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**VOTE**  
 Saturday,  
 May 1st  
 City Council  
 Board Room  
 619 Main  
 7a.m. to 7p.m.  
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Antonio Rocha



Jason Rector



Kody Kimbrough



Dustin Thompson



Andy Montana

## Paving the Way



Bermea Construction is nearing completion on the new parking lot around the Chapel at the Friona Cemetery. The existing roads at the Cemetery will also be resurfaced as part of the project. Photo courtesy of Bermea Construction

## Commissioners nominate Cargill for Texas Enterprise Zone program

The Parmer County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, April 26, 2021 at 10 a.m. in the County Courtroom of the Parmer County Courthouse in Farwell, Texas. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Texas Flag.

A public hearing was held at 9:00 a.m. regarding the intention of Parmer County to designate the Lazbudie Wind Energy II, LLC Reinvestment Zone. Another public hearing was held at 9:30 a.m. regarding the intention of Parmer County to consider nominating Cargill Meat Solutions Corporation for the Texas Enterprise Zone Program.

There were no public comments. Minutes from the April 12th meeting were read and approved. Commis-

sioners approved the payment of the accounts payables as presented by County Treasurer Sharon May. The Treasurer's Payroll report and the Quarterly Report were also approved. The Quarterly Report can be viewed in page 11.

Commissioners learned that part of the Reinvestment Zone for Lazbudie Wind Energy II, LLC involves the Bovina and Friona school districts. Another public hearing will have to be scheduled. Commissioners will take up the matter again at their May 24th meeting along with the tax abatement issue.

Commissioners unanimously approved the nomination of Cargill Meat Solutions Corporation for the Texas Enterprise Zone Program pursuant to Chapter 2303 of the Texas Govern-

ment Code.

The Court approved the Liaison Grant for the Parmer County District Attorney's Office. DA Administrative Assistant Charlotte Marrufo was approved as Victim Coordinator.

Sheriff Randy Gerles reported that he was currently housing 21 inmates in the Parmer County Law Enforcement Center including 4 from Deaf Smith county.

Sheriff Gerles also informed the court that the County is considering renting the extra office space at the JP Precinct 1 location in Friona to Panhandle Community Services. PCS is a non-profit, community based organization offering a variety of programs and services to assist low-income individuals and families. Their previous location was in the building near

Hunan's restaurant which was recently sold. This extra office area was not used by Judge Gipson and will not be needed by the next Justice of the Peace.

**Parmer County has changed the address of its website. You now type in [www.parmercounty.texas.gov](http://www.parmercounty.texas.gov) to gain access to county information and services.**

The next scheduled Commissioners Court meeting is Monday, May 10th.

All meetings are open to the public. The Commissioner's Court reserves the right to go into Executive Session at any time. The agenda may be found on the Parmer County website. Information in this article is only a summary. Any questions concerning specific actions should be directed to the Commissioners Court.



Go Bid Red! Junior High students cheered on FHS girls & boys track teams last Thursday as the regionals qualifiers headed out to Abilene. See track meet results on page 6.

## Parmer County COVID-19 stats as of April 27, 2021



Confirmed Cases  
**899**

Probable Cases  
**365**

Fatalities  
**35**

Active Cases  
**3**

Recoveries  
**1213**



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Friona Weather April-May 29-5	T ☁️ 69   39 NNE 20-30	F ☀️ 77   43 NE 5-10	S ☁️ 80   50 SSW 10-20	S ☁️ 88   53 WSW 10-20	M ☁️ 83   47 WNW 15-25	T ☁️ 81   47 W 10-15	W ☀️ 86   50 NW 10-15	Precipitation April 0.00 Year 1.40	Burn Ban <b>Yes</b>
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**Community Calendar**

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call (806) 250-2211 or fax (806) 250-5127

**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 & Ag Awards Banquet

**May 6**  
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center

**May 11**  
• Snack Pack for Kids at Friona United Methodist Church at 3 p.m. (volunteers welcome)



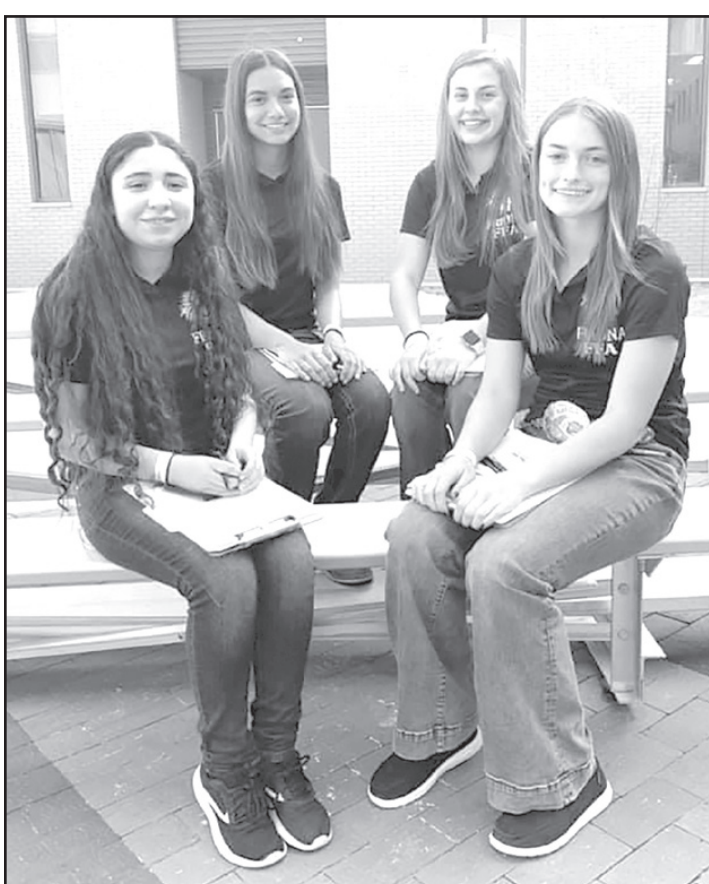
(l-r) Ag Instructors: Tyler Hatley, Roque Magdalena, Mark Edens: Students: Maria Nunez, AJ London, Jacee Burney, Elaney Arzate, Emma Schueler, Deiter Ally, Steph Ally, Tim Ally, Keegan Hurst, Anthony Abarca, Gabriel Abarca, Charlie Herring. Kambree Kimbrough and Andrew Husted are not in the photo.



Dairy Judging Team



Meat Judging Team



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**ACROSS**

- newspaper: "Hood County \_\_\_\_"
- "on an \_\_\_\_ keel"
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_ hook" (fish)
- what Texans do best
- what a TX soldier was called in 1861
- TX-filmed "Middle \_\_\_\_ Crazy" (1980)
- TX Minnyards once had "Sack ' \_\_\_\_' food stores
- TXism: "mad as \_\_\_\_ snake"
- TX Freddy Fender hit: "Living \_\_\_\_"
- inhabitants of "The Mormon State"
- talked tediously
- "Goat Gland" man \_\_\_\_ Brinkley lived in Del Rio
- first call sign for Austin's KAMX
- they're "upon you" in Texas
- TXism: "opened \_\_\_\_ worms"
- TX-filmed "The \_\_\_\_ of Heaven"
- lessen
- near Fort Davis: "McDonald \_\_\_\_"
- TXism: "fits like \_\_\_\_ fish"
- TX Blue Bell ice
- Conway & Loretta's "\_\_\_\_ Hang Up the Phone"

**DOWN**

- seat of Comal County (2 wds.)
- this Adam was an Astro SS (2001-07)
- TXism for "drink" (3 wds.)
- "hit a \_\_\_\_"
- do it now! (abbr.)
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_ on a merry-go-round"
- the company that TX Perot started
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_ it in the bud"
- Dallas mule-drawn mass transit in 1873
- Flip Wilson: "the devil \_\_\_\_ do it"
- \_\_\_\_-dahl! (fanfare)
- TXism: "flat as \_\_\_\_ handle prairie"
- Greek team of ex-Mav Roy Tarpley
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_ could talk the legs off an iron stove"
- Luke Bryan tune: "\_\_\_\_ You"
- more than one ox
- TX Meat Loaf: Marvin Lee \_\_\_\_
- "\_\_\_\_ of confidence"
- female sheep
- TX Dale Evans' "\_\_\_\_! San Antone"
- where Heisman winner TX Tim Brown played in college (abbr.)
- elected county prosecutor (abbr.)
- late TX Charley Pride's label
- pokes
- TXism: "covered like fur \_\_\_\_"
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_ Cadillac bumper"
- neighbor state no. of LA
- TX-born Carol Burnett had a long career on this med.
- laugh word in a text message
- Spanish "bear"
- \_\_\_\_ fide (genuine)
- coat fasteners
- TXism: "it's root hog \_\_\_\_" (you're on your own) former TX air force base in Lubbock sweet tater
- "\_\_\_\_ Siecke State Forest"
- TX Bob Wills' "Take \_\_\_\_ Back to Tulsa"
- imprecise
- primary street in many Texas cities
- "Giant" is a TX-based \_\_\_\_ western starring Liz, Rock & James

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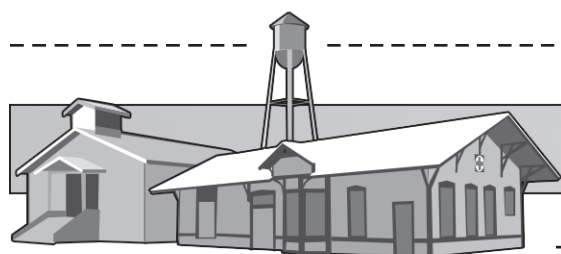
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# TOWN TALK

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The Friona ISD reported that 246 people had taken advantage of early voting the past two weeks. Be sure to do your part and exercise your freedom to vote.

vens 5 Star said that its becoming almost impossible for them to afford to purchase used cars for resale.

The price of used vehicles is going up. The shortage of new vehicles due to the COVID-19 pandemic is driving up the demand for used vehicles. Glenn Reeve at Ste-

The 2020 Census results have been released and due to rapid growth in the past few years Texas will pick up 2 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives. We are the only state in the nation to gain 2 seats.

Texas FM145 is now closed to thru traffic until sometime in July. The underpass just east of U.S. Highway 84 is under major reconstruction.

Plans are in the works for an expansion of the East Allsup's store later this year. This would give truck drivers another much needed place to park.

Rex Bracken celebrated his birthday on April 21st. He was inadvertently left off the Birthday list last week. Happy Belated Birthday!

Word on the street is that more COVID-19 relief money is headed to Parmer County. Of course the money would have to be spent with certain restrictions but it would be helpful nonetheless.

FEMA has begun a financial assistance program to help pay funeral costs for COVID-19-related deaths. You must apply by phone. THEY WILL NOT CALL YOU! Call 844-684-6333 Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Eastern Time. Call this dedicated toll-free phone number to get a COVID-19 Funeral Assistance application completed with help from FEMA's representatives. Multilingual services will be available.

## National Days

- April 29 — Poem in your Pocket Day
- April 30 — Adopt a Shelter Pet Day
- May 1 — School Principals Day
- May 2 — Lemonade Day

- May 3 — Raspberry Pop Over Day
- May 4 — Teacher Appreciation Day
- May 5 — Cinco de Mayo Day

## COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

### Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from April 8, 2020 to April 22, 2021

(4/13/21) Friona Economic Development Corporation — Sea Scrolls LLC — Lot 10-12 Blk 68 and Lot 7-9 Blk 68 and Lots 3-8 in Friona of Parmer County

(4/13/2021) Lazlow Farms — Henson Farms LCC — 160 Ac of Land situated in Parmer County and being the SE quarter SE/4 of Sec 53 Blk H Kelly Subdiv and being out of League No. 540 No. 538 Vol 1 and all of Sec 68 Blk H Thomas Kelly Subdiv in Parmer County Vol 217 Pg 575 in Parmer County

(4/13/21) Daniel Aguilar, Cristina Aguilar — West Texas Protein Inc. — All of a 1 Ac Tract of Land out of Capitol Leagues 484 and 485 Sec 6 Township 4 S of a Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County Blks 184 and 197 and all of 0.45 Ac Tract of Land out of Capitol Leagues 484 and 485 Sec 6 Township 4 S of a Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County

(4/14/21) Javier Casas, Sandy Casas — Kim Casas — The SW 75' of Lot 3 Blk 28 of the Original Town of Bovina in Parmer County

(4/14/21) Drandon Don Kirkland — Kolter Defoor, Brooke Defoor — A 178.768 Ac Tract of Land in SW Quarter of Sec 49 Blk A Capitol Syndicate Subdiv of Parmer County

(4/14/21) Ovidio Balli Jr., Irma Balli — David Valera, Evelyn Valera — All of E/2 of Lots Num 5 and 6 in Blk No. 24 of the Original Town of Friona in Parmer County Vol 118 Pg 178 in Parmer County

(4/16/21) CHS Inc. — Farmers Pump LLC — A parcel of Land situated in the City of Bovina in Parmer County Vol 2 Pg 172 and all that certain 5.0 Ac out of Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County Vol 9 Pg 96 in Parmer County

(4/16/21) Kevin P. Schilling, Linda G. Schilling — Andrew David Carthel, Tabitha Lee Carthel — All of SE/4 of Sec 16 Township 4 1/2 S R 5 E Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County 160 Ac of Land more or less

(4/19/21) Carole Boguslawski — Joe Boguslawski — All that certain 160 Ac of Land being the N W 1/4 of Sec 14 Blk B of the Capitol Syndicate Subdiv of Capitol Leagues in Parmer County and being 57.58 Ac in C.L. 501 and 102.42 Ac in C.L. 500 subject to an outstanding one-half interest in and to all of the oil, gas, and other mineral in Vol 54 Pg 376 in Parmer County and Vol 88 Pg 90

(4/20/21) Victor Grajeda Jr. — Sea Scrolls LLC — W 61.5 of Lot 17 and E 18.5' Lot 18 Blk 6 Staley Addition Unit No. 3 City of Friona in Parmer County

(4/20/21) Heifer Hill Farms Inc. — Michael Bradley Branscum, Stephanie Renae Branscum — A 5.185 Ac Tract out of the W part of Sec 101 Blk H Thomas Kelly Subdiv in Parmer County Vol 5 Pg 169

(4/20/21) Maria Almanza, Loera Epifanio Almanza — Maria Marufo — All of L 19 and 20 Blk 20 of Farwell in Parmer County (4/21/21) Ovidio Balli Jr., Irma Balli — David Valera, Evelyn Valera — All of the E/2 of Lots Num 5 and 6 in Blk No. 24 of the Original Town of Friona in Parmer Vol 118 Pg 178 in Parmer County and Vol 175 Pg 214 in Parmer County

(4/21/21) Carol Zetzsche — Jerry Simmons, Cindy Simmons — Lots 5 and 8 Blk 5 First Addition to W Loop Drive Addition City of Friona in Parmer County

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

(4/21/21) Jonathan Torres, 19, of Friona was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Burglary of Building, pending Grand Jury.

(4/21/21) Rolando Avilez, 21, of Friona was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on charges of Burglary of Building and Possession CS Pg1 > 1g < 4g, pending Grand Jury.

(4/21/21) Jesus M. Munoz, 21, of Borger was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a Hutchinson County Warrant, posted bond and released.

(4/22/21) Joel Mejia, 27, of Hereford was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Violation Community Supervision (Possession CS Pg1 < 1g), pending District Court.

NEWS  
EVEN  
WETA  
BRAG  
REB AGE NSAVE  
ATEASED ITDOWN  
UTAHANS PRATED  
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ABATE OBSERVATORY  
SCALESONA CREAM  
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TAPAPANARIS  
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RAP  
SCI  
ETC

### Puzzle Solution

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## FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



Students from the Little Learners Pre-School gave away lemonade in the Friona city park on a sunny day last week. The school is operated by Keely Sasser. The kids enjoying the day outside are, I-r, Weston Sasser, Arlisa Denton, Gabby Douglas, Logan Loflin, Nicole Fair, and Brandon Douglas. Ron Carr photo. (Friona Star, Thursday, April 29, 2004)

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## Baseball Fun for Everyone!

Yay! The baseball season has started. Grab your gloves, bats and baseballs and head for the yard, park or field. Let everyone join in playing this great game!

**Read the clues to fill in the crossword puzzle:**

- playing the game with a good attitude toward your team and the opposing team
- large wall in the stadium that records the points of each team
- when a ball hit by the batter flies too far to the right or the left
- sphere covered in white leather
- to hit the ball lightly so that it rolls only a short distance
- sunken room the team gathers in during the game
- the runner steps on the base
- official in charge of enforcing the rules
- group that sets rules and guidelines to help young children play organized baseball
- the number of balls and strikes a batter has
- period when baseball players warm up, shape up
- the basemen, shortstop, and pitcher stand here
- each game has 9 of these, teams take turns batting and fielding
- a hit that goes so far that it leaves the bounds of the park
- place we visit to watch a game of baseball
- players here are on guard for big hits
- person who trains the team
- after 3 of these, a batter is out
- ball that travels high in the sky when hit
- nine players working together

### Playing Baseball!

When you play or watch baseball, it's good to know the words people use. Find and circle these baseball words:

baseballs	bats	score	gloves	throw
cleats	runs	pitch	coach	innings
uniforms	team	catch	umpire	helmets

Fill in the missing vowels to see snacks at the ballpark. Then, follow the dots to see a favorite one!

A. p \_ p c \_ r n      C. p \_ \_ n \_ t s

B. Fr \_ n ch fr \_ \_ s      D. n \_ ch \_ s

H \_ t d \_ g!

### Who's Who?

Match the names of the teams above.

1. New York	A. Braves
2. Chicago	B. Red Sox
3. Houston	C. Yankees
4. Toronto	D. Blue Jays
5. Boston	E. Rockies
6. Los Angeles	F. Astros
7. Detroit	G. Twins
8. Atlanta	H. Tigers
9. Colorado	I. Angels
10. Minnesota	J. Cubs

### Baseball Banter!

We use sayings and expressions that come from the game of baseball every day. Match the baseball phrases below with what they mean when we use them:

1. on the ball	I hope I get hit out of the ballpark. I like to see new places!	A. presented something unexpected
2. a ballpark figure	Me too!	B. someone who really gets things done
3. out in left field		C. estimate of how much something will cost
4. bench warmer		D. good, but not the very best
5. can't hit the broad side of a barn		E. can't get something done in the right way
6. swing for the fences		F. thinks or behaves strangely
7. threw a curveball		G. go as far as you can

1. hit a home run	B. brand new situation
2. struck out	C. go along with others
3. way off base	D. one who takes someone else's place
4. play ball	E. not even close to being right
5. step up to the plate	F. did a great job
6. pinch hitter	G. get ready to do the job
7. a whole new ball game	

### Class of 1970



The Class of 1970 met at the Reese Event Center in Lubbock last week to celebrate their 50th class reunion. It was delayed for one year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. There were ninety graduates in the Class of '70 and they were the first students to start and finish high school in the newly constructed campus. Sixteen classmates (15 men, 1 woman) have

passed away since graduation. Reunion attendees are listed below.

Back row (l-r): Harold Reed, Glenn Rebber, Wayne Schueler, Don Carthel, Floyd Schlenker, Larry Rector, Jenisu (Fallwell) Morris, Rhonda (Garth) Romero, Chief Buchanan, B.R. (Ted) Procter, Danny Kendrick  
 Middle row (l-r): Roxanne (Hall) Hurst, Fred Bailey, Beverly (An-

thony) Bailey, Amelia (Sims) Taylor, Myra (Day) Oden, Randie Hamilton, Susan (Vestal) Bechtol, Bob Thomas, Jerry Teel, Carla (Mann) Scott

Front row (l-r): Vicki Knight, Kay (Riethmayer) Rogers, Karla (Patterson) Rutherford, Janet (Mingus) Thomas, Denise (Buske) Teel, Gwyn (Moore) Hanes

## Happy Birthday Friona Folks

#### April 29

Karen Burns  
 Gabriel Martinez  
 Chance Butman  
 Bernard Gowens  
 Retha Knowles

#### May 3

Zachary Carr  
 Cathy Spencer  
 Jenae Fleming  
 Angie Gomez  
 Zachary Chavez  
 Joseph Ramirez  
 Lori Austin

#### April 30

David Rebber  
 Brennen Montoya  
 Quentin Shelby  
 Jade Mills

#### May 4

Dr. Gary Cash  
 Nathan Brockman  
 John Duke

#### May 1

Kayla Smiley  
 Vickie Copley  
 Amy Knowles  
 Will Schueler  
 BaiLee Braillif  
 Amanda White  
 Amanda Stephenson

#### May 5

John Osborn  
 Peggy Neely  
 Ralna (Roden) Bailey  
 Lucinda Stokes  
 Nate Keyes  
 Jackson Stewart

#### May 2

Larry Drake  
 Julie (Bracken) Davidson  
 Becky Riethmayer  
 Sheryl Bartels  
 Marc Haile  
 Jennifer Kendrick  
 Tom Randolph  
 Cierra Tongate  
 Maria Tarango

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## Gas prices stabilize

By GasBuddy

Texas gas prices have fallen 0.4 cents in the past week, averaging \$2.60 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Gas prices in Texas are 2.7 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand \$1.07/g 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 \$3.15 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 0.4 cents in the last week, averaging \$2.87 per gallon. The national average is up 2.0 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands \$1.13 per gallon higher than a year ago.

"Last week saw limited upward movement in gas prices, tying the previous high water mark we last saw in March, signaling that perhaps we may see additional upside as most states in the nation have finished the transition to EPA-mandated summer gasoline," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "While gasoline demand did dip last week for the third straight week according to GasBuddy data, it was yet another small decline, and as temperatures continue to warm ahead of summer, it wouldn't surprise me that demand will rebound in the weeks ahead and we could continue to see gas prices push higher. For now, however, it doesn't appear that any rise in price would be significant, so motorists shouldn't be too concerned at this point, but may see average prices inch higher."

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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# Food for Thought

By Teena Hughs

When I wrote last week's column, I sat on it overnight; then, I got up the next morning and pretty much revised the whole thing. But, I kept the original column for some reason, and this morning I found out why.

The basis for the column I didn't publish last week was that millions of people prayed for Donald Trump to be re-elected President. Whether or not you believe the election was fraudulent or fair, President Trump is not our President today. Millions of people prayed for God to heal Rush Limbaugh from stage 4 lung cancer. While Rush lived about four months longer than doctors thought he would, Rush's healing was a Heavenly one, not the earthly one so many of us were praying for. So, my question is: If millions and millions of people prayed for President Trump and Rush, why didn't God answer our prayers?

This morning, I came across this Scripture from Luke 12:2 (NLT): "The time is coming when everything that is covered up will be revealed, and all that is secret will be made known to all." Even before I found this verse, I had come to the conclusion that God must be digging out the lies, deception, corruption that is going on in Washington, DC, so that the American people

can know the truth and be informed of all the evil that is present in our government. If President Trump had been "re-elected", so much of the information that is being uncovered, like the fraudulent elections and how people made them fraudulent, wouldn't be available to us today. There would have been no need to investigate Dominion voting machines; to check the numbers of dead people voting; to check the numbers of people voting in multiple states; or the MANY mail-in ballots sent to the same address, and all of those ballots being marked and returned.

God wants truth. Whether or not we like truth, God does. Truth is real; truth is pure; truth works every time it is tried; and, I believe God is in the process of revealing truth to us.

Concerning Rush, I wonder if, in the busyness of our lives, we have come to depend on people like Rush to keep us informed on the affairs of the world. Not necessarily with Rush, but with other people, we look to them to give us our "marching orders". Since we are so busy, we depend on people like politicians to make our country better. The key here is depending on others, not ourselves, and not God!

To be honest, one of the reasons I listened to Rush was

because he did keep me informed, but the main reason I listened to him is because he and I "were on the same page"; he and I were in agreement! There were also times when Rush explained things; made them understandable; made them clearer. There were times I just needed to hear Rush's voice.

Now, it is time for me to grow up. I have a brain; it isn't nearly as good as Rush's brain, but I can research; I can listen to other people I trust; I can grow in my knowledge of world activities; I can get involved to help me, my community, my state, and my country become better,

And, I can depend more on God and His Word to navigate me through the turbulent times our world is in right now. Depending on God is sometimes more difficult than trying to depend on people; but, you can ALWAYS count on God, and you can't always depend on people.

Well, I am at the end of this column, and guess what? I deleted most of last week's column! The deleted parts were harsh, and I am sure that is why God didn't want me to publish that column, this week or last. Depending on Him has made me feel better about what I have written. Depending on Him works out for the best every time!!!

# Panhandle Parables

## Water, Water

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

"Water, water everywhere, but not a drop to drink." An old seaman said this in the early days of ship travel as he looked out over the open seas. You can imagine his plight with the realization that there was plenty of water, but none that he could drink. The seaman, ironically is in the same boat as the fellow in the desert. We are quick to have sympathy for the man in such dire straights, but what about the person who is spiritually thirsty?

We live in a world that is spiritually dying of thirst for the real Water. They live in our communi-

ties. We see them driving down the highway, in our churches and even bathroom mirrors. God saw them too and God offered them a drink: His son Jesus Christ. Why then are there so many still thirsty? To this there is another old saying, "You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink." Whether a Christian in a ocean of religious stuff, yet unyielding to the cup, or an unbeliever, in a spiritual desert ignoring the life saving drink, either way death is your choosing. Pride is in the heart of both and the only answer is Jesus Christ.

If you are a Christian and have chosen to only accept what God offers on a Sunday basis, then my friend you might have missed the best part of having the water, you know, the drinking it part. If you leave the fellowship of believers each week being in the presence of God and you are still thirsty, then you forgot to drink! Step out in faith, God will not disappoint, go ahead drink. Life comes from the Water, so go ahead LIVE!

If you are an unbeliever then you may not know that God has provided for you, as well. God knew the world would be dying of thirst and He provided. It will never run out.

# Jesus is the Good Shepherd

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Christ's care of his own is one of the most comforting and reassuring realities for those who are sons and daughters of God. Just like a shepherd in the first century would take utmost care and attention to his sheep, how much more does the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ care for his flock. In John 10:11, Jesus says, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." Jesus is the Good Shepherd of Psalm 23 who 'makes me lie down in green pastures, leads me beside still waters, restores my soul, and leads me in paths of righteousness for his names sake.' Jesus' provision for his sheep is full and complete, and it is sacrificial as he laid down his life, to provide his sheep with forgiveness of their sin and salvation of their souls. This is the utmost of sacrifices, as he did what we could never do, accomplished for us what we could never accomplish, so that we could receive what we could never earn.

In a world filled with shy-sters, schemers, hackers

and scam artists, would you trust your soul to the one who knows your every care and anxiety. The Good Shepherd is Jesus Christ, and only he can quench the

longing in your soul to be saved from your sin. This salvation happens when you repent of your sin and trust in him alone for salvation.

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### Varsity Boys

<b>100 Meters</b>	Malachi Torres ..... Scr
<b>400 Meters</b>	8. Alan Martinez ..... 52.10
<b>1600 Meters</b>	11. Adrian Legerreta ..... 4:45.38
<b>3200 Meters</b>	5. Adrian Legerreta ..... 10:23.811
<b>4 x 100m Relay</b>	4. Friona ..... 44.14
Malachi Torres, Bryan Chavira, Marc Mendoza, Jacob Bautista	
<b>4 x 200m Relay</b>	(p) Friona ..... 1:33.09
Alan Martinez, Marc Mendoza, Abisai Torres, Bryan Chavira	
<b>4 x 400m Relay</b>	(p) Friona ..... 3:32.99
Alan Martinez, Jacob Bautista, Tony Rodriguez, Marc Mendoza	
<b>High Jump</b>	5. Jared Rejino ..... 5'10"
<b>Pole Vault</b>	9. Angel Carranza ..... 11'6"
	13. Mario Bautista ..... 10'0"

### Team Results

<b>Varsity Boys</b>	1. Brock ..... 102
	2. Ballinger ..... 48
	3. Spearman ..... 37
	4. Slaton ..... 36
	5. Wall ..... 34
	6. Canadian ..... 32
	7. Jim Ned ..... 22
	7. Compass ..... 22
	9. City View ..... 20
	10. Abernathy ..... 18
	17. Friona ..... 12
<b>Varsity Girls</b>	1. Brock ..... 74
	2. Holliday ..... 66
	3. Bushland ..... 50
	3. Merkel ..... 50
	3. Spearman ..... 50
	6. Shallowater ..... 40
	7. Canadian ..... 32
	7. Clyde ..... 32
	9. Childress ..... 25
	10. Friona ..... 24

### Varsity Girls

<b>100 Meters</b>	3. Rebecca Schlenker ..... 12.66
	(p) Noelia Bautista ..... 12.94
<b>200 Meters</b>	(p) Destini Fernandez ..... 27.30
<b>800 Meters</b>	5. Yvonne Legarreta ..... 2:27.82
<b>1600 Meters</b>	3. Yvonne Legarreta ..... 5:35.63
<b>3200 Meters</b>	3. Yvonne Legarreta ..... 12:23.60
<b>4 x 100m Relay</b>	7. Friona ..... 50.73
Rebecca Schlenker, Destini Fernandez, Noelia Bautista, Anahi Gonzalez	
<b>4 x 200m Relay</b>	5. Friona ..... 1:47.36
Rebecca Schlenker, Destini Fernandez, Noelia Bautista, Anahi Gonzalez	
<b>4 x 400m Relay</b>	(p) Friona ..... 4:39.67
Anahi Gonzalez, Lylianna Martinez, Lizbeth Toledo, Makayla Ramos	
<b>Long Jump</b>	15. Rebecca Schlenker ..... 15'01.5"
<b>Triple Jump</b>	9. Rebecca Schlenker ..... 34'6.75"

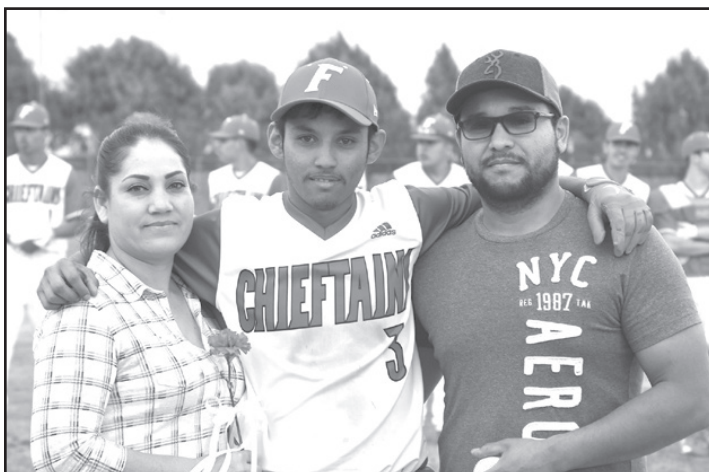
### New Regional Records

<b>Boys 100 Meters</b>	1. Brenen Thompson ..... 10.38
New record by Brenen Thompson of Spearman Prelims. Old record was 10.44 by Jason Mathis of Wellington in 1996.	
<b>Boys 400 Meters</b>	1. Bradley Peralta ..... 47.95
New record by Bradley Peralta of Kermit. Old record was 48.02 by Roy Williams of Clarendon in 1997.	
<b>Boys 3200 Meters</b>	1. Marco Rey ..... 9:42.71
New record by Marco Rey of Presidio. Old record was 9:45.35 by Brad Patterson of Albany in 1987.	
<b>Girls 1600 Meters</b>	1. Hannah Spears ..... 5:10.45
New record by Hannah Spears of Holliday. Old record was 5:16.18 by Taylor Neal of Brady in 2011.	



Friona catcher, #12 Heston Grimsley, puts the tag on a Wildcat base runner during Tuesday evening's game against River Road. The Chiefs were within a couple of runs most of the game but an explosive 7th inning propelled the Wildcats to a 19-5 victory.

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# Friona Playa Field Day Draws Statewide Wetland Program Leader

## Vital contribution of playas to recharge being recognized

By Jim Steiert

It's about 489 driving miles from San Marcos to Friona, but Dr. Rachel Fern, Statewide Wetland Program Leader with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department felt that the first Playa Field Day of the 2021 season staged by Ogallala Commons in Friona April 20 was important enough to make the eight-plus hour drive one-way.

The opportunity to get out of her TPWD office and onto the lofty heights of the Llano Estacado to preach a little gospel on the vital nature of the region's playas to Ogallala aquifer recharge, and to mix with folks from across the Panhandle, South Plains, and Big Country who are interested in playas too, proved a powerful draw.

A good crowd of Texas Master Naturalists from the Panhandle and South Plains chapters, local landowners, Texas Parks and Wildlife staff, and other interested individuals gathered at Saint Teresa's Church Parish Hall in Friona to hear remarks from Fern, Jordan Menge, Muleshoe-headquartered biologist with Pheasants Forever, and earth moving contractor and playa restoration specialist Terry Boedeker of Memphis, and to tour a local rehabilitated playa.

Talented cinematographer Lee Smith of Austin, a former TPWD employee who is working on a playa documentary that will air on PBS, was also on hand gathering video and audio.

The fact that the TPWD wetland program head was on hand is indicative of the growing importance being attached to playas in the overall water scheme for the High Plains.

"Recharge through playas is 10 to 100 times greater than through other areas—they are the primary source of recharge on the Plains," Ms. Fern related.

"It's not just TPWD working on restoring playas, but a whole coalition of partners working through the Texas Playa Conservation Initiative that was formed in 2015. Partners in addition to TPWD include Texan by Nature, Ogallala Commons, Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S.

Fish and Wildlife Service, Ducks Unlimited, and the Playa Lakes Joint Venture. The goal of the Texas Playa Conservation Initiative is to create an abundance of healthy playa wetlands across the Texas Panhandle in order to benefit current and future residents and concerns reliant on the Ogallala Aquifer," she said.

TxPCI efforts also support resident and migrating wildlife dependent on playa wetland habitat and the surrounding upland grasslands that encompass fully functioning playas. Work includes educating locals about playas and their link to a healthy ecosystem and to the sustainability and integrity of the Ogallala Aquifer.

Currently, the Texas Playa Conservation Initiative partners are completing projects with private landowners to restore, conserve, and protect as many fully functioning playas as possible to help sustain residents and wildlife in the High Plains of Texas.

"Pit backfilling and playa buffering with grass are included in TxPCI efforts currently. Landowners receive an \$80 per playa acre one-time incentive payment on this playa rehabilitation work and there's a quick return on pit filling. Thus far, 56 playa restorations have been completed on 2,418 playa acres. A total of \$159,325 has been paid directly to landowners in the program. There are 200 more playa acres in line for restoration. The first public land playa restoration has also been completed on the Rita Blanca Grassland near Dalhart, and two playas have been restored southeast of Friona.

"The recharge process is so slow that it can't keep up with the rate at which the aquifer is being depleted by irrigation. Recharge certainly can't make up for the loss of irrigation. It can support communities and small-scale livestock operations, however," she said.

Ms. Fern put playa recharge on a family scale.

"Three inches of recharge through a four-acre playa produces 326,000 gallons of returned water. That's enough to support residen-



**SHARING NOTIONS OF RESTORATION--Jordan Menge, center, Muleshoe-based biologist with Pheasants Forever, and Terry Boedeker, contractor with Boedeker, Inc. from Memphis, Texas, who has been involved in 42 Texas Playa Conservation Initiative playa restoration projects, share viewpoints and experience on work that was done on a playa on the John Fred White farm southeast of Friona that was a featured tour stop during a Playa Field Day in Friona on April 20. (By Jim Steiert)**

tial use for a family of four for two years. Texas has a total of 23,037 playas, with 4,080 categorized as pristine/functional."

Extrapolating on those numbers, and expanding on figures first arrived at by Don Kahl while he was with TPWD show Texas also has another 5,631 playas listed as functional but at risk, and 13,326 categorized as not functional.

A single three-inch recharge event through an average-size 17 acre High Plains playa would recharge 1,385,500 gallons of water to the aquifer.

Current average-size pristine/functional playas encompass 69,360 acres. At a recharge rate of 81,500 gallons per acre from a single three-inch rainfall event, water returned to the Ogallala aquifer from all of the average-size pristine/functional playas would amount to five billion, 652 million, 840 thousand gallons of water.

A single three-inch recharge event across the pristine/functional playas would be enough to sustain 154,800 people for a year at a use rate of 100 gallons per day per person.

Calculations by Dr. Chris Grotegut of Hereford, an agriculture representative on the Llano Estacado (Region

O) Water Planning Group, indicate that if per person per day water consumption were reduced and 70 percent of playas are restored to a functional state where they provide recharge, there would possibly be sufficient water restored to the Ogallala aquifer through recharge to sustain 1.5 million people indefinitely.

Jim Steiert is an award winning member of the Texas Outdoor Writers Association and a Certified Texas Master Naturalist.

Dr. Fern introduced Heather Johnson, who has joined the TPWD staff as "the new Don Kahl, who came on board with us this month (April) and will continue this important playa restoration work."

Jordan Menge indicated that there are many opportunities as the Farm Bill evolves to boost playa conservation, including one-time payment incentives through Wetland Restoration 659, Wetland Enhancement 657, Wetland Wildlife Management 644, and Upland Wildlife Habitat 645.

"Grass buffers around playas to filter silt are a top priority," said Menge. "I'm a



**NEW TO TXPCI--Wind-blown on the blustery and chilly morning of April 20 during a playa tour southeast of Friona, Heather Johnson, a new TPWD staffer in Lubbock working with playa restoration, toughed it out anyway. (Photo by Jim Steiert)**

direct contact for landowners if they are considering a playa restoration project and want to schedule a field visit. TxPCI funds can also be used for planting buffer grasses around playas."

Terry Boedeker explained that playas were an "adventure zone" for him growing up, and that doing earth work in playas "is almost like icing a cake with a knife—the soil is the medium. He outlined considerations before moving playa soil.

"If you're looking to rehabilitate a playa by filling a pit, a big thing to consider is if there's enough soil to fill the pit. Hauling fill dirt is costly. Also, are there any irrigation facilities in place that are still functional? In some playas you may want to consider that a pitted area can provide some bird habitat in dry times," he advised.

"In areas where soil has been scraped or moved, weeds come back before grass, so keeping the weeds mowed will help the grass get established. Some erosion is possible on excavated areas. Farming tenant interests need to be considered."

Through the course of his work with TxPCI Boedeker has thus far worked on 42 playa rehab projects, with only one involving sediment removal.

"What do you do with the sediment if you remove it? A little planning has to be done. How deep is that sediment? Sediment gen-



**IMPORTANT TO ATTEND--Dr. Rachel Fern, statewide Wetland Program Leader, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, felt the topics of playa restoration and aquifer recharge were important enough to drive all the way from San Marcos to take part in a Playa Field Day in Friona. (Photo by Jim Steiert)**

erally builds out from the edge to the center, making the playa edge non-functional."

His first playa restoration was in Floyd County in 2011, a job where he moved 11,000 cubic yards of sediment into surrounding gullies and washes where the sediment first originated.

Jim Steiert writes about issues concerning the great outdoors including managing water resources. He is the author of Playas: Jewels of the Plains (Texas Tech University Press, 1995).



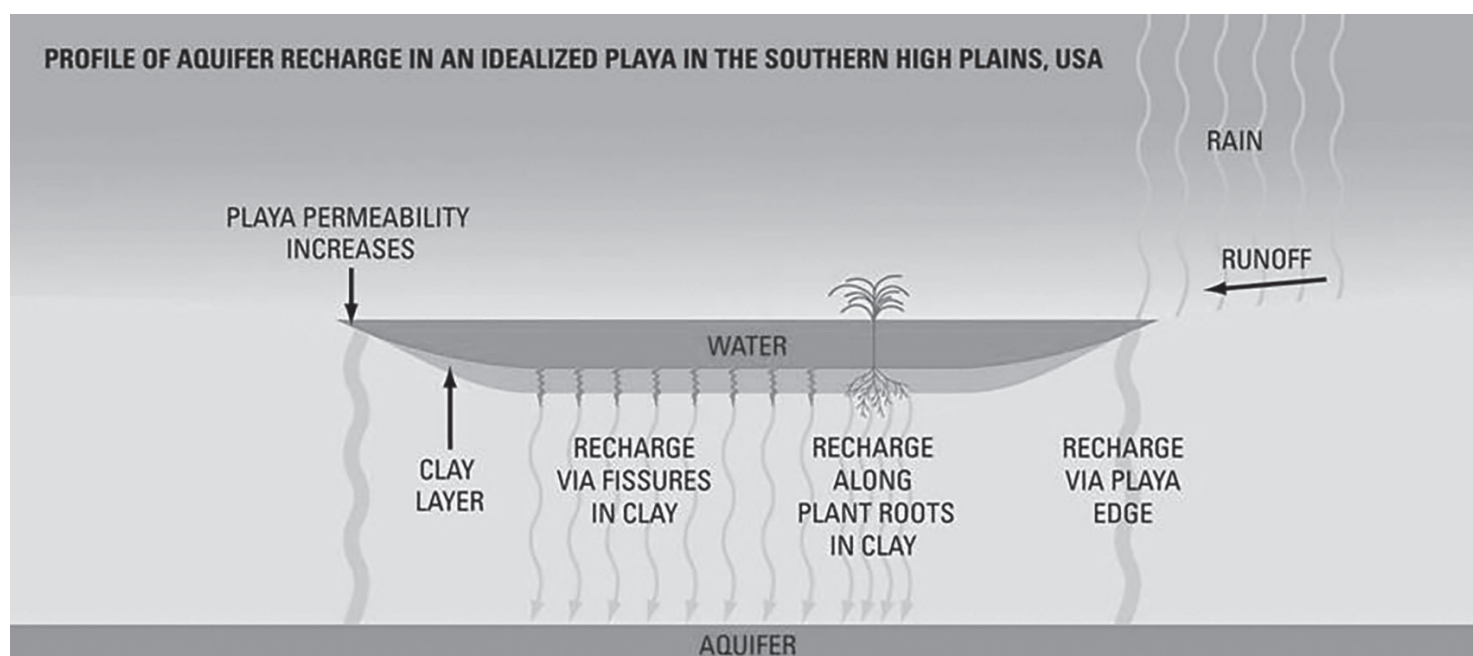
**BRAVING THE ELEMENTS--A good crowd of Texas Master Naturalists from Amarillo and Lubbock were among those who bundled up and participated in a visit to the rehabilitated playa on the John Fred White property southeast of Friona during a Playa Field Day held on April 20. (Photo by Jim Steiert)**



**GETTING A STORY IN THE WIND--Videographer Lee Smith of Austin, right, who is working on a documentary on playas for PBS, films Jordan Menge of Pheasants Forever during a tour of a renovated playa on the John Fred White farm southeast of Friona during a Playa Field Day held April 20 in cold, blustery conditions. (Photo by Jim Steiert)**



**Attendees of the Friona Playa Field Day viewed a slide show and participated in a question and answer session. (Photo by Clint Mears)**



**Photo courtesy of Texas Playa Conservation Initiative**





## Obituaries



### Julia Jan Dennis Mims

Julia Jan Dennis Mims was born in Hereford, TX on March 3, 1947 and passed away at her home on April 20th, 2021. Julia attended Friona Public Schools and studied chemistry at Texas Tech. She married Gary Mims in 1967. As a lifelong student of science and nature, Julia worked as a certified ASMT, medical technologists, at various hospitals for over 43 years. As a nature lover, she designed and planted over 15 different gardens and water features. She loved sewing and quilting and gifted numerous



quilts throughout the years. Julia was a world traveler, an avid reader, enjoyed drawing, and working Soduku puzzles. As an animal lov-

er, she and Gary adopted, raised and loved countless cats over the years. She is survived by husband and companion Gary; sons Logan and Colin, their wives Holly and Katrina; bonus daughter Heather Ezell; Brother Bill Dennis; grandchildren Hunter, Eli, Ainslee, and Klover; nieces; Eddie, Billie, Sammie, and Nikki. A memorial service was held at Wagner Park at 2 pm on April 25th. In lieu of flowers, the family requests you consider a donation to the Salvation Army or South Plains Food bank.

### Wanda Peace

Wanda Peace, 86 of Friona passed away April 24, 2021 in Friona. Viewing will be held from 9:00 A.M. until 8:00 P.M. Thursday, April 29, 2021 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY. Celebration of Life Graveside Services scheduled for 10:30 A.M. Friday, April 30, 2021 at the Friona Cemetery with Rev. Brett Hoyle, officiating. Burial following in the Friona Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.



ing include her mother Eva Atwood of Lubbock, 4 sons-James Peace and wife Nancy, Roger Peace and wife Robin, all of Friona, Ray Peace of Vernon, and Weldon Peace and wife Linda of Table Rock, Missouri, 2 sisters-Dorothy Thomas of Norman, OK, Lavada Eagle of Grants, N.M., 1 brother-Lee Atwood of Slaton. 9 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

You may send condolences to the family and sign the online guest book at: [www.hansardfamily.com](http://www.hansardfamily.com)



Wanda was born March 10, 1935 in Anadarko, Oklahoma to Chuck and Eva Cannon Atwood. She later married Bobby Gene Peace in 1950. She was a wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother who was

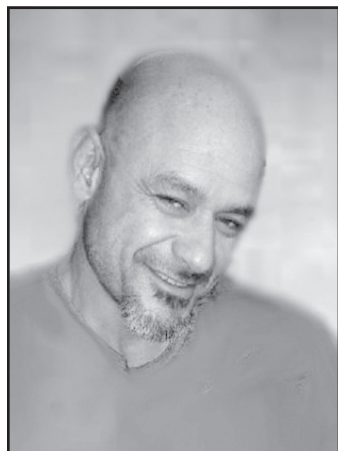
known to be a hard working, very strong woman that loved birds and dancing.

She is preceded in death by her father, and husband.

Those that mourn her pass-

### Charlie Ray Burkart

Charlie Ray Burkart, 44 of Friona passed away April 24, 2021 in Friona. A family led Celebration of Life Service will be held at the family home 2455 County Road 19 Friona, 3:00 P.M. Saturday May 1, 2021. Cremation arrangements by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.



Teresa Burkart of Friona, 1 daughter-Makayla Day and husband Deshane of Amarillo, 1 brother- Dusty Lee Stowers of Friona and his children Isabella, and Lucas, 2 grandchildren- Havyn and Carson.

THERE WILL BE NO VIEWING

You may send condolences to the family and sign the online guest book at: [www.hansardfamily.com](http://www.hansardfamily.com)



Charlie was born August 26, 1976 in Hereford, Texas. He had been employed by Mixer Center of Friona. Charlie loved his family, all animals, motorcycles, rock music and helping others. He was known for his great

sense of humor and being able to fix anything.

Those to mourn his passing include his mother-

## Remarkable President

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith

On April 30, 1789, George Washington was "humbled" when he was elected America's first president, according to the Library of Congress. Washington "delivered the speech in a deep, low voice that betrayed what one observer called 'manifest embarrassment.'"

He conveyed his Federal Hall remarks in the nation's New York City capital. They were somewhat brief and fixated on the passage of the Bill of Rights. He had no obligation to deliver a message, other than to take his oath of office, but with that gesture, he set a precedent to address the nation — a tradition observed by every president since.

Washington was the Chief Executive two consecutive, four-year terms.

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends **George Washington and the Founding of a Nation** by Albert Marrin.

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



George Washington

## Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



As National Poetry Month concludes, here is one poem that Reader's Digest published in December of last year under "Inspirational Poems to Warm the Heart." Eileen Hession's use of rhythm and rhyme scheme gives it a playful flow to the

very end—where she hints that every day has golden moments if we simply "pay attention."

Thanks for indulging my month-long acknowledgment of verse. My mom raised us on Mother Goose rhymes, so I would like to

give credit where credit is due. Hope you will find a favorite poem, memorize it, and carry it with you wherever you go. Somewhere out there are students who can still recite "Invictus"— may they ever be the captains of their souls.

### When Is That Golden Moment?

When the scale tells me I've not gained a pound  
When my glasses or phone or keys have been found,  
When the cop pulls me over but spares me the ticket  
When my ice cream cone drips and I get to lick it,  
When I read the obituaries and don't know a soul,  
When the car just ahead of me pays for my toll,  
When my pants can fit without sucking my gut in  
When I'm

on the dance floor and a man asks to cut in,  
When it's time for a movie and I get to choose it,  
When I cut out the coupon and remember to use it.  
Everyone understands the worth Of a big celebration: a marriage, a birth  
But moments of joy, too many to mention  
Brighten each day, when we just pay attention.

By Eileen Hession

## Gayland Ward Seed transitions to the next generation

With a history of top yielding seed production since 1986, Gayland Ward Seed continues the traditional family-owned seed business. As part of a transition to the next generation, Carson Ward takes over the helm of Gayland Ward Seed and launches a new logo as GW Seed.

"With this evolution of our family-owned seed company, we are excited to see our son become a leader propelling the company into the next level of service, research, product purity and performance for growth," says Gayland Ward, former general manager.

Carson Ward's move into management is also accompanied by new headquarters in Amarillo, Texas. Future plans include a second production facility with state-of-the-art processing and fast movement of seed through the plant and out to customers.



Gayland and son, Carson Ward, in the Hereford, Texas, seed production fields.

Carson says, "The company will continue to be devoted to high quality production of sorghum hybrids for forage, hay, silage, baleage, grazing and grain. Our line-up of high-quality seed extends beyond sorghum with wheat, triticale and millet seed offerings for seed companies as well as distributors."

He also plans to continue their historically broad varietal testing programs but is expanding their commitment to build awareness about the benefits of sorghum as forages for dairy and beef producers.



## 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.

I thank all of you for your support and kindness.

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

**Bud Rainey**  
806-265-7257



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## Tips from the "Walk Across Texas" Challenge

### Safety Tips for Walking

It's Springtime and as the weather warms up and the days are longer, we see more and more people walking. We know though that accidents to pedestrians can happen. In 2018 there were 6,283 pedestrians killed in traffic crashes, which was the highest since 1990.

According to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) there are 5 tips you can do when walking to help keep you safe.

1. Walk on a sidewalk or path. If that is not available walk facing traffic and as far from cars as possible.

2. Cross streets at marked crosswalks when possible. We know if our rural areas that isn't always available, wait for a gap in traffic that allows you enough time to cross safely, and continue to watch for traffic while you are crossing the road.

3. Be Alert. Put your cell phones done. If wearing headphones make sure the volume is low enough you can still hear traffic. Try one earbud also.

4. Walking while impaired is dangerous. NHTSA estimates 33% of fatal pedestrian crashes involve a pedestrian who is drunk.

5. Most important NEVER assume drivers see you, they can be distracted or impaired. When walking make eye contact with drivers to be seen, and wear brightly colored clothing during the day. At night, wear reflective materials and/or use a flashlight.

Use this weather to safely get out and enjoy walking while being safe.

Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

### Meal Planning for a Healthy Lifestyle

Taking the time to plan our meals can be a great way to incorporate healthy eating into our lifestyle. The task can seem daunting at first, so we at Texas A&M AgriLife Extension encourage you to start with just one or two of these tips, master it, then work on your next goal. Meal plan-

ning takes practice and no one is perfect at it. Stick with it! It is always worth it to invest time into your health. Meal planning can also decrease food waste and help your budget. Check out these tips to get started!

1. Write Out Your Meals: Meal planning starts with simply planning your meals! Post your "Menu" somewhere in your kitchen to hold you accountable and help you write your grocery list. TIP: Plan meals that you can use more than once. For example, chicken chile is great with whole wheat crackers on Monday and on top of baked potatoes on Wednesday!

2. Balance Your Nutrients: Try to incorporate all 5 food groups throughout the day (protein, grains, fruits, vegetables, and dairy). If you have dairy and fruit for breakfast, be sure to include protein and vegetables in your afternoon meals and snacks.

3. Vary Your Protein: Different protein sources bring different nutrients to our diet. If you have chicken on Monday, look for meal options with lean beef, fish, legumes, egg, or beans later in the week.

4. Shop the Sale: What's on sale this week? Protein is often the most expensive part of our meal. Try basing your weekly meals on what lean meat is on sale for the week.

5. Plan Your Leftovers: Include leftovers in your meal planning. Some foods are better as leftovers anyway, right? You can even plan to freeze leftovers for use in a few weeks.

6. Make Your Grocery List: Make a list of ingredients needed for each meal. This is where the first step comes in handy; hopefully, some of your ingredients or entire recipes can be used more than once. When your grocery list is ready, shop your house and cross off what you already have before heading to the store.

Source: Purdue Extension Nutrition Education - eatgathergo.org



## Construction Zone

In the photo at top, Phase 2 of the new housing project at Ashland & 6th is now underway. In the photo above, the new FHS band hall/tornado shelter has hit a brick wall. Think about it. In the photo below, the new Primary school building is just a few weeks away from completion.



## 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.

## Friona School Calendar for May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 -Election Day 7:00-7:00 @ City Council Chamber -Baseball @ Dimmitt 12:00
2	3 -Pre-K Registration -Victory FWC Senior Banquet	4 -Pre-K Registration -STARR Algebra 1 Test -FHS Senior Trip	5 -Pre-K Registration	6 -Pre-K Registration -STARR Science Test for 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade -Tankersley's Tux Delivery	7 -Pre-K Registration -Mighty Writers Rally 2:00 --STARR Social Studies Test for 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade -High School Academic Awards -State Track in Austin	8 -State Track in Austin -Jr/Sr Prom @ Country Rose -JH District Tennis Tournament
9 -Mother's Day	10 -Tankersley's Pick Up -Catholic Senior Banquet	11 -STARR Test -Band Spring Concert 6:00	12 -STARR Test	13 -STARR Test -Choir Follies	14 -Chieftain Challenge	15
16	17 -6 <sup>th</sup> Church of Christ Senior Banquet -Mobile Device Check- In for Primary /Elementary -FISD School Board Meeting 7:00	18 -Choir Trip /Sod Poodles Game -Mobile Device (Chromebook/Hotspots) Check-in for Jr. High	19 -5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Jr. High Orientation	20 -Mobile Device (Chromebook/Hotspots) Check-in for High School	21 -Senior Parade 7:00p.m.	22 -FFA Banquet
23	24 -Temple of Adoration Senior Banquet -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Day	25 -State Speech -FJH Student Awards in JH Auditorium 2-3:45	26 -Early Release -Teacher Retirement Tea @ Admin Building 3-4:30p.m. -State Speech -JH Pride Tribe Celebration	27 -Early Release -State Solo & Ensemble	28 -Graduation -Senior All Night Party -State Solo & Ensemble	29 -State Solo & Ensemble
30	31					

**Crop report**

**Price good, drought bad for Texas cotton**

By Adam Russell

Texas cotton producers could have a tough year due to drought, but good prices are likely to soften the blow, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

Drought and good prices will influence the final total acres of cotton planted, especially in Texas, said John Robinson, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension cotton marketing economist in the Texas A&M University Department of Agricultural Economics, Bryan-College Station.

Robinson said cotton prices have recovered from a deep slide due to COVID-19. The pandemic recession sent cotton into a spiral as demand for cotton plummeted in April 2020.

Cotton prices bottomed on April 1 last year but began climbing back, in large part due to China purchasing large amounts of U.S. cotton to build up their reserves when prices cratered. The purchases provided cotton with a bump, but prices gained momentum as mills around the world ramped up production this year.

Robinson said export demand for U.S. cotton has been historically high, which led to a 45-cent rally from below 50 cents per pound April 1, 2020 to 95 cents per pound by March 2021.

"It was an astounding rally," he said. "Mills around the world from Asia to Turkey ramped up production and bought a lot of U.S. cotton, and the resumption of demand fed upward prices."

The market has corrected since, and prices settled in the low- to mid-80 cents per pound range, which is still a good price for producers, he said.

**Drought, Texas cotton potential**

Prices may have recovered, but the opportunity for Texas cotton producers will depend on Mother Nature.

Robinson said the state's cotton growing regions, from the Panhandle down to the Rio Grande Valley, are experiencing drought at levels that threaten yield potential in both irrigated and dryland fields. And forecasts are calling for drier- and hotter-than-normal weather through May, and then normally hot weather after that. Irrigation would likely not support the crop without rainfall because the moisture deficit is too high.

Irrigation in areas like Far West Texas and the Rio Grande Valley may be limited this season due to rationing by water districts. Furthermore, areas like the South Plains and Panhandle may find irrigation difficult due to water demand and high energy costs.

But that may not dissuade producers from putting seed in the ground because crop insurance prices for lint were at 83 cents based on the recent price surge. The high insurance price cuts both ways. While implying a better safety net against losses, it also raises the value of the coverage, leading to higher insurance premiums paid by farmers.

"It's one of those years where the possibility of crop failure might lead to more cotton plantings, since cotton performs better agronomically than grain crops in dry conditions," he said. "It's still a risk for producers because these dry plantings could get rain and then they have to follow up with weed control and more inputs and end up play-



**Drought conditions could hurt cotton yields, but good prices and strong demand could improve the overall outlook for farmers. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo by Kay Ledbetter)**

ing catch-up."

Producers are also likely to pay more for inputs from fertilizer, seed and herbicides to around-the-clock electricity that runs water pumps and drives irrigation pivots, he said.

**Tight supplies a possibility**

Robinson said U.S. cotton producers were expected to plant 12 million acres this season, as of USDA's March 31 estimate. Texas likely will account for 6 million of those acres, and it could climb by several hundred thousand acres due to good market and insurance prices.

High grain prices may have changed some producer's minds, but the final decision will depend on how producers invested preparation dollars. But even with the high number of acres, Robinson said the cotton supplies will likely be tight after this season due to drought, international demand and low carryover stocks from last season.

Robinson doesn't expect more than 16 million bales

of U.S. production in 2021, which he said would support good prices into summer and could push them further upward if crop abandonment numbers are high throughout the cotton-producing southwest U.S.

Additional uncertainty surrounds an ongoing geopolitical problem unfolding with China, as retailers have begun boycotting cotton produced in the Xinjiang province because of the nation's treatment of the Uyghur population. Xinjiang produces 85% of Chinese cotton, and it is unclear whether the boycotts will help U.S. cotton or spiral into another trade war.

"There is above-average uncertainty this season," Robinson said. "The stories to follow will be drought and the economic recovery and whether it continues to remove some of the hesitation Americans have when it comes to discretionary spending. The China situation is a wild card."

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

**Parmer County Treasurer's Report**

**REPORT OF Sharon A. May County Treasurer of PARMER County, Texas, of Receipts and Expenditures from January 01, to March 31, 2021 Inclusive:**

**JURY FUND**

Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2020 .....	\$127,815.51
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	\$14,562.47
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report .....	\$400.00
03/31/21 Balance .....	\$141,977.98

**GENERAL FUND**

Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2020..	\$ 3,785,265.17
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	\$ 2,783,715.51
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report .....	\$ 1,098,101.51
03/31/21 Balance .....	5,470,879.17

**FARM TO MARKET FUND**

Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2020 ..	\$2,039,578.46
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	\$958,285.95
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report .....	\$412,111.18
03/31/21 Balance .....	\$2,585,753.23

**CONTINGENCY FUND**

Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2020 .....	\$52,501.48
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	\$217,744.13
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report .....	\$0.00
03/31/21 Balance .....	\$270,245.61

**PARMER COUNTY FORFEITURE FUND**

Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2020 .....	\$28,548.96
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	\$5.10
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report .....	\$0.00
03/31/21 Balance .....	\$28,554.06

**PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND**

Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2020 .....	\$159,883.30
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	\$1,726.11
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report .....	\$0.00
03/31/21 Balance .....	\$217,510.23

**REVENUE FUND**

Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2020 .....	\$177,195.98
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	\$57,680.45
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report .....	\$88,770.99
03/31/21 Balance .....	146,105.44

**JUVENILE PROBATION FUND**

Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2020 .....	\$4,960.76
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	\$0.89
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report .....	\$0.00
03/31/21 Balance .....	\$4,961.65

**COUNTY ATTORNEY - CHECK COLLECTION FUND**

Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2020 .....	\$3,383.59
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	\$441.11
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report .....	\$485.49
03/31/21 Balance .....	\$3,339.21

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY CHECK COLLECTION - 287TH FUND**

Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2020 .....	\$11,183.82
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	\$3,390.94
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report .....	\$4,291.35
03/31/21 Balance .....	\$10,283.41

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY FORFEITURE FUND**

Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2020 .....	\$50,285.28
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	\$8.84
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report .....	\$1,710.24
03/31/21 Balance .....	\$48,583.88

**COUNTY ATTORNEY FORFEITURE FUND**

Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2020 .....	\$4,845.85
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	\$0.87
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report .....	\$0.00
03/31/21 Balance .....	\$4,846.72

**INTEREST & SINKING FUND**

Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2020 .....	\$116,830.11
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	\$183,386.75
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report .....	\$223,825.00
03/31/21 Balance .....	\$76,391.86

**LATERAL FUND**

Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2020 .....	\$0.00
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	\$0.00
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report .....	\$0.00
03/31/21 Balance .....	\$0.00

**PARMER COUNTY ATTORNEY PRETRIAL DIVERSION FUND**

Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2020 .....	\$2,927.47
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	\$641.54
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report .....	\$1,129.93
03/31/21 Balance .....	\$2,439.08

**RECAPITULATION**

Jury Fund .....	\$141,977.98
General Fund.....	\$5,470,879.17
Farm To Market Fund .....	\$2,585,753.23
Contingency Fund .....	\$270,245.61
Parmer County Forfeiture Fund .....	\$28,554.06
Permanent Improvement Fund .....	\$217,510.23
Revenue Fund .....	\$146,105.44
Juvenile Probation Fund .....	\$4,961.65
County Attorney - Check Collection Fund .....	\$3,339.21
District Atty Check Collection - 287Th Fund.....	\$10,283.41
District Attorney Forfeiture Fund.....	\$48,583.88
County Attorney Forfeiture Fund .....	\$4,846.72
Interest & Sinking Fund.....	\$76,391.86
Lateral Fund .....	\$0.00
Parmer County Attorney Pretrial Diversion.....	\$2,439.08
Total .....	\$9,011,871.53

**LIST OF BONDS AND OTHER SECURITIES ON HAND**

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT	
GENERAL FUND	
JURY	
PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT	
INVESTMENTS	
TOTAL	

**TREASURER'S REPORT  
PARMER COUNTY, TEXAS  
THE STATE OF TEXAS**

**Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Sharon A. May, County Treasurer of Parmer County, who by me duly sworn, upon oath, says that the within and foregoing report is true and correct.**

**Sharon A. May  
County Treasurer  
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 26th Day of April, 2021.**

**Trey Ellis  
County Judge - Parmer County, Texas  
Examined and approved in open Commissioners' Court this 26th Day of April, 2021.**

**Small Town Cookin' By Jeri Lynn White**

**Oatmeal Bars**

For a twist on National Oatmeal Cookie Day, I found a few recipes for Oatmeal Bars. I like to pretend that anything with oatmeal is healthy, so eat up. I'm sure these are all good for you.

**Healthy Oatmeal Breakfast Bars**  
thebigmansworld.com

- Ingredients**
- 1 cup peanut butter can sub for any nut or seed butter of choice
  - 4 cups gluten free rolled oats can sub for quinoa flakes or buckwheat flakes
  - 6-7 medium bananas mashed
  - 1/2-1 cup chocolate chips of choice Optional

**Instructions**

Preheat the oven to 175C/350F. Line an 8 x 8-inch pan with parchment paper and set aside. In a large mixing bowl, com-

bine all your ingredients and mix well. Fold in your chocolate chips, if using them. Transfer the batter to the lined pan and bake for 12-15 minutes, until golden on top and a skewer comes out the center clean. Allow oatmeal breakfast bars to cool in the pan for at least 10 minutes, or until firmed up enough to remove. Transfer to a wire rack and allow to cool completely.

Notes: Healthy Oatmeal Breakfast Bars will keep at room temperature, for up to 3 days. They are best kept refrigerated and will keep for a week. They are freezer friendly and will keep frozen for up to two months.

**Cappuccino-Caramel Oat Bars**  
www.bhg.com

- Ingredients**
- 3 cups regular rolled oats
  - 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
  - 1 cup chopped pecans
  - 1 teaspoon baking soda
  - 1/4 teaspoon salt
  - 1 cup butter, softened
  - 2 cups packed brown sugar
  - 2 eggs
  - 1 tablespoon instant coffee crystals
  - 2 teaspoons vanilla
  - 3/4 cup caramel ice cream topping
  - 1/2 cup broken pecans
  - 1 recipe Coffee Glaze (optional)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Lightly grease a 15x10x1-inch baking pan; set aside. In a large bowl stir together oats, flour, the 1 cup pecans, baking soda, and salt; set aside. In a large mixing bowl beat butter with an electric mixer on medium to high speed for 30 seconds. Add brown sugar. Beat until combined, scraping sides of bowl occasionally. Beat in eggs, coffee crystals, and vanilla until combined. Beat in as much of the oat mixture as you can with the mixer. Using a wooden spoon, stir in any remaining oat mixture with a wooden spoon. Reserve 2 cups of the mixture for the

topping. Using floured hands, press remaining oat mixture evenly into the bottom of the prepared pan. Spread with caramel topping to within 1/4 inch of the edges. Drop spoonfuls of the reserved oat mixture topping onto caramel topping; sprinkle with the 1/2 cup pecans. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until edges are set (do not overbake). Cool in pan on a wire rack. If desired, drizzle with Coffee Glaze. Let stand until glaze is set. Cut into bars.

To Store: Cover pan and store at room temperature for up to 3 days or freeze for up to 1 month.

**Apple-Cinnamon Streusel Bars**  
www.bhg.com

- Ingredients**
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
  - 1 1/2 cups rolled oats
  - 3/4 cup granulated sugar
  - 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
  - 1 teaspoon ground ginger
  - 1 cup butter, cut into 8 pieces
  - 1 8-ounce package cream cheese, softened
  - 1/2 cup finely chopped dried apples
  - 1/2 cup chopped walnuts, toasted
  - 1/2 cup sweetened condensed milk
  - 1/4 cup pure maple syrup
  - 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
  - 1 cup powdered sugar
  - 3 teaspoons milk

**Directions**

Preheat oven to 350°F. For crust, in a large bowl stir together flour, oats, granulated sugar, the 2 teaspoons cinnamon, and ginger. Using a pastry blender, cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. For topping, set aside 1 cup of the crust mixture. Press remaining crust mixture evenly and firmly onto the bottom of a 13x9x2-inch baking pan; set aside. For filling, in a medium bowl beat cream cheese, apples, walnuts, sweetened condensed milk, maple syrup, and the 1 teaspoon cinnamon with an electric mixer on medium speed until well

combined. Spread filling over crust in pan. Sprinkle evenly with reserved topping. Bake in the preheated oven for 35 to 40 minutes or until topping is light brown. Cool in pan on a wire rack. For icing, in a small bowl stir together powdered sugar and enough of the milk to make an icing of drizzling consistency. Drizzle over uncut bars. To serve, cut into bars.

TO STORE: Place bars in a single layer in an airtight container; cover. Store in the refrigerator for up to 3 days.

Tips: To easily remove bars from a pan, line the pan with aluminum foil.

## 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



Spring is here. Most of the Lilac Bushes around town have seemed to ignore the ongoing drought. The ideal spot to plant lilacs is in an area with full sun (at least 6 to 8 hours per day). Lilacs also like slightly alkaline, moist, well-drained soil.

## WE'RE HIRING!

### PART-TIME LIBRARY CLERK

Work would include daily tasks of the library, assist patrons, checking in/out items, re-shelving of materials, helping with summer reading programs, and cleaning and care of the library

The **Friena Public Library** is looking for an individual who is motivated, flexible, friendly and who is comfortable working with children to work approximately 20 hours a week.

To begin work on May 17, 2021

This is a great opportunity to work with kids, be a role model and make a difference in our community. Come be part of our team!

Walk-in interviews welcome!  
Bring your resumes!

May 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> (2pm - 4pm)  
@ The Friena Public Library  
109 W 7th St, Friena, TX 79035

Contact Anahi Gomez for any questions  
(806)-250-3200



You can also pick up an application at [The Friena Public Library](#) or at [The City of Friena](#)

# Thank You! From the Parmer County Junior Livestock Show

The 2021 Junior Livestock Show Premium Sale was highly successful. The sale made a grand total of \$397,792.60 for 2021. We truly appreciate all the individuals, businesses, buyers clubs, and add-ons that support our talented youth. Thank you for your part in rewarding their hard work!

2021 Top Buyers: Gold - LoneStar Ag Silver - Optima Dairy Bronze - Bunker Tire & Truck Service

4G Electric, Inc. & Kimmy G's Laundry  
A-1 Service Center  
Aaron & Tonia Abarca  
Ab Hendley  
AgTexas Insurance  
Alan & Debbie Monroe  
Andy & Tabitha Carthel  
Animal Health International  
Bar G Feedyard  
Bar G Trucking  
Betty Reeve  
Bill & Jeri Lynn White  
Black Agri, Inc.  
Blake Prather  
Blue Sky Farms  
Bob & Roxanne Hurst  
Bobby & Paige Tyler  
Bovina Ag Boosters  
Branscum Farms  
Brent & Elaine Harmon  
Bunker Tire & Truck Service, Inc.  
C & D Land & Cattle, Inc.  
Cal Maine Foods  
Calvin & Tammy Turner  
Campbell Electric  
Capital Farm Credit - Muleshoe  
Caprock Dairy  
Cara Carpenter  
Cargill Sweet Bran  
Casey & Keisha Russell  
Charlie Rogers  
CHS - Friena  
Citizens Bank - Clovis  
Coleman Young Farms  
Craig & Caroline Kirby  
Cris & Sylvia Ingram

D & D Aviation  
Dale & Donna Schueler  
Dale Hart Farm & Cattle  
Danny & Jiselle Hand  
Darren & Lorre Haseloff  
Davy & Kathy Carthel  
Deaf Smith Electric  
De'Aun Willoughby - CPA  
Del Rio Dairy  
Del Rio Farms  
Delbert Sours  
Dennis & Connie Slagle  
Dimmitt Feedyard  
Donnie & Debbie Lewellen  
Dustin & Jodi Urbantke  
Farmers Pump  
Farwell Buyers Club  
Friena Banking Center  
Friena Buyers Club  
Friena Farmers Co-Op Gin  
Friena Feedyard  
Gallman Cattle, Inc.  
Gallman Equipment  
Garrett Clark  
Gary & Sheryl Morris  
Gene & Holly Schueler  
George & Nickie Villarreal  
Glover Livestock  
Good Shepherds  
Greg & Jamie Lewellen  
Greg & Kay O'Brian  
H&R Block  
Happy State Bank - Hereford  
Heifer Hill Farms  
High Ground Ag Services, LLC  
Isebel LeWellen

Jane Dixon  
Jarecki Custom Farms  
Jerry Don & Donna Glover  
Jim Bob & Teddy Jones  
Jim Elyce Wade  
Joel & Shauna Smith  
John & M'Lynda Jarecki  
Joy & Garland Gallagher  
JWP Outdoors  
K & S Landscaping  
Kevin & Ami Schueler  
Kitty Gallman  
Klein Automation & Electric  
Kody & Kim Kimbrough  
Latigo Land & Cattle  
Lazbuddie Buyers Club  
Lee & Brenda Jesko  
Legacy Pump & Irrigation  
Legends  
LoneStar Ag  
Lowes - Friena  
Mike Beauchamp  
Mike Camp Insurance Agency  
Miller Trucking  
Monty & Tessa Schueler  
Muleshoe Animal Clinic  
Muleshoe Vet Supply  
NewTex Feedyard  
Optima Dairy  
Parmer County 4-H Adult Leaders  
Parmer County Cattlemen  
Parmer County Cotton Growers  
Quad Express, Inc.  
R & D Service Center  
R & M Cattle  
R & S Hydraulics

RCS Farms, Inc.  
Rex & Brenda Black  
Richard & Nancy Miller  
Richard Hadley  
Robert & Jo Osborn  
Ronnie & Sheryl Altman  
Ronny & Nicki Korb  
Rudy Baeza  
Scott & Megan Terry  
Security State Bank - Farwell  
Sellers Services, Inc.  
Sharon White  
Shay & Ashley Smith  
Silveus Insurance Group  
Southwest Exterior Designs, Inc.  
Stan Jones  
Steak Dinner  
Steve & Sherri Kennedy  
Sundowner Farms  
Swierc Land & Cattle  
Terry & Janine Jesko  
The Husted Family  
Tim & Dana Foote  
Tim Vessels  
Tommy & Kim Thompson  
Tyler Gun Works  
VS Farms  
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Wade & Candice Schueler  
Wade & Holly Easley  
West Texas Protein  
Whiteface Ford  
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See you next year!

