



## Tickets available for Boots & Bling

Chris Alexander, Executive Vice President of the Friona Chamber of Commerce & Ag, would like to remind everyone that tickets for the 65th Annual Awards Ceremony are available at the Chamber office at 621 Main or by going to [www.friona-chamber.com](http://www.friona-chamber.com) to purchase them online. Ticket prices are \$30 per person.

The event will be held on Tuesday, May 4th at the Friona Community Center located at 601 W. 15th St. in Friona (just north of Reeve Lake). Suggested attire is boots, bling, & blue jean apparel.

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and the meal will be served at 6:30 p.m.

The program will feature live performances, silent auction, live auction, and recognition of award winners which will include Teacher of the Year, Students of the Year, Employee of the Year, Citizen of the Year, Business of the Year, Woman of the Year, and Man of the Year.

Open the camera of your phone and scan the code. Click link to get to site to purchase tickets.



Martin Godinez winds up to deliver a pitch to a Tulia batter during last week's game against the Hornets. The Chieftain's last home baseball game is next Tuesday evening at 4:30 p.m. against the River Road Wildcats.



Antonio Rocha



Jason Rctor



Kody Kimbrough



Dustin Thompson



Andy Montana

# School Board Election Day is May 1st

### Early voting ends next Tuesday

Five candidates are running for the three open positions on the FIRD Board of Trustees. Election Day is Saturday, May 1st and the voting location is the Friona City Council Board Room at 619 Main Street. Voting will take place from

7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on that day. Antonio Rocha, Jason Rctor, Kody Kimbrough, Dustin Thompson, and Andy Montana are vying for the opportunity to represent the community by serving on the board which oversees the operations of

the Friona Independent School District. The three candidates elected will serve three year terms.

Each of the candidate's names will be listed three times on the ballot. Voters may cast three votes. Some of the voting options include;

(1) voting for the same candidate three times, (2) voting for three different candidates, and (3) voting twice for one candidate and once for another candidate.

Early voting continues this week at the FIRD Administration Build-

ing at 909 E. 11th. You can vote from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 22nd and Friday, April 23rd. The final two days of early voting are 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 26th and Tuesday, April 27th.

# Beef, cattle prices on the rise

By Adam Russell

Stronger-than-normal seasonal demand for beef is driving fed cattle prices upward, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

Seasonal beef demand historically rises in the spring, especially leading up to grilling season, which kicks off Memorial Day, said David Anderson, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension economist, Bryan-College Station. But this year, demand is higher as Americans and the economy emerge from a year-long pandemic.

Anderson said the run-up in fed cattle prices and in the wholesale market reflects the overall economic mood in the nation and globally. Economic momentum is increasing as Americans continue

to gain confidence that the COVID-19 pandemic is largely in the rear view.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention tracker, almost 36.5% of Americans have received at least one vaccination dose, while 22% were fully vaccinated. As those percentages increase, Anderson said consumer demand is likely to shift toward higher value beef cuts and continue to build in a restaurant sector devastated by the pandemic.

Anderson said the hotel and restaurant markets have a long road to recovery but improvements in the travel sector should be encouraging.

"There's a lot of pent-up demand," Anderson said. "There's more momentum

toward opening up and people want to get out or have get-togethers."

### Beef, cattle prices and demand

Anderson said fed cattle prices in the U.S. Southern Plains, which includes Texas, jumped to \$121 per hundredweight compared to \$114 per hundredweight just four weeks ago. They fell as low as \$109 per hundredweight at the end of January.

Seasonal price increases this time of year usually are around \$6 per hundredweight on a five-year average, but surging demand has created a greater-than-seasonal increase and could drive prices higher, he said.

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Anahi Gonzalez advanced to the state academic UIL contest with the top physics score at the regional meet last week. She also had the top score in physics at the district academic UIL meet. Anahi is a Junior at Friona High School and is the daughter of David and Erminia Gonzalez.

## Parmer County COVID-19 stats as of April 20, 2021



Confirmed Cases  
**897**

Probable Cases  
**364**

Fatalities  
**35**

Active Cases  
**7**

Recoveries  
**1219**



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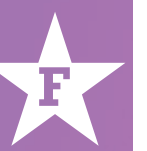
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Friona Weather April 22-28	T  74   45 S 15-25	F  75   38 W 15-25	S  80   49 SSW 10-20	S  88   53 SW 20-30	M  87   53 SW 20-30	T  69   41 W 25-35	W  73   42 NNW 10-20	Precipitation April 0.00 Year 1.40	Burn Ban <b>Yes</b>
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**Community Calendar**

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

- April 22**  
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center
- April 26**  
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center
- April 27**  
• Snack Pack for Kids at Friona United Methodist Church at 3 p.m. (volunteers welcome)
- April 29**  
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center
- April 30**  
• FHS All Sports Banquet at 7:00 p.m. at Friona Community Center
- May 1**  
• Election Day for School Board
- May 3**  
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center  
• Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at The Farmwife Kitchen
- May 4**  
• Friona Chamber of Commerce & Ad Awards Banquet
- May 6**  
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center

**★ Jr. High News ★**



**Congratulations to our March Students of the Month.**

The Friona Junior High Student of the Month embodies our mission and exhibits good character, leadership, and personal academic success. Lt to Rt - 6th Graders - Andres Gutierrez, Kyleigh Stephens, 7th Graders - Mario Garcia, Abril Arzate, 8th Graders - Dylan Haseloff, and Angela Lerma

**Tips from the "Walk Across Texas" Challenge**

**Hydration is Critical to Health**

Your body is made up of about 60% water. Water makes up 75% of your brain, 75% of your muscles, 22% of your bones, and 83% of your blood. The body requires water to maintain homeostasis and carry out numerous vital functions. Water is critical for: (1) helping to regulate body temperature, (2) helping your body digest food and absorb nutrients, (3) helping flush out waste, (4) moistening oxygen for breathing, and (5) lubricating your joints.

During exercise, the body loses water through perspiration. It is very important to remember that while participating in any activity that makes you sweat, you need to drink extra water to replace the fluid loss. You should consume water before, during, and after a workout or any physically demanding activity. The American College of Sports Medicine advises that you should add 12 ounces of EXTRA water for every 30 minutes of exercise. If exercise is intense and lasts more than 1 hour, a sports drink can replace minerals and electro-

lytes that are lost through perspiration.

Sources: Texas A&M AgriLife Howdy Health and the American College of Sports Medicine

**Sugar Sweetened Beverages**

Part of a healthy lifestyle is choosing nutrient dense beverages. When considering a beverage, it is important to think of the calories and nutrients it will provide. Sugar sweetened beverages are a drink that has sugars and/or syrups added to it when it is prepared or processed. These include regular sodas, sweet tea, fruit-flavored drinks, sports drinks, energy drinks, coffee with added sugars and some flavored waters. The Dietary Guidelines for Ameri-

cans 2020-2025 recommends water, fat-free or low-fat milk and 100% juice should be the primary beverages consumed. Coffee, tea, and flavored water can also be consumed within a healthy diet pattern if sweeteners and creams are kept to a minimum.

A healthy diet pattern limits added sugars to less than 10 percent of daily calories. According to the Dietary Guidelines for Americans 2020-2025, added sugars provide an average of 270 calories (more than 13 percent) per day in the American diet. Major sources of added sugars include sugar sweetened beverages, sweetened tea and coffee, desserts and sweet snacks, and candy. In a side-by-side comparison, water and unsweet tea pro-

vide zero calories and zero grams of added sugars, per 12 ounces. While sweet tea provides 115 calories and 29 grams of added sugars, per 12 ounces. And Lemonade provides 171 calories and 43 grams of added sugar, per 12 ounces.

To reduce your intake of added sugars, substitute sugar sweetened beverages with water, unsweet tea, flavored water or other low/no-calorie drinks! Other options include reducing portion sizes, consuming these less often, and selecting options lower in sugar. Remember, try to choose nutrient dense beverages as part of a healthy lifestyle.

Source: Dietary Guidelines for Americans 2020-2025 - [dietaryguidelines.gov](http://dietaryguidelines.gov)

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**ACROSS**

- Lone \_\_\_\_ State
- Jacksonville FM
- TX Tanya's "Texas When \_\_\_\_"
- jeans creator Strauss (init.)
- TXism: "sling it on the wall and \_\_\_\_ if it sticks" (try)
- TX George W. gave 189 of these
- this TX Garrison was a former top 5 pro tennis player
- Killeen High mascot
- TXism: "he's wound tighter than \_\_\_\_"
- George W.'s wife
- this tea is thought to be medicinal
- "One \_\_\_\_, one Ranger"
- LBJ near quote: "If nominated, \_\_\_\_ run."
- historic "\_\_\_\_ Farm & Ranch" in South Texas
- "\_\_\_\_ Ranch" near Bandera is a hunters' destination
- Texas is about 251 times bigger than this state (abbr.)
- rock shooter
- self-images
- TXism: "he's \_\_\_\_ to a rattler" (mean)
- reflecting item (2 wds.)
- warm by the fire (2 wds.)
- dir. from Plainview to Quanah
- TXism: "warming \_\_\_\_" (sitting)
- a hunted animal
- bean production is high in the Panhandle
- TXism: "bring home the bacon" (\_\_\_\_ a living)
- this Myers designed the Texas capitol (init.)
- "\_\_\_\_ crafts"
- TXism: "he shoots \_\_\_\_ eye bullets"
- wood chopper
- cleaning cloth
- dir. from Canyon to Tulia
- Baylor star QB in 2011: "\_\_\_\_3"
- Sam Snead won this in 1945 (2 wds.)
- spoken, not written
- person, place, or thing
- Greek organization for women at UT
- author of 1915 book "The Lone Star Ranger" (2 wds.)
- Laredo FM
- smooth, shiny
- cover thinly with gold leaf
- a TX Lois Chiles co-star in "Creepshow 2," Kennedy (init.)
- this agcy. is now USCIS, ICE, and CBP
- acronym for New Orleans, Louisiana
- repulsive sludges
- Pacific climate changes (2 wds.)
- jazz standard: "\_\_\_\_ Rhythm"
- this Haing was in 1990 film "Vietnam, Texas"
- member of a h.s. graduating class
- subdivision org.
- apt Seminole FM
- TXism: "mad as \_\_\_\_-eyed cow"
- this Lukas was in 1992 TX-filmed "Leap of Faith"
- behind in paying
- Santa Anna laid \_\_\_\_ to the Alamo
- TXism: "bat \_\_\_\_ eyelash" (blink)

**DOWN**

- Texans do it on lakes and snow
- TX Cassidy who was Lurch on "The Addams Family"
- Taylor County seat
- former "\_\_\_\_ Base" in Lubbock
- what TX Willie does
- TXism: "turn over all the cow \_\_\_\_" (search everywhere)
- TXism: "frisky as \_\_\_\_ unsaddled horse"

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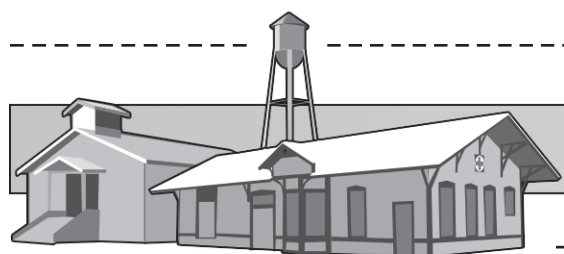
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# TOWN TALK

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Next Wednesday is National Superhero Day. It honors superheroes, both real and fictional. Batman, Superman, Captain America, Wonder Woman, Iron Man, Hulk, and Spiderman are just some of the superheroes whose names we recognize. Even though they are fictional, these superheroes are great role models for our children. They serve and protect while fighting evil. Our real-life

superheroes may not have superpowers or wear capes, but they are also great role models who serve and protect while fighting evil. Police officers, firefighters, EMS personnel, doctors, nurses, and teachers are just a few of the heroes who protect us on a daily basis. They deserve our admiration and support.

Congratulations to the Friona FFA Chapter. In the past

few weeks, the Floriculture, Meat, & Dairy teams have qualified for the State contest. The Star will have photos and details in next week's edition.

A Playa Field Day was held in Friona on Tuesday and featured a visit to John Fred White's reconditioned playa lake south of Friona. Local "playa guru" Jim Steiert of Hereford will have a feature story and photos in next week's Star.

begins at 7:00 p.m. and the ticket price for non-athletes/parents is \$10 per plate. The menu is Steak & Fries with the Noon Lions Club cooking the "world famous" fries. All non-athletes/Parents who plan to attend are asked to purchase tickets in advance. Contact Mayra Olmos at 250-2900 for

tickets. The Booster Club will be accepting memberships for 2021-22 at the banquet.

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**National Days**  
April 22: Earth Day  
April 23: Talk Like Shakespeare Day

April 24: Sense of Smell Day  
April 25: DNA Day  
April 26: Audubon Day  
April 27: Tell A Story Day  
April 28: Superhero Day

## Beef, cattle prices on the rise

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Choice beef cutout was at \$272 per hundredweight on April 9, up \$20 per hundredweight from the week prior, Anderson said. Select beef also rallied to \$264 per hundredweight, or right at the five-year average.

It is noteworthy, he said, that beef prices were strong before the pandemic and that retail demand for beef in 2020 was the best in 20 years. The retail demand reflects prices and purchases at grocery stores and show that despite the pandemic's effect on restaurants, Americans still consumed beef.

Anderson expects beef will continue to be in demand, and that the American appetite for beef may shift from lower-value cuts like hamburger and sirloins to rib-eye steaks and filets, especially as grilling season nears.

"Beef is more expensive than pork or chicken, and demand for certain beef cuts is typically a pretty good indicator for how the economy is performing," he said. "Increased demand and prices relate to how much money are in people's pockets."

### Price rally for producers

Anderson said it's hard to compare the cattle and beef markets to this time last year when the pandemic was causing uncertainty and logistical bottlenecks due to processing plant and restaurant closures, as well as panic buying at grocery stores.

Feed prices are up significantly due to price rallies on most grains, including corn. Anderson said high feed prices typically translate into lower calf prices in the short term, but prices for calves continue to climb, though their trajectory would be steeper if grain prices were normal.

But despite rallying prices, Anderson expects the Texas and U.S. cattle herd to continue contraction.

"Prices are improving, but I think we will continue to see producers cut into their cow herds based on high feed prices and drought," he said. "There is typically less beef production on higher feed prices, historically, and drier-than-normal weather outlooks will be a factor going forward."

Anderson said cattle weights at feedlots typically decline between January and June, but weights had been higher this year until Winter Storm Uri caused notable weight losses. The week before the winter storm, Anderson said fed cattle average weights were 919 pounds. Average weights fell to 899 pounds after the stressful week where cattle's dietary intake burned as energy to help them stay warm.

In the first week of April average weights were still 899 pounds. "We have to feed them longer for them to gain weight, and the higher feed prices incentivizes feedlots to sell them quicker," he said. "The good thing is we are producing a lot of beef and selling it."

Trade data indicates another good trend for producers, Anderson said. Beef exports are down, but imports are down more. "Competitor nations' prices are high, and the weaker dollar has helped exports," he said. "The export volumes exceeded imports by 50 million pounds, and divided by 330 million people, that's basically a little more than one Happy Meal. There's a lot of good, optimistic things to talk about."

Adam Russell is a communication specialist for Texas A&M AgriLife.

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Do not forget to 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 Friends Annual Meeting is May 2, 2021 at 2 p.m. in the Friona Public Library. Drawings for the Gift Baskets will be held then.

Tickets are on sale for the 2021 FHS All Sports Banquet. The event will be held on Friday, April 30th at the Friona Community Center. The meal

## FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



**GRAND OPENING-FEST....The new Town and Country store on Highway 60 is holding a 4-day grand opening promotion. On Wednesday, members and ambassadors of the Friona Chamber of Commerce gathered to welcome the operation to Friona. District manager Bryant Hance wields the scissors as Dave Worch, food manager, Angie Barrett, store manager, and Carlton Tanner, regional director of operations help out. The store set a national sales record for Godfather's Pizza during the first week of operation. (Friona Star, Saturday, April 26, 1997)**

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

(4/13/21) Jesus D. Rodriguez, 29, of Olton was arrested by the Friona Police Department on charges of Possession of CS Pg2 > 1g < 4g; pending Grand Jury; Theft of Property > \$100 < \$750, pending County Court; and Possession Marijuana < 2 oz., pending County Court.

(4/13/21) Mason Clark, 21, of Andrews was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on a charge of Possession Marijuana < 5 lbs. > 4 oz., pending Grand Jury.

(4/15/21) Javier Monzon, 27, of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of Assault, pending County Court.

(4/18/21) Elizabeth Ramirez, 23, of Farwell was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on a charge of DWI, pending County Court.

### Puzzle Solution

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## Newspaper Fun!

A special day just for kids! We have lots of goals and dreams! Kids: color stuff in!

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## Day of the Child El Día de los Niños

What's wonderful about being a child? You have your own special day! In 1998, the U.S. Congress named April 30 as "Day of the Child" - a day to honor kids, to promote their well-being, and to encourage good reading and writing skills. This national celebration borrows from the traditional Mexican holiday, "El Día de los Niños," and is a day for fun, family and friends. What will you be doing on the Day of the Child?

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle with fun community activities:

- Draw and color pictures or \_\_\_\_\_ and hang them around your community.
- Dress up as your favorite story character and go to a storytelling time at the library or join in a \_\_\_\_\_ on the street.
- \_\_\_\_\_ in the park with other families. Join in soccer exercises or fly kites.
- Listen to and \_\_\_\_\_ to the music of a mariachi band.
- Try \_\_\_\_\_ cutting, origami, cookie dough art or arts and crafts set up by your school or library.
- Enjoy snacks: apples, cookies, \_\_\_\_\_, ice cream.
- Go to a children's \_\_\_\_\_ or fair and try a new activity and a new food.
- Visit your \_\_\_\_\_ and take out books that are bilingual (written in two languages - English and Spanish).
- Work with your family to be in a menudo \_\_\_\_\_ contest or other event (hint: think food).
- Hang banners, write \_\_\_\_\_, put on plays that show what's great about being a kid.
- Watch a \_\_\_\_\_ show such as "La Cucaracha" (The Cockroach).
- Have a blast with family and friends making a \_\_\_\_\_ and then breaking it.
- Hear Hispanic \_\_\_\_\_ read their books aloud.
- Have a Cascarones festival. Learn about their \_\_\_\_\_ and traditions (confetti-filled eggshells).
- Organize a huge children's tag sale. Give the \_\_\_\_\_ to a children's organization.

Celebrating Children!

Let's borrow computer games. Library

Super Hero Stories!

Members of our club borrow extra books to read to brothers and sisters at home!

We formed our own book club. We meet at the library to choose books.

Bilingual Books

Books that are bilingual are books that are written in 2 different languages. People like to use these to learn another language.

Check out these books written in English and Spanish!

## Today is all about us!

How would you describe the children you know? Find and circle all of these words about children:

responsible learning singing leaping skipping safe hopes health future dreams happy jumping respect laughter dancing

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1. *The Piñata Maker/El Piñatero* by George Ancona.  
2. *Fiestas: A Year of Latin-American Songs and Celebrations* by Jose-Luis Orozco.  
3. *Giants of Science/Gigantes de Ciencia-The Wright Brothers* by Anna Sproule.  
4. *An Illustrated Treasury of Latino Read-Aloud Stories: 40 of the Best-Loved Stories for Parents and Children to Share* by Maite Suarez Rivas.

## What Do These Spanish Words Mean?

We speak and read in English and in Spanish! We are bilingual. We enjoy teaching our friends Spanish words. Here are some of the words we have shared. Can you match them to their English translations?

cascarones book gato niños  
libro confetti-filled eggshells caramelo padre mother children fútbol  
school candy escuela dog madre perro  
fiesta soccer cat holiday

perro

# Small Town Cookin' *By Jeri Lynn White*

## Spam

I remember growing up my mom used to slice Spam and fry it in a skillet and serve it with mashed potatoes and probably green peas. I actually liked it, but it's not something that I have carried with me into adulthood. Bill, however, has been known to chop up Spam and cook it with scrambled eggs quite recently.

Spam is an all-American creation. It was born in 1937 and is still produced by Hormel in Austin, Minnesota. In fact, you can tour the Spam Museum if you ever find yourself in Austin, Min-

nesota. Spam is often referred to as a "mystery meat," but really it is made from a few common ingredients: pork shoulder, ham, salt, water, sugar, potato starch, and sodium nitrate (a preservative). The name, however, is a different story. Although there are suggestions to what Spam stands for, the original makers never did write down the true meaning, so this does remain a mystery.

Spam became popular at the end of the depression when inexpensive foods were critical and then continued to gain popularity throughout WWII. It was a

staple for the troops during the war. In fact, 100 million pounds were produced during WWII. Today, Spam is popular across the globe. In South Korea it is considered a luxury food and is often given as a gift. In the United States, Hawaii has the largest market for Spam. One last interesting fact about Spam is that it is put in its can uncooked, then vacuum-sealed, and sent along a conveyor belt and cooked in the can.

These Spam facts were found at [www.foodbeast.com](http://www.foodbeast.com) and [www.simplemost.com](http://www.simplemost.com).

### Spam with Raman Noodles

[www.spam.com](http://www.spam.com)

#### Ingredients

- 1 (12-ounce) can SPAM® Classic, cubed
- 3 (3-ounce) packages Ramen noodles soup, chicken flavor
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 cups broccoli florets
- 1/2 cup yellow bell pepper, diced
- 1/2 cup cherry tomato halves
- 2 tablespoons HOUSE OF TSANG® sweet chili dipping sauce
- Suggested toppings: Cherry tomato halves, chopped cilantro, sliced jalapeno and soft-cooked eggs, as desired

#### Directions

Cook noodles according to package, including seasoning packet. Drain and discard liquid and set noodles aside. In large skillet, brown SPAM® Classic for 2 to 3 minutes. Remove from skillet. In same skillet, heat oil over medium heat and sauté broccoli and bell pepper for 3 to 4 minutes or until crisp tender. Stir in tomatoes, sweet chili sauce and reserved noodles, tossing to coat. Stir in SPAM® Classic. Serve with suggested toppings as desired.

### Over-Easy Spam-ocado Hash

[www.allrecipes.com](http://www.allrecipes.com)

#### Ingredients

- 1 (12 ounce) can SPAM® with Bacon, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- 1 teaspoon vegetable oil, or as needed
- 1 sweet yellow onion, cut into wedges
- 2 avocados - peeled, pitted, and cut into 1-inch cubes
- 4 large eggs
- salt and ground black pepper to taste
- 1 lime, juiced, or to taste

#### Directions

Cook and stir SPAM® with Bacon in a large skillet over medium heat until just browned, about 7 minutes; remove from skillet and set aside. Add just enough oil to the same skillet to coat; cook and stir onion and avocado until browned, about 7 minutes; keep warm. Heat a nonstick skillet over medium heat; crack the eggs into skillet and cook until whites are mostly firm, about 2 minutes. Flip eggs gently and cook until desired doneness is reached, about 2 minutes for over easy eggs; season with salt and pepper. Stir SPAM® with Bacon back into skillet with onion mixture; drizzle lime juice over the top. Divide hash onto 4 plates; place an egg on top of each serving.

# Happy Birthday Friona Folks

### April 22

Sandy Fuentes  
Hayley Herring  
Stan Miller  
Andy Carthel  
Rita Barrios  
Brian LeRoy

### April 26

Ben Osborn  
Mark Petchinsky  
Karla Dixon  
Ami Schueler  
Brian Brogden  
Becky Neill

### April 23

Troy Bass  
Derek Allen  
Daniel Rios  
JoAnn Berend  
Jerry Cass  
Jenny (Cunningham)  
O'Pry  
Paige Sifford  
Grayson Kuhlmeier  
Abraham T. Snyder

### April 27

Tena (Willard) Fox  
Gena (Willard)  
Marshall  
George Ryan  
Glaytus Wylly  
Rebecca Soto  
Richard Samarron  
Sarah Brown  
Blanca Alexander  
Linda Salinas  
Colton Potts  
Kathleen Dunn

### April 24

Evelyn (Hart) Romero  
Trista (Hand) Stallings  
Cherlyn Pruitt  
Colton Potts  
Quinn Neill

### April 28

Davy Hamilton  
Julie Goddard  
Wade Davenport  
Will Rushing  
Katelyn Sifford  
Lillian Reeve Cramer  
Cory Reeve  
Joseph Romero  
Julie Cain  
Ella Kate Wright  
Eric Geske  
Avah Santiago  
Esther Ruiz

### April 25

Mike Riethmayer  
Felicia Flores Acker  
Allison Fluck  
Mariann Boeckman  
Rori Montoya  
Lupe Benitez  
Billie Kirby

# Obituary

## Fern Alene Cooper Bell

Fern Alene Cooper Bell passed away February 26, 2021 at the age of 89.

Fern was born in Shadock, Oklahoma April 2, 1931 to Anna and Guy Cooper from Gruver, Texas. Fern met Durward Bell while attending West Texas State College. They married September 18, 1949 and moved to the farm in Bovina, Texas, where they raised two children, Karen Grissom (Grand Junction, Colorado) and Greg Bell (Ruidoso, New Mexico).

Fern was preceded in death by Durward in August of 2014. She is survived by 4 grandchildren, Caprice Scott (Grand Junction, Colorado), Cody Grissom (Grand Junction, Colorado), Kasey Bell (Dallas, Texas), Will Bell (Round Rock, Texas), and 2 great grandchildren, Shandon Baker (Walla Walla, Washington)



and Ethan Bell (Round Rock, Texas).

Fern loved to play games, travel, work in the yard and bake! Alzheimer's didn't take her sense of humor or her love for her family and life.

There will be a graveside service at the Bovina, Texas Cemetery at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 25, 2021.



Teinert Construction will finish work on the new Primary School building in the next 3-4 weeks. This photo of the west side of the new facility also shows the empty lot where work on parking, playground, and general landscaping will soon begin.

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## Align Your Prayers with God's Will

By Teena Hughs

We have all prayed and prayed and prayed for something--someone to be healed; for a big deal to come through; a promotion; for our kids to win a game or contest--but our prayers aren't always answered the way we want. And, we wonder why??? This has happened to me a lot here lately, especially when I have been praying for people to be healed from illnesses.

We have learned from Luke 1:37 that "The Lord God Almighty can do all things; there is nothing impossible for Him." Mark 1:24 tells us that "whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have

received it, and it will be yours. 1 John 5:15 says "if we know He hears us--whatever we ask--we know that we have what we asked of Him." And, Matthew 21:22 tells us that "if you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."

However, it is difficult to understand these Scriptures when our prayers aren't answered the way we desire. My daughter Lauren says praying is aligning what we ask for with God's will. That makes sense since God knows all, and He is the One in charge and in control.

Ever since Lauren said this about prayer, I have still

prayed for things I want to happen, but I have also tried to pray what I believe is in alignment with God's will. For example, I have been praying for the reconciliation of two family members. God doesn't want them to go through life living life apart and being irritated with one another. God calls us to love each other, and there wasn't much love or likeness between these two. God also wants us to find a way to have peace with someone we don't always agree with.

I really believe my prayers aligned with God's will, and guess what? They are in the process of reconciling and getting along better and better each time they see each other. I give Him all of the glory for this reconciliation, because other than praying, I did nothing.

So, how do we know our prayers align with God's will? We have to know God and what kind of God He is. That means studying and being in His Word, getting to know Him on a very personal level. It means constantly working on our relationship with Him. It means loving Him in everything we say and do. It also means watching for Him and how He is working in life.

I have to admit that when I REALLY pray and God says NO, it hurts; it is sometimes frustrating, sometimes I feel like the air has been let out of me; and, sometimes I get angry. The more I know God and His will, the more I know my prayers will be answered in His time. And, when He says NO, He has a greater plan in mind. We just have to trust and be patient.

## Panhandle Parables

# "Doing The Impossible" Lesson 2

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

Last week we discussed Mr. Miyagi and the lessons he was teaching Daniel by using everyday tasks to prepare Daniel to have a better defense in the movie Karate Kid. Jesus does the same when we look at the Sermon on the Mount. There is another scene in the movie that is pretty impressive even if it is a movie.

Daniel comes into the room with Mr. Miyagi, who is sitting cross-legged on the floor with chop sticks in hand. He is attempting to catch a fly with the chop sticks. A relatively impossible task. Daniel joins him in the hunt for a fly using chop sticks. Daniel in a stroke of luck or skill?? Actually catches a fly between chop sticks. Mr. Miyagi who has spent years in this pursuit is

not extremely impressed.

There has to be a great sense of accomplishment to do something that no one has been able to do before. There are many awe inspiring events and people who have done amazing things. Charles Lindberg crossing the Atlantic in the first non-stop flight. Neil Armstrong setting foot on the moon. There are countless of seeming impossible tasks that were overcome in the human arena.

Yet there is one that only One did that stands as a fundamental element of faith. Jesus, rose from the dead never to die again. Yes, others had been raised, but all died again. One might argue Elijah didn't die, but he was not the Christ the Savior of the world, by de-

feating death as a sinless sacrifice. Yet the amazing thing about that is that He offers us what seems to be impossible. Life forever! Yes, my earthly tent will likely come to an end, but because of what Jesus did, my end is only a corridor to a new beginning. This is the hope. Do you want to do the impossible? Then faith and obedience truly is the key. The power that raised Jesus from the dead is offered to you daily. No need for chop sticks, just pick up His Word and see what God wants to do through you.

My Challenge for you this week is to see that God wants to unleash His power in your life, but you must not look at what is impossible for man, but what is possible with God.

## Jesus is the Door

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

If you knew that there was a thief lurking around your neighborhood, what would you do? You might load your gun, install security cameras, check the locks on doors and windows and a host of other actions to ensure your safety. You do these things because you rightly understand that a thief comes only to steal, kill and destroy, and your prerogative is to resist such an attack if you will live securely.

If the threat of a burglary would lead to clear precautions for safety, how much more important is it to guard your soul, from a thief, false teaching or tempting sins that would steal, kill and destroy your

life. In John 10:9-10, Jesus said, "I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief only comes to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." Jesus unashamedly declares the truth that he is the source of salvation and satisfaction in using the metaphor that he is the door, but in the following verse he also warns against the thief that seeks to steal away the truth and ruin you. The fallout of spiritual ruin and the pursuing of salvation and satisfaction everywhere except in Jesus has led to the moral mess of western culture. Biblical foundations are sto-

len away, the conviction of biblical trust is sacrificed on the altar of secularism, and the destruction of family, education and morality are taking place. Even in many churches the authoritative truth of the Word of God in Scripture is exchanged for immorality, and the gospel is watered down into a prosperity or a permissive gospel void of sin and existing for man's glory. Those who buy into the world's system not only are headed down a path of destruction, but they also forfeit the grace of God through Jesus Christ as they grasp for gratification in the things that promise a quick fix, but are hollow of the power and wisdom to eternally satisfy.

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# SPORTS



**#8 Jonathan Gonzalez** kicks up sand as he slides into third base early in the game against Tulia. He would score a run for the Chiefs after a wild throw by the Hornet catcher.



**#13 Jose Luis Saucedo** is off and running as he "steals" third base in the game against Tulia.

## Sports News

### Track & Field

The Region 1-3A regional track meet is scheduled for April 23-24 at Abilene Christian University in Abilene. Go to [www.frionaonline.com](http://www.frionaonline.com) to view and print the meet schedule.

Check out the Area meet results shown at right. Good luck at Regionals and Go Big Red!

### Golf

Kambree Kimbrough place 3rd in the District 3-3A girl's golf tournament held on March 29th at the Shadow Hills golf course in Lubbock and April 6th at the Rawls course, also in Lubbock. Kambree shot a 110 at Shadow Hills and 104 at Rawls to finish with a score of 214. Two Denver City golfers took 1st and 2nd place with scores of 207 and 212. The Region 1 3A tourney is scheduled for April 19-20 at Shady Oaks golf course in Baird, Texas.

### Tennis

FHS tennis players competed at the District 3-3A tennis tournament held on April 12-13 in Brownfield. In girl's doubles, Armandariz and Tiffany Sandoval defeated a Littlefield tandem 6-2, 6-0 in Round One but were defeated by a team from Lamesa 4-6, 6-1, 6-0. In boys' singles, Orlando Ledezma was defeated by a Dimmitt player 6-2, 6-4.

### Baseball

In District 1-3A action, the Friona Chieftains won their first district game by defeating the Tulia Hornets 9-4 in a home game last Saturday. The Chiefs are 1-6 in district play and 2-13 for the season. Senior/Parent recognition is scheduled for Tuesday, April 27th beginning around 4:15 p.m. prior to the start of the game against River Road.



**#9 Bryan Chavira** "brings the heat" in a game earlier this month against Bushland.

The district front-running Bushland Falcons are ranked in the top 10 in the state of Texas and are currently undefeated for the season with a 20-0 record.

## 2021 Area 3-3A Track & Field Championships Mustang Stadium Denver City, Texas - April 15, 2021

### Varsity Boys

<b>100 Meters</b>
5. Malachi Torres ..... 11.61
7. Abisai Torres ..... 11.87
<b>400 Meters</b>
*4. Alan Martinez ..... 52.36
<b>800 Meters</b>
5. Adrian Legarreta ..... 2:11.03
6. Fabian Salinas ..... 2:12.51
<b>1600 Meters</b>
*4. Adrian Legarreta ..... 4:51.64
<b>3200 Meters</b>
*4. Adrian Legarreta ..... 10:38.85
<b>4 x 100m Relay</b>
*1. Friona ..... 44.33
Malachi Torres, Bryan Chavira, Marc Mendoza, Abisai Torres
<b>4 x 200m Relay</b>
*1. Friona ..... 1:32.37
Jacob Bautista, Marc Mendoza, Abisai Torres, Bryan Chavira
<b>4 x 400m Relay</b>
*4. Friona ..... 3:31.60
Alan Martinez, Jacob Bautista, Tony Rodriguez, Marc Mendoza
<b>High Jump</b>
*3. Jared Rejino ..... 5'10"
<b>Pole Vault</b>
*1. Angel Carranza ..... 12'0"
*2. Mario Bautista ..... 11'0"

### Varsity Girls

<b>100 Meters</b>
*1. Rebecca Schlenker ..... 12.76
*3. Noelia Bautista ..... 13.06
<b>200 Meters</b>
*3. Destini Fernandez ..... 27.31
<b>800 Meters</b>
*1. Yvonne Legarreta ..... 2:30.53
<b>1600 Meters</b>
*1. Yvonne Legarreta ..... 5:51.13
<b>3200 Meters</b>
*1. Yvonne Legarreta ..... 12:53.30
<b>4 x 100m Relay</b>
*1. Friona ..... 50.41
Rebecca Schlenker, Destini Nava, Noelia Bautista, Anahi Gonzalez
<b>4 x 200m Relay</b>
*1. Friona ..... 1:47.79
Rebecca Schlenker, Destini Nava, Noelia Bautista, Anahi Gonzalez
<b>4 x 400m Relay</b>
*4. Friona ..... 4:24.68
Anahi Gonzalez, Lylianna Martinez, Reese Stowers, Makayla Ramos
<b>Pole Vault</b>
5. Duvy Ortiz ..... 7'0"
<b>Long Jump</b>
*3. Rebecca Schlenker ..... 15'11.5"
<b>Triple Jump</b>
*3. Rebecca Schlenker ..... 33'9.25"

### Team Results

<b>Varsity Boys</b>
1. Denver City ..... 146
2. Kermit ..... 93
3. Friona ..... <b>91</b>
4. Dimmitt ..... 74
5. Littlefield ..... 70
6. Presidio ..... 53
7. Alpine ..... 35
8. Brownfield ..... 28
9. Tornillo ..... 20
10. Lamesa ..... 6
11. Muleshoe ..... 4
<b>Varsity Girls</b>
1. Alpine ..... 121
2. Friona ..... <b>114</b>
3. Presidio ..... 71
4. Muleshoe ..... 64
5. Denver City ..... 60
6. Lamesa ..... 55
7. Littlefield ..... 47
8. Brownfield ..... 34
9. Tornillo ..... 19
10. Dimmitt ..... 18
11. Kermit ..... 16

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Lylianna Martinez  
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Tuesday-Wednesday  
9:00 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.  
Located at Friona Police Department Building  
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By appointment only.

# State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



## Early voting underway across state

Early voting began Monday for May 1 elections in county, city and school district elections.

Secretary of State Ruth R. Hughs encourages all eligible voters to take advantage of the early voting period, which runs through Tuesday, April 27. Texas voters can contact their respective county elections office to view a sample ballot, locate their appropriate polling place, and plan their trip to the polls. Additional information is available at [VoteTexas.gov](http://VoteTexas.gov).

## New PUC commissioner confirmed

Will McAdams, nominated by Gov. Greg Abbott to a slot on the Public Utilities Commission, was unanimously confirmed by the Texas Senate last week.

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

Abbott has also nominated Peter Lake to be the new chair of the PUC, which regulates the state's power

grid operations. Lake now serves as chair of the Texas Water Development Board.

All three previous PUC members resigned after February's winter storm led to massive power outages across the state.

## House passes bill to allow handgun carry without a license

The Texas House voted 87-58 last week to allow handguns to be carried without a permit. Under current law, a permit is required to carry handguns either concealed or openly. If the bill becomes law, any Texas resident not already prohibited by state or federal law from owning a gun could legally carry a handgun.

According to the Texas Tribune, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who presides over the Texas Senate, previously expressed qualms about easing handgun laws. Numerous law enforcement officials and concealed handgun license instructors opposed the measure, citing concerns over safety. A number of El Paso-area lawmakers opposed the measure, recalling the mass shooting that left 23 dead at a Walmart there in August 2019.

## State halts distribution of J&J vaccines

Use of the single-shot Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine has been temporarily halted in Texas following a recommendation last week from the Centers for Disease Control and the Food and Drug Administration.

The Texas Department of State Health Services issued the notice following extremely isolated reports of blood clots in a half-dozen recipients of the J&J vaccine — all in women between the ages of 18 and 48, according to the CDC.

As of April 12, more than 6.8 million doses of the J&J vaccine have been administered in the United States. There is no word of when the vaccine might be used again.

## Number of Texans vaccinated edging toward 50%; cases steady

Even with the halt in distribution of the J&J vaccine, the number of Texans who have received at least one dose of the Pfizer or Moderna two-shot vaccines hit 44.5% as of Sunday, according to DSHS.

A total of 6.37 million Texans are fully vaccinated — roughly 20% of

the state's population. Texas is receiving more than 1.9 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine this week.

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas last week dropped slightly from the previous week at 23,521, while deaths dropped to 374, a decrease of 27%, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University.

The number of lab-confirmed COVID-19 patients currently in Texas hospitals increased slightly to 2,929. That number is down nearly 80% from the high mark in mid-January, when more than 14,000 Texans were hospitalized with COVID-19.

## Jobless rate unchanged at 6.9%

The state's unemployment in March remained steady at 6.9%, with the state adding 99,000 total nonagricultural jobs, according to the Texas Workforce Commission.

"Positive job numbers for March continue to show Texas is on track for continued growth," TWC Chairman Bryan Daniel said. "TWC will continue to provide flexible and innovative training programs to help provide all Texans with skills they can use for workforce success."

The 6.9% rate is more than double the state's record low of 3.4% in May 2019. Jobless claims have risen since the mid-February storm, and the state has lost more than 400,000 jobs since the pandemic began early last year, according to the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics.

## FEMA extends registration for storm damage claims

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has extended the registration period for individuals whose property was damaged in the winter storm until May 20 in the 126 qualifying Texas counties. The state's emergency management agency made the extension request.

Individuals can apply online at [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov) or by calling 800-621-3362. The toll-free line is operated from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week.

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## Lions Club News



**2T-1 District Governor Henry Wyckoff (left) and First Vice District Governor Jerry Whatley (right) were the special guests at the Noon Lions Club meeting on Monday. Their leadership abilities helped District 2T-1 become the only district in the state of Texas to maintain positive membership growth, despite the COVID-19 pandemic, during the past year. They also presented membership pins to Homer Haile (45-year pin) and Mitchell Smiley (10-year pin).**

# Protecting our Resources

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith

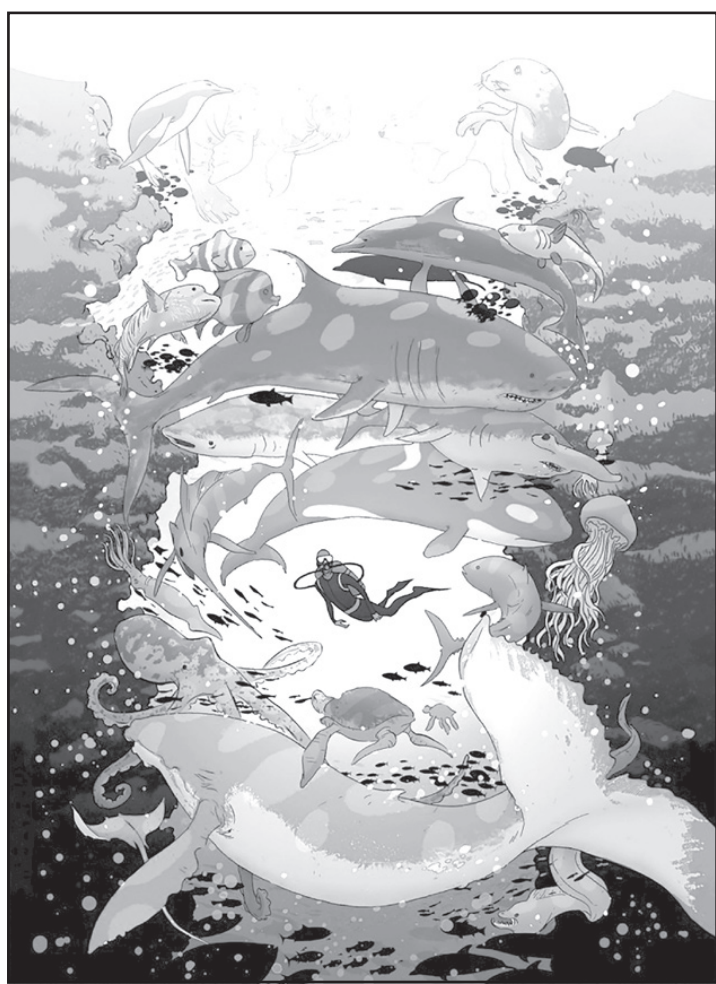
In 1847, Vermont Congressman, George Perkins Marsh, gave a speech that positioned the nation into thinking about the necessity "to conserve America's natural resources," according to the Library of Congress.

Seventeen years later, President Lincoln signed the Yosemite Valley Grant Act; it declared that California's Valley and Mariposa Big Tree Grove "shall be held for public use, resort and recreation." Eight years later, President Ulysses S. Grant signed the Yellowstone National Park Protection Act into law and set up the first national park in the world.

Throughout the industrial revolution—in the end days of the 19th century and most of the 20th—the environmentalists' lobby to restore water and air pollution to reasonable ratios, has lagged—in most cases.

Then, in 1969, Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson inaugurated a crusade to enlighten America about why the earth's resources needed to be saved.

The first "Earth Day" was celebrated April 22, 1970. According to the website, the event "inspired 20 million Americans—at the time, 10% of the total population of the



United States—to take to the streets, parks and auditoriums to demonstrate against the impacts of 150 years of industrial development which had left a growing legacy of serious human impacts."

The Grateful American Book

Prize recommends World Without Fish by Mark Kurlansky.

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

# Soil and Water Stewardship Week

The Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation District and Parmer County Judge Trey Ellis have partnered with the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, Association of Texas Soil & Water Conservation Districts, Texas A&M Forest Service, Texas Wildlife Association, and Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association to highlight Soil and Water Stewardship Week and the importance of voluntary land stewardship in Texas. The statewide campaign is April 25 through May 2, 2021, and the focus this year is "Healthy Forests, Healthy Communities."

Forest landowners are an important part of Texas agriculture and the stewards of this resource. They work closely with their local Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and the Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS) district office to implement conservation practices that promote the health and sustainability of forests and forest ecosystems. These privately-owned forests contribute significantly to the Texas economy and provide

numerous environmental and social benefits.

To truly have a healthy forest, proper management and conservation is needed. Thankfully, many forest landowners in Texas are implementing beneficial conservation practices such as strategic tree plantings, prescribed burning, brush management to remove diseased trees and invasive species, native grass management, wildlife management, and even bee propagation to stimulate pollination. In certain instances, livestock can be included as part of a prescribed grazing plan to strategically manage the leaf litter, soil, and underbrush in a forested area, which can ultimately assist in preventing wildfires. Without these sustainable management practices, problems such as soil erosion, insect and disease outbreaks, invasive species encroachment, declines in biodiversity, and even catastrophic wildfires can occur.

Trees filter air, reduce ambient temperatures, absorb carbon dioxide, and produce oxygen. They help conserve energy by casting summer

shade and blocking winter winds. Tree roots hold the soil in place and fight erosion. Trees absorb and store rainwater, reducing runoff and sediments after storms, which also helps recharge groundwater supply and prevent flooding.

Essential products made from trees include paper products and lumber. Trees also offer habitat and food to birds, insects, lichen, fungi, mammals, and reptiles. Finally, trees increase our quality of life through a relaxing effect, reducing stress.

This campaign aims to bring more awareness and support to voluntary land stewardship because the way we manage our resources on private lands directly impacts our forestry resources.

The Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation District and Judge Ellis are proud to collaborate with conservation partners across Texas to promote the importance of land stewardship.

For more information on "Healthy Forests, Healthy Communities," please visit [www.tsswcb.texas.gov](http://www.tsswcb.texas.gov).

## Deadline nears for 4-H Water Ambassador Applications

With a May 15 deadline approaching, students within the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District (HPWD) service area are encouraged to submit applications for the 2021-2022 Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors program.

Each year, high school age youth are selected to join the program which provides knowledge about management of water resources in Texas.

"HPWD is proud to be among the supporters of the Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors program. This is a great opportunity to mentor future water leaders for our state," said Carmon McCain, HPWD Information/Education Supervisor. HPWD provides grant funding for the program, which began in 2017.

Those chosen will participate in a 4-H2O Youth Leadership Academy set for June 27 to July 1.

Leadership, mentorship, and community service components are included as part

of the program. Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors commit to a minimum of 40 hours of service during a 12-month period. This is earned by presenting water education programs to local 4-H clubs, schools, fairs, and other community events. In addition, the students may also assist their local water utilities, groundwater conservation districts, and County Extension Agents in their water outreach programs.

Applicants must be 14 years of age or older as of Aug. 31, 2021 and must be in high school or entering high school in the 2021-2022 academic year. Persons accepted into the program will be notified by June 1. There is a \$250 participation fee due by June 15. Applicants do not have to be a current member of Texas 4-H, but must be willing to become a 4-H member, if selected.

Within the Panhandle-South Plains region, Sierra Snowden of Floyd County & Allison Hogue are Tier I 4-H

Water Ambassadors. Kyle Jackson of Terry County is a Tier II Water Ambassador. Macy Downs of Yoakum County & Tyann Phillips of Floyd County are Tier III Water Ambassadors.

Additional information about the 4-H Water Ambassadors Program is available at [www.texas4hwaterambassadors.com](http://www.texas4hwaterambassadors.com). You may also contact Program Coordinator David Smith at (979) 862-1989 or email [davidsmith@tamu.edu](mailto:davidsmith@tamu.edu).

Created in 1951 by local residents and the Texas Legislature, the High Plains Water District works to conserve, preserve, protect, and prevent the waste of underground water within its 16-county service area. HPWD is the first groundwater conservation district created in Texas.

Be sure to "like" the High Plains Water District Facebook page to receive updates on district activities or follow us on Twitter at @HPUWCD. Visit our website at [www.hpwd.org](http://www.hpwd.org).

## FRIONA STAR SUBSCRIPTIONS

IN PARMER COUNTY: \$30 PER YEAR  
OUT OF PARMER COUNTY: \$40 PER YEAR

E-STAR (EMAILED): \$24 PER YEAR  
Call 806-250-2211 for more information





# Engagement



**William Glen Herring and Amanda Lynn McColum are proud to announce their engagement. The wedding ceremony will take place on Saturday, May 22, 2021 in Chestertown, New York. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the event will be limited to a small private ceremony. Will and Amanda will reside in Friona, Texas.**

# Gas prices drift lower

By GasBuddy

Texas gas prices have fallen 1.2 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.59 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Gas prices in Texas are 5.5 cents per gallon lower than a month ago but are \$1.02 per gallon higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$2.22 per gallon while the most expensive is \$3.99 per gallon. The national average price of gasoline is unchanged in the last week, averaging \$2.85 per gallon. The national average is down 2.2 cents per gallon from a month ago and but is still \$1.07 per gallon higher than a year ago.

"Gas prices have remained largely stable in the last week across much of the country with the exception of the West Coast, where prices in some areas continue to advance, mainly in California as summer gasoline and healthy demand have boosted prices,

but for everyone else, we're far removed from the fast pace of increases we saw earlier this year," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "Gasoline demand has given up ground for the second straight week, likely due to some areas seeing a rise in coronavirus cases, and as spring break plans conclude. The next trend in gas prices isn't evident just yet, we may see additional slight sideways moves in the weeks ahead, until either demand starts to increase notably again, or we see the opposite."

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>.

# Dimmitt church to host Enchilada Dinner

The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Dimmitt, Texas, will host an Enchilada Dinner from 11:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 16, 2021. Tickets are \$10 per plate and the meal includes 3 beef enchiladas, rice, beans, salad, & dessert. The event will be "drive thru only" at 1001 W. Halsell in Dimmitt. Call 806-647-4219 for more information.

# Graduate



Summer Watson will graduate from Oklahoma State University in May with a bachelor's in Nutritional Sciences and a minor in Allied Health and American Sign Language. She will be joining the inaugural class of OSU's Physician Associate program in July.

Summer is the daughter of Doug and Milli Watson. She is the granddaughter of Jane Dixon and the late Jim Dixon.

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

- 1.) Go to [frionaonline.com](http://frionaonline.com)
- 2.) Click on the "newspaper archives" link
- 3.) Search

# Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



The poetry menu this week is a ballad, and most ballads are meant to be sung. This is one I often used in the classroom because I am a Johnny Cash fan. He did a cover of this on his final album, "American IV, The Man Comes Around."

It was fun to surprise the students, though, telling them this ballad was written by Sting. The British singer/songwriter was said to love old Westerns, so I am guessing this song, which appeared on

his 1996 album "Mercury Falling," was inspired by that fact.

Music is poetry—some tunes a bit more lyrical than others. The next time you listen to a hymn or any genre of song, consider the words and not just the notes. Some of my favorite lyricist musicians are William Cowper, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Jason Isbell, James Taylor, Merle Haggard, and the Man in Black.

Roll down your windows and soak up some poetry.

## "I Hung My Head"

Early one morning with time to kill,  
I borrowed Jeb's rifle and sat on the hill.  
I saw a lone rider crossing the plain.  
I drew a bead on him to practice my aim

My brother's rifle went off in my hand.  
A shot rang out across the land.  
The horse, he kept running, the rider was dead.  
I hung my head. I hung my head.

I set off running to wake from the dream.  
My brother's rifle went into the sheen.  
I kept on running into the south lands.  
That's where they found me, my head in my hands.

The sheriff he asked me why had I run,  
And then it came to me just what I had done.  
And all for no reason just one piece of lead.  
I hung my head. I hung my head.

Here in the courthouse, the whole town was there.  
I see the judge high up in his chair.  
"Explain to the courtroom what went through your mind,  
And we'll ask the jury what verdict they find."

I felt the power of death over life.  
I orphaned his children; I widowed his wife.  
I begged their forgiveness. I wish I was dead.  
I hung my head. I hung my head.

Early one morning with time to kill.  
I see the gallows upon a hill,  
And out in the distance a trick of the brain,  
I see a lone rider crossing the plain.

And he'd come to fetch me to see what they'd done.  
And we'd ride together to Kingdom come.  
I prayed for God's mercy for soon I'd be dead.  
I hung my head.  
I hung my head.

# Bud Rainey Insurance

After 39 years in the insurance business, I am officially retiring.

During these years, I have appreciated every one of my customers and friends.

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If you have questions, please feel free to call me.

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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Davis M. Thompson, Deceased, were issued on April 9, 2021, in Cause No. 3255, pending in the County Court of Parmer County, Texas, to: Terry Lee Thompson, Betty Jean Thompson and Autry Craig Hodges.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **Betsy S. Clark**  
Attorney at Law  
PO Box 236  
FRIONA, TX 79035

DATED the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

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# Spring Fling 2021



Milk House Market, Ivy Cottage, Desert Nomad, and Creative Chaos hosted a "Spring Fling" sales event last Saturday. In the photo at top Crystal and Ruby Moroney are shown modeling hats from a newly arrived collection at MHM. In the photo above, Misty Frye welcomed author C. DeLayne Duffy (right) and illustrator Michelle Durham (left) to Ivy Cottage to showcase their new book, *Hillary The Hippo and the Pink Tutu*. Both teach in Bovina.



The Friona United Methodist Church hosted a Senior Banquet for the Class of 2021 last Monday evening. The soon-to-be graduates enjoyed a brisket meal and a chance to visit with classmates. Photo courtesy of Kim Kimbrough.

## Arrington introduces ALIGN Act Gives Businesses Certainty For Investing in Innovation

Congressman Jodey Arrington (TX-19) released the following statement after introducing H.R. 6802, the Accelerate Long-term Investment Growth Now (ALIGN) Act, with Rep. Drew Ferguson (GA-3), Rep. Jason Smith (MO-3), Rep. Guy Reschenthaler (PA-14), Rep. Tom Rice (SC-3), Rep. David Schweikert (AZ-6), and Rep. Brad Wenstrup (OH-2) as original cosponsors:

"Full and immediate expensing is one of the most pro-growth policies in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. By permanently extending this provision, businesses will have more certainty as they look toward the future and plan for expansion and innovation," said Arrington.

"The current pandemic has wreaked havoc on our nation's small and large businesses alike, reducing the cost of capital, simplifying the code, and promoting new investment will be critical to an economic rebound at every level."

"Congressman Jodey Arrington's legislation to make the expensing of new business investment permanent is the most important tax issue before Congress. It would be the most powerful driver of growth, investment and jobs now before Congress," said Grover Norquist, President of Americans for Tax Reform.

"Economic growth is more important during the COVID-19 crisis than ever before. That's why it's so important to make permanent one of the most pro-growth provisions of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act: full and immediate expensing," said Jessica Anderson, Executive Director of Heritage Action for America.

"Full expensing of new and used equipment is one of the best tax policies to spur job creation and economic growth," said Whit Perryman, President & CEO of Vermeer Texas-Louisiana, which operates 12 locations across Texas, including in Lubbock.

"It helped bring the economy to record levels prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and 100 percent bonus depreciation will be integral to getting the economy going again. On behalf of Vermeer Texas-Louisiana, the equipment industry and the broader business community, we appreciate

Rep. Arrington's leadership in making this pro-growth tax provision a permanent part of the tax code to provide certainty and liquidity for many years to come."

Congressman Jodey Arrington is a member of the U.S. House of Representatives serving the Nineteenth Congressional District of Texas. He serves as a member of the House Ways and Means Committee.

## Vote Kody Kimbrough for School Board

My name is Kody Kimbrough and I am running for a position on the Friona ISD school board. I have resided in Friona for the past 21 years and work at Hi-Pro Feeds.

My wife, Kim, has been employed with the FIRD for the past 21 years. Kendall, my oldest daughter, is a FHS graduate and my other daughter, Kambree, is a senior at FHS this year.

I am a member of the Friona Vocational Agriculture Association and the Friona Buyers Club. Our mission is to support our local 4-H, FFA, and FCCLA students.

I would appreciate your vote on May 1st!



Political ad paid for by Kody Kimbrough

### Notice of Impoundment of Estray

On the 9th day of April, 2021, I impounded the following estrays:

Kind of Animal: Heifer  
Breed: Unknown  
Color: Black  
Sex: Female  
Age: Unknown  
Size/Weight 700 lbs  
Brand, Marks, Identifying Characteristics: ear tag with 6382 on it

And, on the 13th day of April, 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 22nd day of April 2021, said estray will be sold at public auction/sheriff's sale at Muleshoe Livestock Auction.

Witness my hand this 13th day of April, 2021.

Randy Geris  
Sheriff, Parmer County, Texas

By: J. Schlabach

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## How to manage garden weeds with mulch

### Newspaper and mulch key to keeping weeds at bay

By Laura Muntean

Managing garden weeds is a challenge all gardeners face, but Skip Richter, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service horticulture agent, Brazos County, and host of Garden Success, KAMU FM/HD-1, offers some advice to keep the weeds at bay that can be easily implemented with a bag of mulch and a few newspapers.

#### The importance of removing weeds

A weed is classified as any unwelcome plant in your garden. It could be an invasive plant, or just a volunteering plant of some sort, but if it is not something you want to grow in your garden area, then it may be considered a weed.

Aside from possibly not adding any beauty or benefit to your garden, weeds can take away water, nutrients, soil and sunlight from plants you wish to thrive in your garden area. Weeds may also harbor plant viruses or even attract pests that could then move on to your garden plants. As weeds grow larger, removing them by hand pulling or hoeing can disturb the roots of your garden plants.

Without proper maintenance or prep work, gardeners may find themselves pulling weeds year-round, when a few steps at the beginning of the season could significantly reduce or even eliminate your days of weed pulling all together.

#### How to manage your weeds

Mulch may offer protection from weeds in several different but similar ways. Mulch can help deter weeds, prevent surface crusting and minimize runoff. Organic mulches include leaves, pine needles, dried grass clippings, compost, shredded bark or other organic materials.

The first mulching option is simply to use an organic mulch on the soil surface.

“Weed seeds need light hitting the soil to germinate,” Richter said. “In fact, we say wherever sunlight hits the soil, nature plants a weed.”

By placing mulch over the surface, the sunlight is blocked out, which prevents weed seeds from getting started.

#### Mulch over newspaper

However, perennial weeds can push right through a light mulch, Richter said. So, for some perennial weeds and for germinating weed seeds, it helps to place newspaper on the soil surface to create more of a boundary between the soil and mulch to keep the sunlight from penetrating.

“When you put four to six sheets of news-

paper down on the surface of the soil and then throw a mulch of leaves, dried grass clippings, compost, shredded bark or other organic materials on top of that, it will block out most weeds for the remainder of that particular gardening season,” he said. “It lasts about three or four months.”

A tip to keep in mind as you lay down the newspaper is to wet it as you lay it so that it does not blow away. Richter likes to lay the newspaper four to six sheets at a time and overlap it by a few inches. When you get to a plant, split the page, and lay the paper on either side of the plant. Then spray the newspaper with water and place the mulch over top.

After you have placed all the newspaper down with a mulch over the top, there should be no newspaper visible. The “mulch-over-newspaper” technique will keep weeds out, so you shouldn’t have to come back and do any more weeding any time soon. If a weed does appear, it may be due to a hole in the newspaper, so simply pull back the mulch, remove the weed and lay another piece of newspaper over the hole. Then cover it with the mulch.

The newspaper and organic mulch technique works well before weeds germinate but can also help capture lost ground by smothering young weeds before they get too large. It helps to wet the weeds and soil before laying the newspaper and mulch. Those young weeds will die and decompose under the newspaper cover, releasing their nutrients back to the soil.

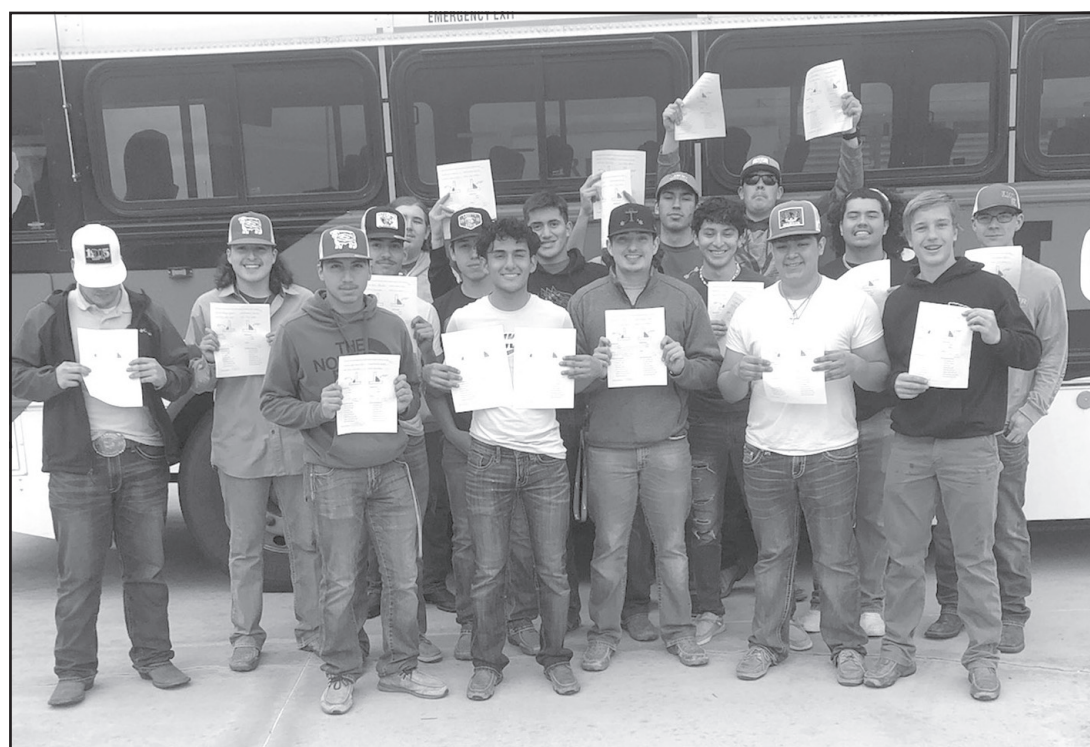
For larger areas where you are not growing plants but just want to keep down the weeds, you can take it up a notch and use large sections of cardboard covered with leaves or even shredded branches to create a longer term weed block over the soil.

If mulching and weed control were helpful in the planning of your garden, be sure to look into raised garden beds, starting from seeds or transplants as well as how to choose the best fertilizers for your gardens.

For further information on growing vegetables, visit the Easy Gardening Series, or view the information on planting vegetables to get more on seeding and transplanting.

For more information on gardening, check out the Aggie Horticulture website, where there’s a wealth of free publications on all aspects of gardening from Texas A&M AgriLife.

Laura Muntean is a communications specialist for Texas A&M AgriLife Communications in Bryan-College Station.



Sixteen Friona FFA students went to Wichita Falls and earned 20 welding certificates. They put in the time and effort to obtain a certification that will benefit them in the future. The Friona FFA Chapter is proud of each and every one of them.

## Texans overwhelmingly approve of local law enforcement

On Tuesday, the Texas Municipal Police Association, the Texas Fraternal Order of Police, the Dallas Police Association, the Houston Police Officers’ Union and the Harris County Deputies’ Organization released the results of a statewide poll of likely voters that reveal overwhelmingly favorable opinions of their local law enforcement, support for more police officers on the street and higher budgets for police departments, and concerns that law enforcement reforms being considered by the Texas Legislature could make their communities less safe.

The statewide poll of

likely Texas voters conducted from March 22-24 by the polling firm Cygnal found:

- 72.3 percent have a favorable opinion of local law enforcement.
- 58.1 percent want their local police force budget to be increased.
- 63.2 percent want more police officers on the street.
- 60.3 percent are concerned the reforms could make their city or town less safe.
- 46.8 percent believe Texas is less safe than it was 5-10 years ago.

“The results of the survey are clear: A vast majority of Texans have a favorable opinion of their

local law enforcement, they want more officers on the ground and larger local police budgets,” said Kevin Lawrence, Executive Director of the Texas Municipal Police Association.

Lawrence added, “The TMPA, the Texas Fraternal Order of Police, the Dallas Police Association and the Houston Police Officers’ Union share the concerns of Texans who believe reforms being considered by the Texas Legislature could make their communities LESS safe. We will continue to work closely with lawmakers to ensure reforms protect the public and our brave law enforcement officers.”

CAMP DISCOVERY will occur weekly starting June 7th through July 23rd. Discovery Center Summer Camps give kids a perfect mix of learning and fun, which is why the DHDC has been voted \*BEST DAY CAMP\* for several years!

The learning opportunities are rich with updated, science-based curriculum and qualified teachers. Plus each week of camp is jam-packed with hands-on science activities and experi-

ments, crafts, discovery and FUN!!

And new this year, each camper (Grades 1-6) will enjoy one day each week outdoors at Wildcat Bluff Nature Center. Camp Discovery is offered for ages 3 through entering 6th grade.

Registration, weekly themes, pricing and more details are available on the DHDC website <https://discoverycenteramarillo.org/home/camps/>

## NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID

The City Council of the City of Friona, Texas is soliciting sealed bid proposals for a Kitchen Remodel/Replacement Project for Friona Community Center located at 601 W 15TH Street, Friona, Texas 79035.

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 construction price for the Project as well as the best long-term benefit to the City and the citizens of Friona, Texas.

Sealed bids will be received until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 30, 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 Monday, May 3, 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 May 10, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Bidders are expected to inspect the property and to inform themselves of all local conditions. Bidders may also contact the City of Friona to schedule an onsite inspection of the property by calling (806) 250-2761. Additional information, such as designs of the kitchen, 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 Kitchen Remodel/Replacement Project 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

**CAMP DISCOVERY 2021**

AGES 3 YEARS THROUGH ENTERING 6TH GRADE

<b>JUNE 7-11</b>	<b>Oceanography:</b> Explore creatures of the deep sea!
<b>JUNE 14-18</b>	<b>Space:</b> Investigate the new frontier!
<b>JUNE 21-25</b>	<b>Zoology:</b> Reptiles, mammals, insects...oh my! Discover animals far and wide!
<b>JUNE 28-JULY 2</b>	<b>Science of Superheroes:</b> Uncover the science behind what makes a superhero so super!
<b>JULY 5-9</b>	<b>Code Masters:</b> Learn the building blocks of our digital world!
<b>JULY 12-16</b>	<b>Paleontology:</b> Travel back in time to unearth the land of the dinosaurs!
<b>JULY 19-23</b>	<b>Engineering:</b> Construct and create as you explore the world of engineering!

**NEW! 1<sup>ST</sup> THROUGH 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CAMPERS ENJOY A DAY AT THE BLUFF EVERY WEEK!**

TUESDAYS - 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>  
WEDNESDAYS - 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
THURSDAYS - 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>

**WILDCAT BLUFF NATURE CENTER**

1200 Streit Drive | Amarillo, TX 79106 | 806.355.9547 | dhdc.org

### Friends of the Friena Public Library Annual Basket Raffle

Raffle tickets for the basket drawings are available  
@ The Friena 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:

- Friends of the Friena Public Library
- Connie Slagle - Friends Book Shop
- Kitty Gallman
- Frio Draw - Driving School
- Malouf's
- Hi-Pro
- Milk House Market
- Kendrick Oil
- Friena Primary
- Friena Elementary

## Schlenker signs with WT



At a ceremony last Wednesday, FHS track stand-out Rebecca Schlenker signed a letter of intent to continue her track career at West Texas A&M University in Canyon, Texas. She will focus on the long jump and triple jump events. Her parents, Karen Hansard and John Schlenker, as well as family, friends, teammates, and coaches were there to help celebrate her decision to compete at the collegiate level. Congratulations Rebecca and Go Buffs!!!



# Child Find

Testing will be provided by appointment only. Please contact Parmer County SSA at 806-250-3315 to set up an appointment during the week of April 26th - April 30th. The office is located at 618 Main Street in Friena.

Child Find is a program designed to identify, locate and evaluate infants, children and young adults through age 21 who may have a developmental delay or other disability.

If you know a child who may have a problem with learning, speech, vision, hearing, or who has physical or health impairments, please urge his or her parents to contact their local public school district for further information.

Child Find (Encontrando Al Niño) es un programa diseñado para identificar, localizar y evaluar a los infantes, niños, y jóvenes que demuestran algún impedimento. Estos servicios son gratuitos (no se cobran) y son brindados a todos los que tienen incapacidades desde que nacen hasta los 21 años de edad sin tomar en cuenta la severidad del impedimento.

Si conoce usted algún niño que muestra problemas o dificultades en una o más de las siguientes áreas:

Discapacidad Física, Dificultad en Oír, Impedimento Visual, Inestabilidad Emocional, Problemas de Aprendizaje, Disfunción de Lenguaje, Impedimentos de Salud.

Por favor, informe a sus padres que pueden llamar al distrito escolar público para más información.