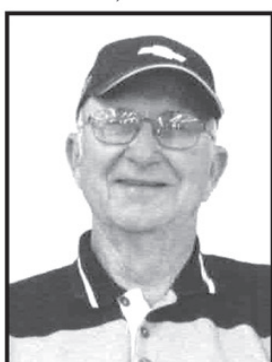
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Tangled Mystery

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

A while back, I had the opportunity to change around some TV sets. There are certain mysteries that simply baffle me. I unhooked TV #1 and moved it off the stand safely onto the floor. I went back to the stand to find 50,000 wires all tangled together. How could this be? When I plugged them all in several years ago, I thought I made a decent effort to plug each one in, in a very organized manner, but what happened back there. It looked like I made sure and wove them together so that if you grabbed one wire you got all of them. Before I could ever deal with placing the new TV in place I had to spend a half hour figuring out which of the

50,000 wires went to what. Don't get me started on the Christmas light mess! Been there too?

Life gets that way sometimes and I am not sure we realize it until we are in a mess and wonder just exactly what happened. How did my life get so tangled? I do not have an answer for the lights and wires, I do suspect I have an answer for my life.

We are living life at the speed of sound, rushing here and there in constant motion making decisions on the fly thinking the whole time we have it together only to find that relying on our own wisdom often fails and consequences stack up until we find ourselves in a

knot. Part of that is human the other part is that we make decisions often in the moment and it causes tangles to form. Each of us get tangled in various things whether financial issues, sinful issues, time issues...

The Bible is full of people like us tangled and bound in need of a Savior. The Bible also gives us the answer: A Savior. So if your wires are all tangled call a friend to help, but if your life is all tangled call on the Lord.

As we start April my challenge is simple give your life to the One who can handle tangles. Stop making all life's decisions yourself and start following the One who can lead us safely Home.

God Wants the Best for Us

By Teena Hughs

I heard the news about Chris Beard leaving Texas Tech on a San Antonio radio station last week as Feller and I were on our way to eat Mexican food in Uvalde. Things like that used to really upset me, but as I have said many times, life is about choices, and while I don't understand Beard's choice, it is life, and life goes on. I may be wrong, but I do not think Chris Beard will ever get treated any better than he did by Raider Nation in Lubbock, Texas!

Last night, it was announced that Mark Adams is the new coach replacing Beard. All indications are that this is a great choice!!! He was in charge of the defense; Beard was in charge of the offense, and the defense definitely outperformed the offense. A number of former players came out and supported Adams

as the next coach, and that speaks volumes. Also, Adams is a West Texas man, and has been very loyal to the area. So, it seems to me, Tech got the better end of this deal!!!

How many times have we put our faith and hope into a particular person, only to be disappointed by that person? We think they are going to lead our team to a championship title. We think someone will solve all of our financial problems. We think someone's prayers will get us through a difficult time. We think that what we want will make life perfect.

And then, things happen: the coach leaves; things don't work out financially; God doesn't answer prayers the way we want; what we think will make our life happy and perfect, does not happen, or perhaps, makes our life worse.

As I get older, I KNOW that God really is looking after us; He really does want what is best for us; He really does love us. And, because of His love, we don't always get what we think is best; we get what He thinks is best for us.

Aren't we glad that we have a God who wants His very best for us, and when we let Him, He gives it to us? His best for each of us is THE VERY BEST!!! I heard a minister say we would be amazed if we could only see what God is working on behind the scenes. So, when we get frustrated that God doesn't do for us the way or how we think He should, just remember that He does love you, and that He is working behind the scenes to give you His best and what you need. So, be patient, because His very best is coming your way!!!

Mental Health

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

According to statistics from the National Institute of Mental Health Disorders, part of the National Institutes of Health, almost one in four adults are affected with some type of mental health disorder. Depression, anxiety, and panic attacks are a few of the more common mental health issues that affect the general population, and for many people these challenges can leave them feeling stuck without help or hope.

When we look at Mental Health issues, we must not forget that the one who called the universe into existence also knows the number of hairs on your head and the cares on your mind. Issues of

Mental Health are important to God, who offers Hope and Help for those who struggle with mental health. Secular science seeks to push the Bible out of conversations regarding mental health, but 2 Peter 1:3 makes clear that "His (God's) divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence." God has given us all we need to live a godly life and this includes our mental health. As Christians we must learn to see our lives and struggles in light of Biblical truth, so we can tap into the hope and help that we have in Christ. This verse is not a proof-text

that God promises immediate healing from every mental health struggle, but it is a promise that God has wisdom, help and hope in regards to your mental health.

First Baptist Church, Friona will host a Mental Health Sunday, on April 11 to focus on this important topic. At 9:30am, youth and adults will gather in the worship center for a panel discussion made up of ministers and counselors who regularly help people in the area of mental health. A guest preacher will preach during the worship service at 10:30am, followed by a free lunch. Go to www.fbcfriona.com or call the church at 806-250-3933 for more info.

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Obituary



Maria Jass

Maria Jass, 71 of Friona passed away April 5, 2021 in Midland. Viewing will be held Friday, April 9, 2021 from 9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. with Prayer Services scheduled for 6:00 P.M. in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY. Celebration of Life Services are scheduled for 10:30 A.M. Saturday, April 10, 2021 at First Baptist Church of Friona with Rev. Brett Hoyle, officiating. Burial following in the Friona Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.



Maria was born December 29, 1949 in Odonnell, Texas to Jose and Lydia Guzman Samarron. She later worked for the Friona Independent School District as the Migrant Coordinator. She loved her family and friends and was active in churches in Plain-

view and Friona. She is preceded in death by her parents. Those to carry on her legacy include 1 daughter Orpha Stephens and husband Randal of Midland, 2 sons- Joel Jass and wife Michelle of Clovis, and Jason Jass and wife Julie of Plainview, 5 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren. You may send condolences to the family and sign the on-line guest book at: www.hansardfamily.com



Lions Club News



Laurie McAfee was the guest speaker at the Noon Lions Club meeting last Monday. She is a representative for the Area Agency on Aging and spoke about the various Covid-19 and Medicare scams that are going on around the panhandle. Contact the Texas Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) for help at 1-888-341-6187 if you think you might be the victim of a scam.

State sales tax revenue totaled \$2.6 Billion in March

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced that state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.63 billion in March, 2.4 percent less than in March 2020. This amount, however, includes some revenue remitted in March that in normal circumstances would have been received by the state in February.

The majority of March sales tax revenue is based on sales made in February and remitted to the agency in March. This year, however, the Feb. 22 due date for state taxes and fees to be reported and paid was extended by one week, to March 1, due to the effects of the winter storm. After adjusting the March totals to account for March 1 activity, March sales tax revenue totaled \$2.46 billion, down 8.6 percent from March 2020.

"Adjusted for the effects of delayed payments due to the late February winter weather disaster, March state sales tax collections continued to slump below levels of a year ago," Hegar said. "Collections from all major sectors other than retail trade and restaurants continued to decline, led by depressed receipts from oil- and gas-related businesses. "Some of the trends estab-

lished during the COVID-19 pandemic continued, as remittances from online retailers, building materials stores and sporting goods stores continued to show strong growth over the previous year. Clothing and accessories stores and furniture stores showed declines, likely due to store closures caused by widespread power outages.

"Tax receipts from restaurants were up over the previous year's levels for the first time since onset of the pandemic, but the increase reflects the first month affected by the pandemic, as restaurant activity began to slow in the latter half of February 2020."

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in March 2021 was down 5.3 percent compared to the same period a year ago. Sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 59 percent of all tax collections. While the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic continued to depress some sources of revenue, others are now exhibiting year-over-year gains when compared to a year ago when the effects of the pandemic had started to take hold.

Texas collected the following revenue from other major taxes, some of which also were affected by the extension of the Feb. 22 deadline: (1) motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$467 million, up 20.2 percent from March 2020, but accounting for March 1 activity, total collections were \$466 million, up 19.9 percent from March 2020; (2) motor fuel taxes — \$232 million, down 20.8 percent from March 2020, due to reduced driving during the winter storm in February; (3) oil production tax — \$237 million, down 22.4 percent from March 2020; (4) natural gas production tax — \$139 million, up 36.6 percent from March 2020, but accounting for March 1 activity, total collections were \$138 million, up 34 percent from March 2020; (5) hotel occupancy tax — \$32 million, down 29.1 percent from March 2020, but after accounting for March 1 activity, total collections were \$30 million, down 34.9 percent from March 2020; and (6) alcoholic beverage taxes — \$97 million, up 12.4 percent from March 2020, but after accounting for March 1 activity, total collections were \$83 million, down 3.1 percent from March 2020.



Construction is underway at Dos Chixx located at 715 Main. The new front door was made in Mexico and was recently installed. The remodel is part of the Friona Economic Development Corporation's Matching Member Grant Program.

LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

Parmer County Notice of Public Hearing – Texas Enterprise Zone Program Nomination

NOTICE is hereby given that on Monday, April 26, 2021 at 9:30 a.m., the Commissioners Court for Parmer County, Texas, shall hold a public hearing in the County Courtroom of the Parmer County Courthouse located at 401 3rd Street, Farwell, Texas, to consider a Resolution and Order nominating Cargill Meat Solutions Corporation for the Texas Enterprise Zone Program for a project located at 1530 US Hwy 60, Friona, Texas. Tax relief and/or other incentives that could be offered by the County may also be discussed at this hearing.

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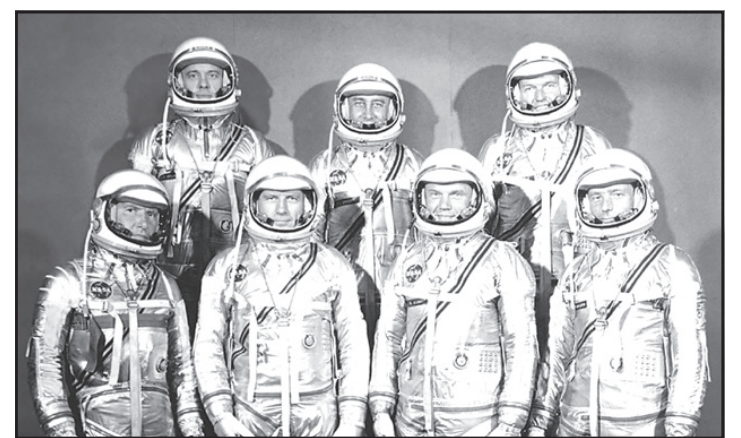
The Space Race

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith

America's space age began April 9, 1959 when seven test pilots with "The Right Stuff" were formally presented to the nation as its inaugural astronauts. The "Mercury Project", as they were known, was composed of Scott Carpenter, L. Gordon Cooper Jr., John H. Glenn Jr., Virgil "Gus" Grissom, Walter Schirra Jr., Alan Shepard Jr. and Donald Slayton.

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Two years earlier, the Soviet Union had astonished the world, when it put the first artificial satellite, Sputnik, into orbit, but America, resolved to eclipse them, was stunned a second time, when their cosmonaut, Yuri Gagarin, piloted the planet's first manned space flight in April 1961—less



than a month before Mercury astronaut Alan Shepard, went up in his spacecraft, the Freedom 7.

By then, the hustle for celestial superiority was ramped up with a zing, but the U.S. continued to lag—until 1969—when NASA's Apollo astronauts Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins took "one giant leap for man-

kind"—and landed on the moon.

For more information, the Grateful American Book Prize recommends Project Mercury: America in Space Series by Eugen Reichl.

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Starting Salary: \$8-\$8.50/hour (depending on qualifications)
Part-Time Temporary Position (20 hours a week)
To begin work on 05/17/2021 until 08/07/2021
Candidates will be responsible for monitoring swimming activities at a public swimming pool, providing emergency assistance and first aid, maintaining order and safe conditions, and performing related duties as may be required.

POOL CASHIER/ASSISTANT POOL MANAGER (1 position)
Part-Time Temporary Position (20 hours a week)
Starting Salary: \$10.00/hour
To begin work on 05/17/2021 until 08/07/2021
Candidates will be responsible for receiving payments from swimming pool customers, selling concession items and performing close out reports and other duties as required. Candidates will also serve as the Pool Manager in the absence of the Pool Manager.

POOL MANAGER (1 position)
Starting Salary: \$11.00/hour
Part-Time Temporary Position (20 hours a week)
To begin work on 05/17/2021 until 08/07/2021
Candidates will be responsible for developing, implementing, and supervising swimming programs, classes, and activities for all age groups and interests. Candidates will also perform administrative and supervisory work in the operation and maintenance of the City's swimming pool. Candidates may have other duties assigned to them by the Friona City Manager.

Job descriptions and application forms may also be picked up at Friona City Hall, 623 Main Street, Friona. If you would like an application emailed to you, please email cityinfo@frionatx.us. Applications will be accepted until April 16, 2021.



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SPORTS



2021 District 3-3A Track & Field Championships
Mustang Stadium, Denver City, Texas, April 1 & 3, 2021

- Varsity Boys
100 Meters
2. Malachi Torres 11.20
7. Abisai Torres 11.67
200 Meters
(p) Bryan Chavira 24.91
(p) Abisai Torres..... 25.29
(p) Andrew Rivera..... 26.54
400 Meters
4. Alan Martinez..... 52.28
800 Meters
2. Adrian Legarreta .2:07.32
4. Fabian Salinas....2:09.53
1600 Meters
1. Adrian Legerreta. 4:54.19
3200 Meters
1. Adrian Legerreta10:39.43
6. Dieter Ally 12:23.92
110m Hurdles
(p) Jared Rejino 18.73
300m Hurdles
(p) Jared Rejino 47.27
4 x 100m Relay
2. Friona 44.37
Malachi Torres, Bryan Chavira, Marc Mendoza, Jacob Bautista
4 x 200m Relay
2. Friona 1:32.83
Alan Martinez, Marc Mendoza, Abisai Torres, Bryan Chavira
4 x 400m Relay
2. Friona 3:30.71
Alan Martinez, Jacob Bautista, Tony Rodriguez, Marc Mendoza
High Jump
2. Jared Rejino 5'10"
Pole Vault
1. Angel Carranza..... 11'0"
2. Mario Bautista..... 9'0"
Long Jump
11. Malachi Torres 18'11.25"
15. Andrew Rivera 17'5"
19. Marc Mendoza..... 16'7"
Shot Put
6. Jake Padilla 40'6"
8. Anthony Abarca ... 37'9.5"
11. Andrew Husted ... 36'2.5"
Discus
6. Jake Padilla 106'2"
14. Anthony Abarca 84'2"
16. Aaron Salinas 76'7"

- Varsity Girls
100 Meters
1. Rebecca Schlenker12.84
2. Noelia Bautista 13.24
200 Meters
3. Destini Fernandez .27.23
(p) Liliانا Martinez.... 29.69
(p) Lizbeth Toledo 30.91
400 Meters
6. Liliانا Martinez .. 1:08.72
(p) Makayla Ramos 1:11.07
(p) Duvy Ortiz 1:14.02
800 Meters
1. Yvonne Legarreta2:30.59
5. Makayla Ramos.. 2:45.07
10. Adamaris Rivas 2:51.21
1600 Meters
1. Yvonne Legarreta5:55.75
6. Adamaris Rivas...6:30.31
11. Esperanza Santiago 7:15.50
3200 Meters
1. Yvonne Legarreta 13:10.06
9. Esperanza Santiago 15:41.21
110m Hurdles
5. Jacquelyn Falcon... 18.71
300m Hurdles
7. Jacquelyn Falcon... 53.59
4 x 100m Relay
1. Friona 50.99
Rebecca Schlenker, Destini Fernandez, Noelia Bautista, Anahi Gonzalez
4 x 200m Relay
1. Friona 1:48.01
Rebecca Schlenker, Destini Fernandez, Noelia Bautista, Anahi Gonzalez
4 x 400m Relay
4. Friona 4:26.87
Anahi Gonzalez, Lyliaanna Martinez, Lizbeth Toledo, Makayla Ramos
Pole Vault
2. Duvy Ortiz..... 6'6"
5. Makayla Ramos..... 6'0"
Long Jump
1. Rebecca Schlenker 17'5.25"
14. Noelia Bautista .. 14'2.5"
Triple Jump
1. Rebecca Schlenker 33'8.5"
15. Lizbeth Toledo 28'9"
Shot Put
10. Amy Montana... 25'5.25"
16. Melody Upton .. 22'6.25"
Discus
14. Amy Montana..... 66'2"
15. Melody Upton 66'0"

- Team Rankings
Varsity Boys
1. Denver City..... 196
2. Dimmitt 129
3. Friona..... 120
4. Littlefield 77
5. Brownfield..... 44
6. Muleshoe..... 37
7. Lamesa..... 14
JV Boys
1. Denver City..... 229.5
2. Littlefield 146
3. Muleshoe..... 109.5
4. Friona..... 54
5. Brownfield..... 34
6. Lamesa..... 14
Varsity Girls
1. Friona..... 137
2. Muleshoe..... 116
3. Lamesa..... 107
4. Denver City..... 88
5. Littlefield 73
6. Brownfield..... 56
7. Dimmitt 42
JV Girls
1. Denver City..... 173
2. Muleshoe..... 149
3. Littlefield 108
4. Friona..... 58
5. Lamesa..... 36
6. Dimmitt 26
7. Brownfield..... 8



FHS Golf Teams: (l-r) Luis Reveles, Tim Ally, Victoria Gonzalez, Keegan Hurst, Kambree Kimbrough, Anthony Abarca, and Kayli Stone. Kambree finished 3rd overall in District and will be advancing to the Regional Golf Tournament in Baird on April 21-22.



At the SPCHEA small school invitational tennis meet, Mirelly Armendariz & Tiffany Sandoval won 3rd place Varsity, Ady Dominguez & Jacey Burney won 3rd place JV, and Gael Garcia won 2nd place JV.

Area Qualifiers (top 4 finishers at district)

- Squaws
Rebecca Schlenker
Noelia Bautista
Destini Fernandez
Yvonne Legarreta
Anahi Gonzalez
Duvy Ortiz
Lyliaanna Martinez
Lizbeth Toledo
Makayla Ramos

- Chieftains
Malachi Torres
Alan Martinez
Adrian Legarreta
Jared Rejino
Angel Carranza
Mario Bautista
Bryan Chavira
Marc Mendoza
Jacob Bautista
Tony Rodriguez
Abisai Torres
Fabian Salinas



Pitcher Bryan Chavira and 1st Baseman Andrew Husted keep a close eye on the Bushland Falcon runner during first inning action in the district home opener for the Chieftains.

Don't get hit with a penalty! "Render" your taxable property by April 15th.

A "rendition" is a report to the appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on January 1st of this year.

Who must file a rendition?

A person shall render all tangible personal property used for the production of income that the person owns or that the person manages and controls on January 1st. Examples of personal property that shall be rendered are inventory, machinery and equipment, and furniture and fixtures. If you do not render, render late, or file a false rendition, a 10% penalty may be imposed.

Are there any advantages to you?

- The advantages of filing a rendition are:
• You give your opinion of your property's value. The appraisal district must notify you in writing of current appraised value.
• You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
• You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2020. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2021.

What's the deadline?

The last day for filing 2021 renditions is April 15. You can get an automatic extension to May 15 if you ask for it in writing on or before the April 15 deadline. The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days after May 15 for an owner who shows good cause in writing.

Where do you file?

File renditions with your local appraisal district at:

Parmer County Appraisal District

305 3rd Street
P.O. Box 56
Bovina, TX 79009

If you have any questions, please call (806) 251-1405; email parmer@parmercad.org

Jill Timms -- Chief Appraiser
Deanna Curtis -- Deputy Chief Appraiser

Special note: The deadline for vehicle exemptions for those who qualify are due by April 30, 2021.

Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



April—National Poetry Month, so that means I do not have to explain why I am again sharing poetry. This month will include some contemporary verse, such as the one in this week's column, but look for some classics and originals, too. Anyone who grew up in the 1970s with Rod McKuen and Simon and Garfunkel is lying if she said she did not have a diary with sappy poems about heartache, the movie "Love Story," or a crush on Robert Redford.

This week's lyrical offering is free verse gold. The act of giving—of our time, energy, advice, love, money—is not immune from discussion about what is too much and what is not enough. Perhaps we ought to just focus on the simple truth that collaborative sharing makes "something greater from the difference."

I highlighted my favorite lines, knowing I need to get better at giving rather than keeping all the best crayons in the box for myself.

When Giving is All We Have

by Alberto Rios

One river gives
Its journey to the next.
We give because someone gave to us.
We give because nobody gave to us.
We give because giving has changed us.
We give because giving could have changed us.
We have been better for it,
We have been wounded by it—
Giving has many faces: It is loud and quiet,
Big, though small, diamond in wood-nails,
Its story is old, the plot worn and the pages too,
But we read this book, anyway, over and again:
Giving is, first and every time, hand to hand,
Mine to yours, yours to mine.
You gave me blue and I gave you yellow.
Together we are simple green. You gave me
What you did not have, and I gave you
What I had to give—together, we made
Something greater from the difference.

Born in 1952, Alberto Rios is the inaugural state poet laureate of Arizona and the author of many poetry collections, including A Small Story about the Sky (Copper Canyon Press, 2015). In 1981, he received the Walt Whitman Award for his collection Whispering to Fool the Wind (Sheep Meadow Press, 1982). www.poets.org re-printed with written permission from Mr. Rios

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State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

The latest report on child maltreatment fatalities and near fatalities, compiled by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, indicates 251 children in Texas died in fiscal year 2020 due to abuse and neglect. That figure includes 28 children who died after being left unattended in hot vehicles.

During Child Abuse Prevention Month, DFPS is encouraging communities to increase awareness of resources available to help prevent child abuse in Texas. Resources are available at getparentingtips.com.

DSHS launches Texas vaccine scheduler

With anyone 16 and older now eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine, the Texas Department of State Health Services has launched the Texas Public Health Vaccine Scheduler. It establishes a single place to sign up for a vaccine through multiple public health agencies. Texans can visit getthevaccine.dshs.texas.gov to create a profile and pick a preferred day and time for an appointment. In most cases, people will be matched with the next available appointment in their home counties.

People without internet service or

who have difficulty using the online registration tools can call 1-833-832-7067 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days a week for assistance.

As of Sunday, 7.92 million Texans had been vaccinated, meaning 41 percent of the state's residents have received at least one shot. Some 4.46 million are fully vaccinated. DSHS announced Friday that more than 2.5 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines are shipping out this week — more than double the previous high.

Meanwhile, new COVID-19 cases in Texas dropped again compared to the previous week, with 21,754 reported, down about 20% week to week. The number of deaths dropped to 637 last week, down about 14% from the previous week. Hospitalizations of confirmed COVID-19 patients again dropped, to 2,840 statewide.

McAdams appointed to PUC

Gov. Greg Abbott has nominated Will McAdams to the Public Utility Commission, subject to state senate confirmation. McAdams will join the sole remaining member of the three-person commission, Chairman Arthur D'Andrea, who previously announced his resignation but agreed to stay on until Abbott could appoint new members. McAdams is

president of the Associated Builders and Contractors of Texas and worked for legislators for more than a decade in various senior staff positions.

The PUC came under fire after the disastrous electrical blackouts during the mid-February winter storm, since it has supervisory power over the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, which controls the power grid for most of the state. Nearly half of ERCOT's 15-member board has since resigned.

An investigation by the Houston Chronicle indicates nearly 200 people died in the winter storm, primarily from hypothermia or carbon monoxide poisoning. More than 4 million homes in Texas were without power at the peak of the crisis. As State Rep. Rafael Anchia, D-Dallas, noted in the article, the winter storm death toll was almost double that from Hurricane Harvey in 2017.

Housing affordability, homelessness exacerbated after storm, pandemic

A Fiscal Notes report from the state comptroller's office indicates median-priced housing in all 10 of the state's largest metro areas is unaffordable to Texans with median incomes. Median income is the

point where half the people earn more and half earn less. For example, the median income in Austin in 2019 was \$39,418, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. In Brownsville, it was \$19,432, or less than half of Austin's median. But in both metro areas, a home at the median price — \$491,000 in Austin and \$167,800 in Brownsville — is unaffordable to families whose annual income is at or below the median. (All figures are from 2019, the latest year available.)

The report notes a strong correlation between homelessness and housing affordability. Red-hot real estate markets in those metro areas have driven up home prices and rents. After a dozen years of decreases in the number of homeless people in the state, the number has risen since 2018. The latest count of individuals experiencing homelessness on a given night accounted for nearly 26,000 in Texas.

Drought conditions blanket two thirds of the state

While drought conditions have improved in the northern Panhandle, they have gotten more severe in South and East Texas, with 68% of the state's land now under drought conditions ranging from abnormally dry to exceptional. According

to the Texas Water Development Board, for the first time in five weeks the total area of the state affected by drought didn't increase.

New film series reenacts key moments of Battle of San Jacinto

To mark the 185th anniversary of the Battle of San Jacinto, in which Gen. Sam Houston and the Texian forces defeated Mexican Gen. Santa Anna to secure Texas' independence in 1836, the Texas Historical Commission is releasing San Jacinto: A Lone Star Shines video series. Every day between April 19-22, the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site will release a short digital film depicting key scenes from the battle. Each day's video will premiere at 11 a.m. with encore showings at 3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. on the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site's Facebook page, and on the Texas Historical Commission YouTube channel. The films are free to view.

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.

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An Easter Eggstravaganza was hosted by Victory Family Worship Center in the park last Saturday



Spring has arrived. This pear tree belonging to Randy & Sarah Geris survived the February polar express rather well. However, the partridge headed south to Caracas and will not be back until Christmas.

Friends of the Friona Public Library Annual basket raffle

Raffle tickets for the basket drawings are available @ The Friona Public Library Tickets will be sold the whole month of April!

Tickets are \$1 each Drawing will be May 2, 2021



The baskets this year are donated by:

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- Connie Slagle - Friends Book Shop
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