



Chamber Award Winners



Man of the Year
Jason Rector



Woman of the Year
Shanna Daniels



Citizen of the Year
Dr. Felipe Jubay



Employee of the Year
JoJo Osborn



Boy Student of the Year
Malachi Torres



Girl Student of the Year
Tiffany Sandoval



Educator of the Year
David Towner



Business of the Year
Malouf's / Jiselle Hand

Rocha, Rector, and Thompson elected to school board

Incumbents Antonio Rocha and Jason Rector, along with first-time candidate Dustin Thompson, were the three candidates chosen by voters to serve on the next Fisd Board of Trustees. A total of 361 individuals voted in the school board election which included 246 during early voting, 113 on election day and 2 provisionals.

The breakdown of the vote was as follows; current board president Antonio Rocha received 371 votes, current board secretary Jason Rector received 247, Dustin Thompson received 215 votes, Kody Kimbrough received 154 votes, and incumbent board vice president Andy Montana received 73 votes. Antonio, Jason, and Dustin will

serve 3-year terms as trustees. Election Administrator Rosa Mendez would like to thank everyone who served as a judge, clerk, or poll worker during the election which was conducted by the Friona Independent School District with poll location and assistance provided by the City of Friona.



Election Day staff: Back row (l-r) Becky Upton, election day clerk; Rosa Mendez, election administrator; Juan Salinas, student poll worker. Front row (l-r) Patsy Castillo, election day clerk; Alex Guerra, student poll worker.

Dairy Cattle Judging Team is #3 in State



Congratulations to the Friona FFA Dairy Cattle Judging Team. They won 3rd place in Dairy Cattle Evaluation at the state meet last week. Tim Ally finished 5th in the individual competition. In normal years, the team would have qualified for the National Competition, but the COVID-19 pandemic has restricted the number of teams that qualify. Team members are; (l-r) Tim Ally, Kambree Kimbrough, Stef Ally, Dieter Ally, and Keegan Hurst.

Parmer County COVID-19 stats as of May 4, 2021



Confirmed Cases 904	Probable Cases 365	Fatalities 36	Active Cases 6	Recoveries 1214
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Community Calendar

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

- May 6**
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center
- May 10**
• 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)
- May 13**
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center
- May 17**
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center
• Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at The Farmwife Kitchen
- May 20**
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center
- May 21**
• FHS Senior Parade
- May 24**
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center
- May 25**
• Snack Pack for Kids at Friona United Methodist Church at 3 p.m. (volunteers welcome)
- May 27**
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center
- May 28**
• FHS Graduation Ceremony

Friends of the Library Annual Meeting



Friends of the Friona Public Library officers are (l-r): Becky Upton, Heather Stowers, Jeri Lynn White, Tonia Abarca, Katie Gilley, Rebekah Baucom, Connie Slagle, Esmeralda Mills



Friona Public Library Staff (l-r): Becky Upton, Assistant Director; Mary Barajas, Circulation Clerk; and Anahi Gonzales, Director



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ACROSS

- 1 Livingston's county
- 5 Texas has been _____ state in elections since 1980
- 6 a dog's kennel
- 7 most TX families are close-_____
- 8 TXism: "he could strut sitting down" (big _____)
- 9 TXism: "rare _____ bears in Texas"
- 16 famous gambler in early Texas, Lottie
- 18 you can bet on _____ at Lone Star Park
- 21 TX Buddy Holly 1958 hit: "Rave _____"
- 22 cookie sandwich
- 23 Lennon's wife
- 24 "as _____ velvet"
- 30 TXism: "he's a _____ shy of a load" (crazy)
- 34 TX Jim Reeves 1959 hit: "He'll Have to _____"
- 35 TX Betty Buckley TV show: "Eight Is _____" (1977-81)
- 36 TX Jennifer Love Hewitt 1998 film: "Can't Hardly _____"
- 37 Henry Hager is a _____-law of TX George W.
- 39 "Gulf _____ Waterway"
- 43 film of Baylor grad Clu Gulager: "A Force _____"
- 44 TXism: "got _____ irons in the fire"
- 45 TX Tanya and TX Kenny have recorded "You Are _____ Beautiful"
- 46 a cake layer
- 47 U.S. 66 was a _____ the west coast
- 49 TXism: "scarce _____ around a hog trough"
- 52 abbr. for phone texting
- 53 TXism: "dab it _____"
- 54 TXism: "wipe the slate clean"
- 55 "Heart of Dixie" state
- 58 exploding stars
- 59 TX Sissy Spacek has _____ an Oscar _____ Grande
- 61 Cowboy rushing units (abbr.)

DOWN

- 1 TXism: "_____ to the rafters" (full)
- 2 easternmost city in Texas
- 3 Gov. Connally won the "_____ Merit" in WWII
- 4 Center AM
- 9 TXism: "chompin' _____ the bit"
- 10 TXism: "_____ deadbeat's memory"
- 11 this TX Gilpin was "Roz" on "Frasier"
- 12 org. of oil countries
- 13 TX George Strait's "You _____ Good in Love" (1983)
- 14 TXism: "frisky as _____ unsaddled horse"
- 15 Del _____, TX
- 17 TXism: "there's more than _____ skin a cat"
- 19 train locomotives
- 20 an OU player
- 24 dir. to Port Lavaca from New Braunfels
- 25 intelligence agcy. of the U.S. Navy
- 26 typeface
- 27 private teachers
- 28 TXism: "nervous as _____ at a shotgun wedding"
- 29 private eye
- 31 TX Mark Chesnutt tune: "She _____"
- 32 "two-_____ nag"
- 33 TXism: "_____ baby's bottom"
- 38 clamor
- 40 TXism: "fat as a boardinghouse _____"
- 41 TX Willie recorded "Some _____ to Watch Over Me" (1978)
- 42 site of Texas-Mexico ferry (2 wds.)
- 48 TXism: "fits like ugly _____ ape"
- 50 Mardi _____
- 51 Dodge truck
- 56 TX Alan who drew up the 2000 "Music City Miracle" play TXism: "plow around the stump"

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Small Town Cookin' By Jeri Lynn White

Enchiladas

I have to admit I am a little nervous about putting recipes for enchiladas in the paper because we have access to delicious enchiladas all over town. However, there are occasions when a homemade version is just

what we need. Plus, yesterday was Cinco de Mayo and National Enchilada Day.

My recipe uses El Monterey powder to make the sauce. I always make these as a casserole. I do this because that is how my

grandmother made them and because I have had terrible results trying to actually roll an enchilada. I have also included a recipe with a homemade red sauce if you feel adventurous.

El Monterey Enchilada Casserole Jeri Lynn White

Ingredients
El Monterey Powder mix
2 lbs. browned, ground beef
1 medium onion, chopped
Salt and pepper, to taste
12 corn tortillas
Vegetable oil
Grated cheese, as much as you want

Directions
Make the El Monterey sauce by following the directions on the package. This will make a thin sauce, so often

times I don't add as much water at the start. Then I can add water later if it is too thick. While the sauce is cooking, brown the hamburger meat with the chopped onions adding salt and pepper to taste. My family is not a fan of onions, so I just leave these out. Drain the hamburger meat as needed. Then lightly fry the corn tortillas in the vegetable oil and drain on paper towels. When the tortillas, the hamburger meat, and the sauce are ready, you can assemble the casserole. First, dip the tortillas in the

enchilada sauce and then make the bottom layer. Sprinkle the hamburger meat over the tortillas, and then sprinkle with cheese. Continue this for another layer, ending with the cheese. I like to pour the remaining sauce over the finished casserole to be sure it is not too dry. Then heat in a 350o F oven for 20 minutes or until the cheese is bubbly. This can be made and frozen before you melt the cheese. Then just defrost and heat until cheese is bubbly. This make take longer if the casserole is cold.

Red Enchilada Sauce www.thespruceeats.com

Ingredients
2 pounds chili peppers (fresh red, see below for types)
4 chili peppers (dried red, see above link for types)
1 tablespoon lard (or cooking oil)
1/2 small white onion (peeled and finely chopped)
6 cups water
1 clove garlic
2 tablespoons vinegar
1 tablespoon dried oregano
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1/2 teaspoon salt

Steps to Make It
Gather the ingredients. Boil 8 cups of water and let the dried chiles soak in it, for about 15 to 20 minutes. Roast the fresh red chiles over high heat (or in the broiler or on a grill) often turning, until the skins are blackened and blistered. Remove the fresh red chilies from the heat and let them cool to the touch.

Peel the blackened skin off as well as removing the stems and scraping out the seeds. Roughly chop the remaining flesh and set aside. Remove the soaking dried chiles from the water, remove the stems and seeds and cut them into pieces. Set aside. Add the oil to a large pot and heat over medium heat. Add the onion and cook it for 5-7 minutes or until softened and translucent. Add the garlic, and all of the red chiles to the pot. Continue to stir while you add the water, slowly and carefully. After the water is in, add the vinegar, oregano, cumin, and salt. Cover the pot and simmer the sauce for 20 minutes over low heat. At this point, if you have a hand-held blender (stick blender) you can put it directly in the sauce and blend until smooth. If you plan on using a standard blender (pitcher style), then you need to let the sauce cool quite a bit, nearly to room temperature, before attempting to blend it. After the sauce is completely blended (this takes a minute or two) you can use it as-is, or you can pour it through a strainer to make it smoother.

30 Minute Mexican Enchiladas www.thespruceeats.com

Ingredients
1 cup cooking oil
16 corn or flour tortillas
1 (28-ounce) can enchilada sauce (or homemade red enchilada sauce)
2 cups grated or shredded mozzarella or queso blanco cheese
1/2 cup cotija cheese
1 1/2 cups shredded cooked beef, chicken, or pork, optional

Steps to Make It
Gather the ingredients. Heat oven to 400 F. Pour 1 cup of oil into a medium-sized saucepan and heat until it's hot, but not sizzling. You want to warm the tortillas in the oil, not fry them. Using tongs, dip each tortilla, one at a time, into the hot oil until it is warmed through and pliable. Remove tortilla from oil and drain it briefly on a paper towel. Pour

just enough sauce in the bottom of a 13 x 9-inch glass baking dish to cover it. Pour the rest of the sauce into a large bowl. Dip a warm tortilla into the sauce and then place it in the bottom of the baking dish. Place a little less than 1/4 cup of cheese down the center of the tortilla. If you are adding meat, use a little less cheese. Fold half of the tortilla over the cheese, then the other half, so that the tortilla is rolled around the cheese. Turn it over so it is seam-side down and the weight of the cheese will help keep it in place. Repeat each of those steps for each of the tortillas making two layers of enchiladas in the dish, if necessary. Pour any remaining sauce over the top of the enchiladas. Sprinkle the cotija cheese over the enchiladas. Bake for 20 to 30 minutes or until enchiladas are hot throughout and cheese is melted. Serve your enchiladas

with a spatula, four to a plate, and enjoy! You get all excited to make the crispy-cheesy enchiladas of your dreams, but only to have them turn out soggy. Soggy tortillas can be avoided by following this recipe carefully, as frying them briefly in oil ensures that there's a bit of a protective barrier between the tortilla and the sauce. Use shredded cooked chicken or cubed cooked steak and add it to the tortillas when you add the cheese. Enchiladas will keep in the fridge, covered, for 3 to 5 days. Simply reheat in the casserole dish in a low oven, covered, until warm all the way through. If you would like to, enchiladas freeze well. You can wrap them in pairs or individually or make a double batch and freeze one whole casserole dish, wrapped in aluminum foil, for up to 3 months. Thaw in the fridge, and then bake in the oven as directed.

Happy Birthday Friona Folks

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Calvin Shields
Nancy Peace
Staci (Mueller) Duran
Blake Williamson
Jayton Moyer
Hadley McGowan
Amelia Soltero</p> <p>May 7
Jordon Peace
Misti Davis
Stephanie Cabrera
Karen Baker
Julia Alexander
Ruby Moroney</p> <p>May 8
Randy Boeckman
Susie Davis
Jennifer (Lamb) Gonzales
Emma Talley
Jared Brown
Maegan Davis
Elizabeth Romero</p> <p>May 9
Greg O'Brian
Linda Rushing
Claira Garcia
Mike Prather
Tommy Alger
Jeff Rainey</p> | <p>May 10
Carolyn Reeve
Sandra Randall
John David Haile
Justin Jeter
Stan Ellis
Patti Zachary
Nancy Castaneda
Brandi Brailiff
J'Lond Jarecki
Hillary Bermea
Trevor Steiner
Clayton Halford
Joan King</p> <p>May 11
Camry Kendrick
Jesus Mendoza
Robert Jones
Reese Fleming
Butch Preston
Renee Downey
Rayce Gatlin</p> <p>May 12
Richard Turner
Joel Cramer
Becky Reeve
Susie Spring
Lynn Gowens
Martin Godinez
Kimberly Jones</p> |
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Gas prices in neutral

By GasBuddy

Texas gas prices have fallen 0.5 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 0.9 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand \$1.11 per gallon higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$2.23 while the most expensive is \$3.99 per gallon. The national average is up 1.8 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands \$1.13 per gallon higher than a year ago.

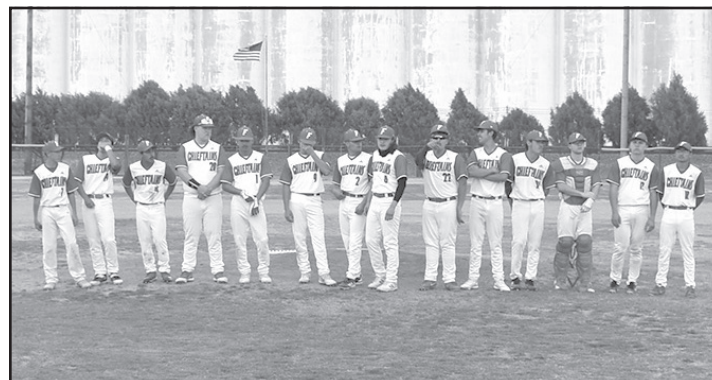
"The nation's gas prices perked up again last week as oil prices advanced to fresh multi-year highs on Covid improvements overseas and the switch to summer gasoline, which is basically now complete," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "Last week saw the national average hit its highest level in two years, and with continued recovery in gasoline demand,

the increase in price is likely to continue into the future. Americans may now want to brace themselves for the possibility of a \$3/gal national average in the weeks ahead, as demand remains strong as Americans take to the roads. The question going forward is how much demand will continue to recover and rise-will it lead to record summer gasoline demand? We indeed may see some weeks with new records as Americans get in their cars this summer-but the question is how many will do so? That will determine how much higher prices will go."

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.com>. GasBuddy.com.

Final 1-AAA Baseball Standings

Team	District	Overall
Bushland	10-0	23-0
Dimmitt	8-2	20-6
River Road	6-4	11-14
Dalhart	4-6	10-13
Friona	1-9	2-18
Tulia	1-9	9-16



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Tips from the "Walk Across Texas" Challenge

Healthy Snacking for Adults

Snacking is a concept that most parents are familiar with... taking snacks to daycare or school, signing up as snack leader for the next soccer game, or just making sure you brought something for your 3-year-old to eat while you're out running errands. However, snacking is something everyone does, no matter their age.

When it comes to snacking, there are several things to keep in mind:

- Portion size - this is the key to healthy snacking vs. packing on some extra, unwanted pounds. Read the nutrition label and make sure you know just how much of that snack you should be eating. Measure out portions and put them in individualized containers so that you eat just the right amount. Never eat directly from a package as this could lead to overeating.

- Pick the right snack - choose foods that are low in fat and added sugar but high in fiber and water. This should help you feel fuller longer while adding fewer calories. Limit food and drinks that contain added sugar, especially those that list sugar or corn syrup as one of the first few ingredients.

- Aim for fruits & vegetables, whole grains, and low-fat dairy.

- Try pairing proteins and carbohydrates to really make you feel the fullest (apples/string cheese, whole wheat crackers/peanut butter, carrots/hummus, and plain yogurt/fresh fruit).

- Limit fruit juice - eating fresh fruit is better and provides more nutritional benefits than juice or high sugar, fruit-flavored

drinks.

- Plan ahead - packing your own snacks for work or when traveling can help keep you on the right track.

- Front and center - where you store your snacks could help you make better choices. Keep healthier options near the front of the fridge or pantry. Place less healthy snacks on a higher shelf or in a place that is harder to reach.

- Set snack times - if possible, set a time in the morning and/or in the afternoon to have a snack and stick to those times so you are not eating off-and-on all day long.

- Drink water - much like portion control, staying hydrated is very important. Sometimes we confuse thirst with hunger. If you start to dehydrate this could make you feel hungry. Drinking the proper amount of fluids can help curb those cravings. If you get tired of drinking plain water, add some fresh lime or even some cucumber to your glass for flavor.

- Don't deprive yourself - It is OK to have an unhealthy snack every once in a while. Depriving yourself of sweets or unhealthy foods may result in over-indulging. Balance and moderation are key components of a healthy lifestyle.

Some examples of healthy snacks are: apples, bananas, raisins, carrots, snap peas, nuts, whole-grain dry cereal, pretzels, string cheese, low-fat or non-fat yogurt, toasted whole wheat English muffin, air popped popcorn, cherry or grape tomatoes, hummus, and pumpkin seeds.

Source: Medlineplus.gov

Panhandle Parables

Hard Days

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

There come times in everyone's life where things get tough. The kind of days you do not like to show up, yet they show up anyway and of course, it is the worst timing of all. If you are talking to someone and they say, "It's been a hard day," don't underestimate what that might mean. As the fog of everything Covid begins to lift, you can hear it if you listen. People all around are desperate for relief.

You can hear the single mother of 5 trying to juggle a job and the demands of being a mom. In the whisper of her struggle, you'll hear the anguish in her plea for a little peace. The husband who has spent the last 68 days most of them looking through a glass wall at his bride of 49 years. The plans they had at retirement evaporated into

the simple counting of her breaths because Covid has advanced to a point that decisions must be made, and the hard day comes as he makes those decisions alone. Maybe the hard day shows up as a knock on the door with an officer asking if you are the parent of the teenager that had been missing for 6 months. As I write know the struggles above are real and everyday occurrences, I also know that in many ways I have not had a real hard day.

Darkness surrounds and despair is thick enough to cut with a knife. Sadly, as dark as this little article appears to be in our little corner of the world, the world could be worse. Jesus saw this kind of world; he experienced this kind of world. He knew what it felt like to be abused, abandoned, called a liar. He knew

the pain that humanity could cause itself. He would reach out with a remarkably simple message. "Come all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Darkness may seem to rule the moment, but not the eternity. Hard days can create opportunities for others to bear a burden of someone else, but only if those who claim to walk by faith follow the Savior, into the lives of those who need Him most. Some days that maybe you, or me or a friend or stranger. It happens to all. We all have hard days. My prayer is that there will be children of light to show the way to Jesus, because of His victory our hard day can become our best day in Him, Go read Romans 8 all the way to the end of the chapter. Have a blessed day and thank you for reading.

The National Day of Prayer

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

The National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 6, 2021. Our nation is in need of a mighty move of God, and as believers our task is to be salt and light in our culture, sharing the gospel message that brings repentance and renewal. In light of the pressing need of the hour, and the access believers have to call out to God, we must be a people of prayer, seeking the Lord's move in our churches, city, and culture.

Proverbs 14:34 says, "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." As you pray for our nation, realize that God will not bless what is opposed to him. America

is simmering in sinful filth as sins such as sexual immorality, murder of babies, division and morality that seeks to make the individual the highest authority instead of God almighty, have become the norm. May we pray for great awakening to the shame and guilt of our sin and the holiness of the Lord's righteousness. May we pray for this conviction to usher in a time of repentance. May we pray relentlessly for the Lord's righteousness to go forth in the gospel message and for people to turn to Christ. May we pray that false religions will be exposed for the emptiness that they are, and may we pray that the

Church will have a revival of Holy Spirit proportions. We are a nation in need of God to move in a mighty way, and the National Day of Prayer is a special day to call out to God in the name of Jesus to bring a mighty work in our land.

On the National Day of Prayer, there will be a come and go prayer gathering in the Worship Center of First Baptist Church, Friona, from 12noon-1pm. Come ready to pray through various prayer prompts that will lead you through praying for our nation. Anyone, including all ages are welcome to come spend this time in prayer seeking the Lord on behalf of our nation.

Live and Act Like Jesus

By Teena Hughs

One of my pet peeves is when people have a conversation while a speaker is trying to make a presentation. And, oftentimes I think booing a speaker is rude; it just depends on who the speaker is and what they are promoting.

This last weekend, the Utah Republican Party had their state convention. One of the speakers was their senator, Mitt Romney, and people were talking while he was trying to speak; and, apparently he was booed off the stage. The thing that really bothered me was that during the booing, he asked the people in attendance, "Aren't you embarrassed?"

Admittedly, I am not a fan of Romney. I do not like some of the things he has done as a senator, so I did not mind him being booed. What I did mind was him asking the people, most of whom I am sure voted for him, if they weren't embarrassed for expressing their views on his job performance.

I do not understand that kind of ego, and it is prominent in

many people: politicians, athletes, CEOs of large companies, etc. It is the kind of ego where they are always right; nothing is wrong with them and their viewpoints; and, we who disagree with them are just wrong! Romney didn't wonder why they were booing him, because he thinks that what he is doing is right. He has forgotten that he is a representative of the people who put him in office.

So, I looked up the definition of ego: "a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance." When people like Romney act like he did Saturday, I believe he already has self-esteem, and he says things like "Aren't you embarrassed?" because he feels important; he feels like he is someone special!

I also looked up verses regarding ego, and most of them refer to ego as "pride." Proverbs 8:13 says, "All who fear the LORD will hate evil. That is why I hate pride, arrogance, corruption, and perverted speech." while Proverbs 16:5 says, "The LORD despises pride; be assured that the proud will be

punished."

The most famous proverb about pride is 16:18, "Pride goes before destruction, and haughtiness before a fall." Proverb 29:23 also says that "Pride ends in humiliation, while humility brings honor." If you have ever been humbled, especially by God, you KNOW this is true, and it proves Proverb 11:2 is true: "Pride leads to disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom."

Mitt Romney, and many other people, need to look in the mirror; they need to have a heart-to-heart with Jesus and find out why people are treating them the way they are. Philippians 2:5 says, "Your attitude should be the same that Christ Jesus had." and 2:3b teaches us to "Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourself."

Many people need Jesus; they need to surrender their egos, pride, self-esteem, self-importance to Him; and, they need to quit thinking they are better than others. Simply put, they need to live and act like Jesus!!!

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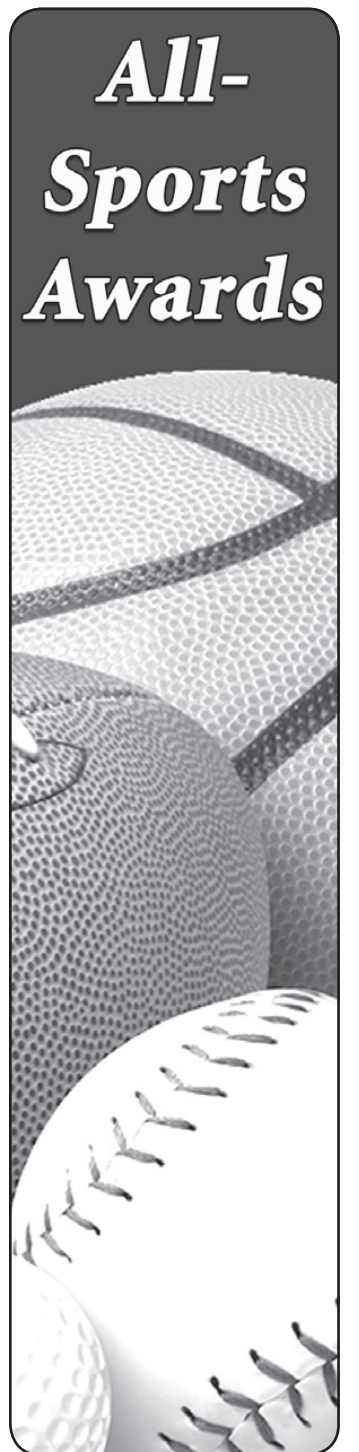


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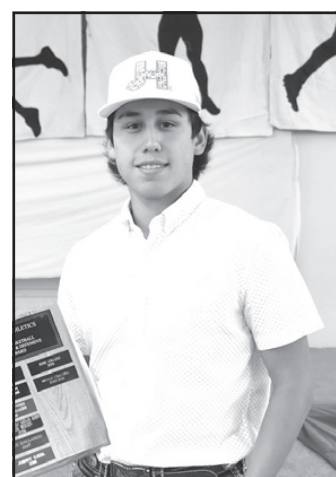
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Obituaries



Betty Fern Chaney

Betty Fern Chaney, 75, passed away May 2, 2021 in Friona. No services are scheduled. Cremation arrangements by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Mrs. Chaney was born November 15, 1945 in Borger, Texas to Clyde Brundage and Rachel Simpkins Galyon. She later married Michael Earl Chaney June 27, 1964 at the First United Methodist Church of Hart, Texas.

Betty was owner of Chaney's Dry Good's Store in Friona for several years. She also worked for the Friona I.S.D. as a librarian and then secretary for the school superintendent. She loved her family and sewing, and was an avid quilter.

She is preceded in death by her parents, 1 brother-Ennis Clyde Galyon, and 1



sister-Claudine Aven.

Those to carry on her legacy include her husband Mike of Friona, 2 sons-Michael David Chaney and wife Lori of Falls City, Texas, and Jeffery Dale Chaney and wife Stephanie of Allen, Texas, 1 brother-Don Douglas Galyon of Holly, Colorado, grandchildren-Cagen and wife Amanda of Crockett, Texas, Camden

and Corby of Wichita Falls, Texas, McKinley and Madison of Allen, Texas and 1 great-grandchild-Birdie Jo of Crockett, Texas.

The Chaney family would like to thank Nora and Crystal Gonzalez, and Bluebonnet Home Health and Hospice for their wonderful care.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to the Friona United Methodist Church 301 E. 8th St. Friona, Texas 79035 or a favorite charity of your choice.

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Mary Claire Massey Johnston

Mary Claire Massey Johnston passed from this life on May 1, 2021, at the age of 89. Celebration of Life Graveside Services will be held 3:00 P.M. Friday, May 7, 2021 at the Friona Cemetery with Rev. Gary Johnson, and Jeff Procter, officiating. Burial Following in the Friona Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Born August 12, 1931, in Navasota, TX, Mary spent her early childhood years exploring the bays and backwaters near Austwell, TX, where her father operated a cotton gin. The family moved to Navasota, TX, in 1942 where Mary graduated from eighth grade. Following the family's relocation to Tulia, TX, in 1944, Mary graduated from Tulia High School in 1948.

At the age of 14, Mary volunteered at the Swisher County Hospital and immediately knew that she had found her calling. She attended TCU and the Harris School of Nursing after high school and received her RN certification in 1951. Years later, she would earn a Bachelor of Science in nursing from West Texas State University. In fact, she graduated on the same stage with her youngest son, Bryan. While working at Harris Hospital in Fort Worth, TX, Mary cared for a young cancer patient and Baylor University student, Jim Johnston. They subsequently married on July 6, 1951.

Mary, Jim, and family moved to Friona in October 1962 when Jim accepted a position as Assistant Manager at the Continental Grain facility in Friona. There they would raise four children. Larry, Dorothy, and Bryan were all born in Fort Worth. Their youngest, Diane, was born in Friona in 1965.

Mary devoted her life to the care of others. Upon obtaining her RN certification, she was employed by Harris Hospital and Cook



Children's Hospital in Fort Worth. In subsequent years she would work in the Department of Public Health in Waco, Parmer Medical Center, Prairie Acres (as Director of Nursing), Hereford Regional Medical Center, and finally as a traveling home health professional in the Southern Plains area. In retirement, she cared for Jim during his long battle with cancer.

Mary loved this community and all the friends she made here over the years. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church and delighted in the fellowship and love she found there. She was a voracious reader and long-time member of the Friends of the Library. She actively participated in the Modern Study Club and Heart Association. She loved to sew, knit, crochet, and quilt, but her real joy was genealogy. As a member of the Genealogical Society, she devoted countless hours to researching not only the family's ancestry, but also the ancestry of anyone who made the mistake of expressing even a passing interest in the subject. She was instrumental in founding the Parmer County Historical Society, establishing the Depot in the Park, transforming Friona's first church building into the Parmer County Pioneer Heritage Museum, and creating detailed records for each of Parmer County's cemeteries. For these and other contributions to the community, she was named

Friona's Woman of the Year in 2002.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, C.I. and Katie Massey, a brother, Weyman Massey, her husband, Jim, to whom she was married for 55 years, her second husband, John Goodner, who she married late in life, and her oldest daughter, Dorothy. She is survived by her sister, Ruth Stiles, of Santa Fe, NM, son Larry Johnston of Friona, TX, son Bryan and wife Allison of Canyon, TX, and daughter Diane and husband David of Fairview, TX. Others left to carry on her legacy include 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren whom she loved, cherished, and constantly encouraged to understand and appreciate their ancestry.

Mary was a strong and determined woman who lived life with passion. Though diminutive in stature, she was a force with which to be reckoned. In the words of the 19th century English novelist Mary Shelley, "Beware; for I am fearless, and therefore powerful." Rest in peace, Mother, and know that you are loved.

The family would like to express heartfelt thanks to the staff at Heritage Estates, Prairie Acres, and Bluebonnet Home Health and Hospice for the loving care provided to Mary during the extraordinarily difficult circumstances of the past two years. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Parmer County Pioneer Heritage Museum, c/o Bruce Fleming, 1205 W 9th Place, Friona, TX 79035, the Friona Cemetery Association, PO Box 823, Friona, TX 79035, or a charity of your choice.

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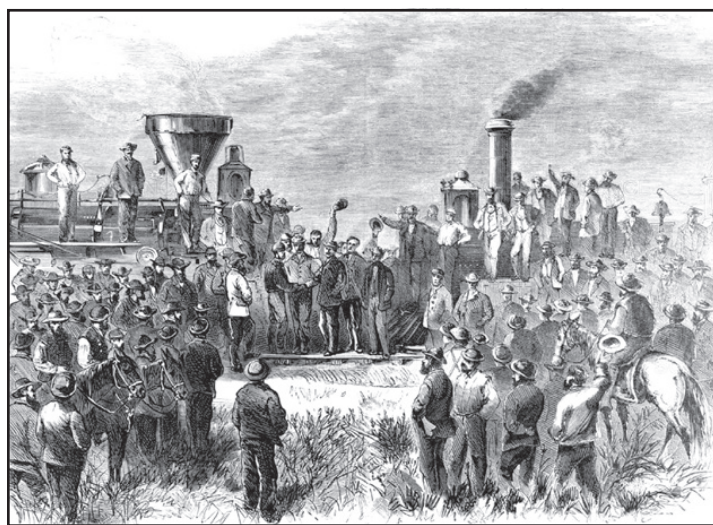
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Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



I am leading somewhat of a nomadic existence these days. In upcoming columns, I will write more about my next adventure in solitude that has me roaming the U.S. now. For now, my siblings and daughters are giving me options as to where to impose myself, though I try not to overstay any welcome. Not that I must earn my keep, but I offer to iron, mow, cook, babysit, and clean house while being gifted the room and board. Being the extended family dog sitter/house sitter is also a good gig. If I have Netflix and a daily newspaper for reading and crossword puzzles, the dogs and I enjoy quality bonding while watching murder mystery shows.

After a few nights this past week with my sister and brother-in-law, I returned to The Hub: the place where the grandchildren are. The Rollins' weekdays are filled with work and school and daycare. My younger granddaughter Ellie, who is two, has the job of waking me up at 6:30 a.m. She insists that I watch her eat white powdered donuts. Lillie, now in pre-school, joins a few minutes later as her dad brings her down the stairs. The next half-hour has Mom (my daughter) is-

suing the daily directives for clothing assignments, hair bows, shoes, and backpacks in time to pull out by 7 a.m.

When we all reconvene around 5 p.m., supper is early, and then it's off to the playroom for what is role play daycare, school, or grocery store. Lillie instructs me on my job. She likes it when I get on the "speaker" to announce we need a clean-up on Aisle 14 because a person threw up. Lillie is really into barf humor right now. Ellie could care less about interaction as she is the steely-eyed toddler who entertains herself. While Lillie craves company to play, Ellie will stare a person down if she/he is in her unwanted space—which is precisely why I accept the early morning summons to watch her eat breakfast because that invitation is rare.

In the days ahead, my car will undergo its first post-pandemic road trip (we are almost post-pandemic, so please consider the vaccination). Not since I returned home from Arizona in March 2020 have I made travel plans. I'll make stops in Arlington to get my annual therapy tune-up, head to Arkansas to visit some dear friends with whom I used to teach, drive further east on I-40 through Nash-

ville and then to my destination in North Carolina. Awaiting me there near the beach will be a daughter whom I have not seen in 450 days. Translation: way too long. Julie and John will be welcome sights for this mother who, before this past year, had never gone more than a month without seeing at least one of her children. After a week with the Allisons, the three of us will travel to Virginia to visit my Uncle Clifton and Aunt Jo and see my cousins who also live in the Old Dominion state.

Being a transient has its downsides. I envy those who have the old home-site or hometown for their children and grandchildren to come and stay. There's something sentimental about such places. The familiarity can symbolize stability, comfort, and generational memories.

While no such physical place exists for me, this status channels an old hymn, This World is Not My Home. Indeed, I am just passing through. Along the way, I hope to find and share joy wherever my head hits the pillow—continually thanking God for bringing my family and me safely through these past fourteen months.

State sales tax revenue totaled \$3.4 Billion in April

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced this week that state sales tax revenue totaled \$3.4 billion in April, a record-high monthly total and 31.4 percent more than in April 2020.

Year-over-year increases for most tax revenues this month and in the coming months will be among the highest in the history of the data series. This is due to base effects: year-ago revenue collections to which this year's collections are compared were severely suppressed by the pandemic. Nonetheless, this month's sales tax collections were notably strong; compared to April 2019, sales tax collections were up 19.2 percent.

The majority of April sales tax revenue is based on sales made in March and remitted to the agency in April. Because of changes in estimated revenue collections and updated Legislative Budget Board estimates of the state obligation for Foundation School Program funding, Hegar will be announcing a revised Biennial Revenue Estimate.

"Spurred by a number of factors, April state sales tax collections increased sharply from a year ago," Hegar said. "Collections from all major sectors other than mining and construction rose significantly, led by receipts from restaurants and retailers.

"Part of the growth over last year is from depressed collections that began last April, es-

pecially from retail trade, restaurants, entertainment and other hospitality businesses most immediately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Spending this March affecting April tax collections was supported by widespread business re-openings and the lifting of capacity restrictions, greater consumer confidence in going out as the vaccine rollout progressed, federal stimulus checks and spending delayed from February into March due to the winter storm and power outage.

"Retail sector remittances were up across the board, with especially notable increases from clothing stores, online retailers, general merchandisers, sporting goods stores and building materials and home furnishings stores. Clothing stores were especially hard hit by the closure orders early in the pandemic and continued soft consumer demand as much of the workforce worked from home, but now appear to be rebounding strongly as consumers return to stores and those resuming office work buy clothes again. Despite re-openings and the lifting of all capacity restrictions in March, stay-at-home behavioral trends established during the pandemic continue to support rapid growth in online shopping and elevated spending for home improvements and sporting goods.

"Tax receipts from restaurants were up significantly over the previous year's levels,

with the growth principally attributable to the restaurants geared to takeout and delivery, but some popular dine-in chains exhibited a vigorous rebound. Nonetheless, the dine-in segment continues to languish, with many establishments now permanently closed."

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in April 2021 was up 4.5 percent compared to the same period a year ago. Sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 59 percent of all tax collections.

Texas collected the following revenue from other major taxes, all of which were up sharply from a year ago due to base effects: (1) motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$378 million, up 130 percent from April 2020 and up 27 percent from April 2019; (2) motor fuel taxes — \$325 million, up 15 percent from April 2020 and up 1 percent from April 2019; (3) oil production tax — \$334 million, up 75 percent from April 2020 and down 3 percent from April 2019; (4) natural gas production tax — \$232 million, up 247 percent from April 2020 and up 81 percent from April 2019; (5) hotel occupancy tax — \$51 million, up 116 percent from April 2020 and down 20 percent from April 2019; and (6) alcoholic beverage taxes — \$119 million, up 110 percent from April 2020 and down 7 percent from April 2019.

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR LAND APPLICATION PERMIT FOR INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER

RENEWAL

Permit No. WQ0001350000

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. Cargill Meat Solutions Corporation, P.O. Box 579, Friona, Texas 79035, which operates Cargill Meat Solutions Facility, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of TCEQ Permit No. WQ0001350000, which authorizes the disposal of process wastewater, utility wastewater, domestic wastewater, and vehicle wash water not to exceed a total flow of 71.3 million gallons for any 30-day period from the facility to the playa lake and an application rate not to exceed 2.8 acre-feet per acre per year via irrigation on a combined area of 2,865 acres of various crops; and the disposal of brine and pickling wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 21,000 gallons per day via evaporation. This permit will not authorize a discharge of pollutants into water in the state. TCEQ received this application on June 2, 2017.

The facility is located at 1530 West Highway 60, immediately south of U.S. Highway 60 and the Santa Fe Railroad, approximately 3.3 miles southwest of the City of Friona, in Parmer County, Texas 79035. The disposal areas are located on various tracts of land approximately 10 miles south of the facility. The facility and disposal areas are located in the drainage area of Frio Draw, which flows into Tierra Blanca Creek, thence to Upper Prairie Dog Town Fork Red River in Segment No. 0229 of the Red River Basin. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application. <https://tceq.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=db5bac44afbc468bddd360f8168250f&marker=-102.7738%2C34.598895&level=12>

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Friona City Hall, 623 Main Street, Friona, Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ holds a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period; and the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period. TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The Executive Director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/ within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid. Search the database using the permit number for this application, which is provided at the top of this notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address, and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Cargill Meat Solutions Corporation at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Nicholas McFarland at 806-295-8289.

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Junior High Book Jockeys: Jennifer Gonzales (coach), Foster Gilley, Sophia Leon, Marilyn Cho, Karely Nunez, Azriel Flores, Rene Rodriguez, Katie Gilley (coach)



The Wild Books: Sophie Lewellen, Jace Jarecki, Kamila Moreno, Zane Gonzales, Genesis Aguirre

Battle of the Books

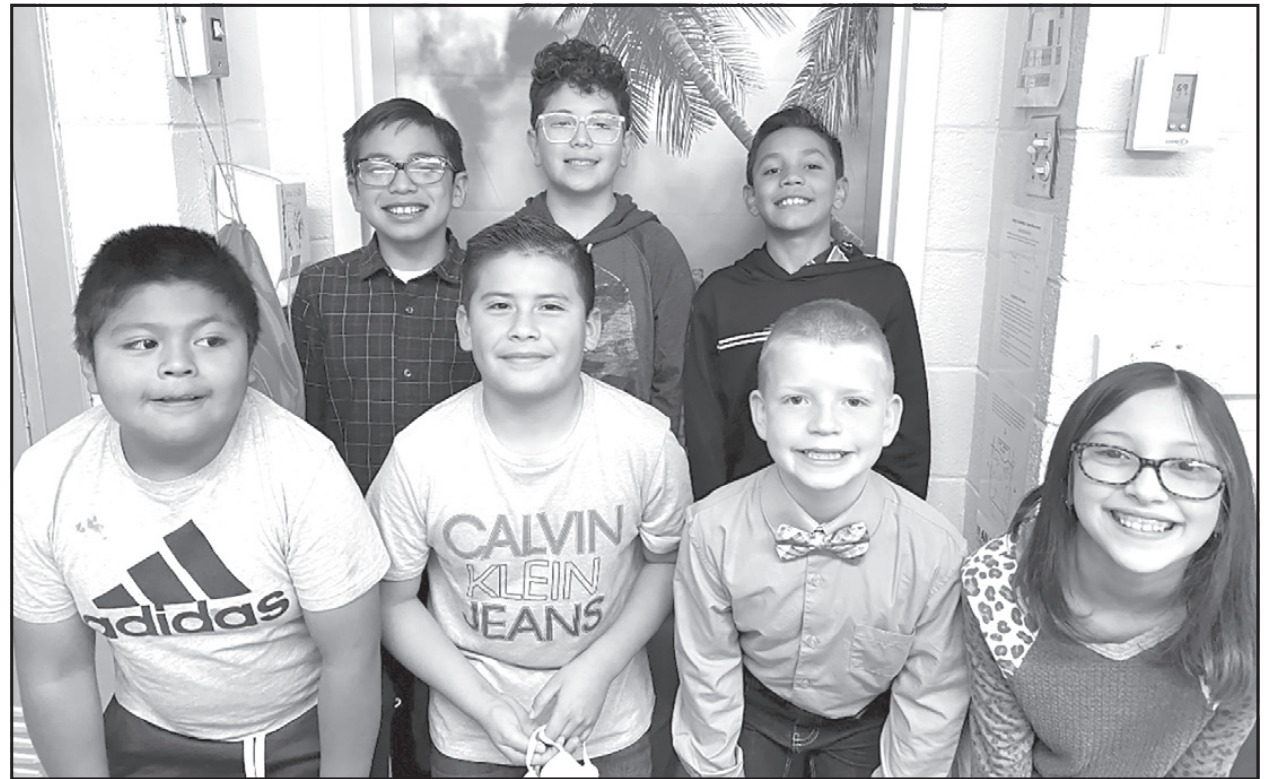
Thirty-one Friona Elementary and twelve Junior High students put their reading skills to the test in their first ever Battle of the Books competition.

Battle of the Books is a book-based quiz competition. The three divisions that compete are 3rd & 4th grade, 5th & 6th grade, and 7th & 8th grade. In teams of five, students answer questions about a list of books the teams have read in preparation for the competition. The top teams at the end of three rounds are awarded medals. In the 3/4 division, The Five Battling Books and the Friona Fighters took 1st and 3rd, respectively.

Planned and organized by four

Amarillo ISD librarians, the contests took place virtually to accommodate the varied COVID protocols across the panhandle school districts. In addition to over ten Amarillo ISD elementary and middle schools, Friona students also competed with Tulia, Lazbuddie, and Canadian.

The program is to encourage students to read more quality literature across a variety of genres and enjoy scholastic competition. The list of books for next year's battle will be available by May 20th. If students are interested in competing next school year, they can visit with coaches Katie Gilley at the elementary or Jennifer Gonzales at the junior high.



Friona Fighters: Alan Carreto, Andrew Marquez, Julian Guerra, Fernando Perez, Owen Daniels, Eli Rosales, Avril Wells



Book Battling Braves: Shelby Lewellen, Jesus Mendoza, Eden Mills, Jorge Castillo, Denzel Perez



Chieftain Champions: Karleigh Rangel, Mateo Salinas, Natalie Achor, Jayleigh Contreras, Teresa Alvidrez



Chieftain Challengers: Abby Marquez, Isael Guzman, Arianna Gallegos, Leah Salazar, Aubree Salas



Book Chiefs: Jett Jerden, Angelina Esparza, Stevie Herring, Bryan Cecena, Yvette Zetino



The Five Battling Books: Aylin Moreno, Dustin Shields, Fernando Moreno, Porter Gilley, Jayce Polk

Keep Friona Clean

Roll-off box to open up for waste items

The City will open up the roll-off box this Saturday, May 8, from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Please come by to dump those items that don't belong in your dumpster and do your part to help Keep Friona Clean!

The roll-off box is located at East 8th and South Jackson Ave. It is a free service



provided to Friona residents. Examples of items not allowed in dumpsters includes: steel and metal, mattresses

and furniture, refrigerators/AC units, paint cans (with or without liquids), electronics and appliances, drums/barrels, brick, wood and concrete, railroad ties. Items not accepted in the roll-off box are tires, oil and tree limbs. To dispose of these items, please contact the City office at 806-250-2761.

State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



State shows largest numerical population gain

Texas stands to gain two seats in the U.S. House of Representatives after results of the 2020 census released last week show the state had the largest numerical gain of any state since the 2010 census.

The population increased by nearly 4 million in the past decade, to 29.14 million. That's a population increase of 15.9% in 10 years — third highest by percentage in the nation, behind Utah and Idaho. The state's clout in the House will increase to 38 congressional districts, with redistricting likely coming this fall.

The increase has been driven for the most part by increases in the state's Hispanic population, which accounted for half of the growth in the past decade, according to the census. As the Texas Tribune pointed out, annual increases in Hispanic residents in Texas have been greater every year since 2010 than the combined growth among white, Black and Asian residents.

Abbott gets bill allowing to go alcohol sales from restaurants

Restaurants can continue to sell alcohol to go after both chambers passed a measure making Gov. Greg Abbott's pandemic declaration permanent. Abbott is expected to sign the measure.

When restaurants were forced to close their dining areas last March, the measure allowed beer, wine and mixed drinks to be sold along with

takeout and delivery food orders. While pandemic restrictions on in-dining seating have been lifted, many restaurants continue to rely on takeout and delivery options.

The Texas Restaurant Association reports 700,000 restaurant workers in Texas lost their jobs in the early weeks of the pandemic, with thousands of restaurants permanently shuttered.

ERCOT announces interim CEO

The Electric Reliability Council of Texas has picked Brad Jones to be interim CEO for the Texas grid operator. Jones has more than 30 years of industry experience, including two stints with ERCOT.

The previous CEO was fired after the widespread power blackouts during the February winter storm, and nearly half the board resigned. Under ERCOT's bylaws, Jones can serve as interim CEO for up to a year.

ERCOT falls under the umbrella of the Public Utility Commission. Its newest member and chairman, Peter Lake, was recently confirmed by the Texas Senate.

State releases \$11.2 billion in federal funding for schools

The state's top leadership announced last week the release of \$11.2 billion in fresh federal funding to help public schools "address student learning loss and costs incurred as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic."

Two-thirds of the nearly \$18 billion allocated by the

feds is now available under grants administered by the Texas Education Agency. The remaining one-third in funding will be distributed contingent upon approval by the U.S. Department of Education.

Texas already had received roughly \$2.2 billion in federal funding to help school districts respond to COVID-19. School districts and others have been calling for the state to release the money so they could begin budgeting for the next school year. The federal government requires the state to maintain both public school funding and money for public colleges and universities at the same levels as in the three years before the pandemic to tap into the K-12 stimulus dollars.

Vaccination pace slowing; new COVID-19 cases, deaths steady

The Texas Department of State Health Services reported the number of Texans who have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine reached 11.1 million Sunday. As in the rest of the country, the pace has slowed — up just a bit over 4% from the previous week. A total of 7.92 million state residents are now fully vaccinated — more than one-fourth of all residents, according to DSHS.

Meanwhile, a total of 23,054 cases of COVID-19 were reported last week, a drop of about 600 people; 353 deaths were reported, down just slightly from the previous week, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center

at Johns Hopkins University. Lab-confirmed cases of COVID-19 patients hospitalized dropped slightly to 2,648, according to DSHS.

Texas gets \$79 million to protect coastal areas

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality announced last week the state will receive an additional \$79 million as part of the RESTORE Act, which is the law passed in response to the 2010 Deepwater Horizon blowout and the resulting massive oil spill. The money will be used for land acquisition for coastal conservation; shoreline protections; restoring water quality and freshwater inflows on the Texas coast; and restoration of high-quality coastal habitats in the Texas portion of the Chenier Plain complex, which extends from Galveston Bay to Vermillion Bay, Louisiana.

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

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May is National Stroke Awareness Month

National Stroke Awareness Month is celebrated in May to increase understanding and prevention of strokes. A stroke occurs when a blood vessel leading to or in the brain is blocked or ruptures. These blood vessels provide oxygen and nutrients to the brain. During a stroke, the oxygen and nutrients are unable to reach the brain, therefore the brain cells die. If the brain cells die in a location that regulates a specific body function, there is the possibility that this may hinder that function from working properly.

When it comes to strokes, there are three main types: ischemic stroke, hemorrhagic stroke, and transient ischemic attack. An ischemic stroke is when there is a blockage in the blood vessel and can be caused by blood clots, plaque, or other particles. On the other hand, hemorrhagic strokes happen when the blood vessels burst in the brain therefore preventing the blood flow needed to keep the brain alive. The last type is a transient

ischemic attack sometimes called a "mini-stroke". A transient ischemic attack is different from the other two types because during these "mini-strokes" the blood flow to the brain is only blocked for a short amount of time.

Aside from understanding the differences in the types of stroke, it is important to learn what to look for if you think someone is having a stroke. Knowing these warning signs could help save someone's life. Just remember when these happen; you need to act FAST. See chart below.

While it is possible for anyone at any age to have a stroke, there are certain risk factors that can increase your chances; some of these are uncontrollable risk factors while others are controllable. Uncontrollable risk factors include age, gender, race, and family history. Controllable risk factors include previous additional health issues, such as obesity, diabetes, heart disease or high blood pressure, smok-

ing, excessive intake of alcohol, high blood cholesterol, physical inactivity, and an unhealthy diet high in saturated fat, trans fat, cholesterol and/ or sodium.

Some ways that we can help prevent or reduce our risk of stroke is by managing pre-existing conditions and making healthier choices every day. If you have pre-existing conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, high cholesterol or high blood pressure, work with your health care team to ensure you are on the path to managing those well. Daily lifestyle choices such as limiting alcohol, eliminating smoking, incorporating physical activity, and including a healthy diet high in nutrient dense foods can help to prevent or reduce your overall risk.

For more information on National Stroke Awareness Month, contact Wendy Case, Parmer County extension agent, at 806-251-5120.

Sources: *Center for Disease Control and American Stroke Association*

Texas population grows 4M since 2010

Texas' population outpaced all other states in the last decade with nearly 4 million new residents since the 2010 Census, according to apportionment data released April 26. That surge took it to a population of 29,145,505.

The U.S. Census Bureau presented the data from the 2020 Census that reported the nation's total population at 331,449,281. The resident population increased by 22,703,743, or 7.4 percent, from 308,745,538 in 2010.

According to the data, California is the most populous state with 39,538,223 residents, and Wyoming is the least populous with 576,851. Utah is the

fastest-growing state since the 2010 Census, up 18.4 percent to 3,271,616.

In addition to these newly-released statistics, today U.S. Department of Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo delivered to President Biden the population counts to be used for apportioning the seats in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Texas will gain two seats in the House, five states will gain one seat each (Colorado, Florida, Montana, North Carolina, and Oregon), seven states will lose one seat each (California, Illinois, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia), and the remaining states' number of seats will not

change based on the 2020 Census.

Upon receipt of the apportionment counts, the president will transmit them to the 117th Congress. The reapportioned Congress will be the 118th, which convenes in January 2023.

The apportionment population consists of the resident population of the 50 states, plus the overseas military and federal civilian employees and their dependents living with them overseas who could be allocated to a home state.

Source: *Texas Government Insider, a publication of Strategic Partnerships, Inc., www.partnerships.com*

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National Stroke Awareness Month

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KNOWING THE WARNING SIGNS OF STROKE COULD HELP SAVE A LIFE

F FACE

Does one side of the face droop when asked to smile?

A ARMS

Does one arm drift downward when asked to raise?

S SPEECH

Is the persons speech slurred or strange?

T TIME

Time to call 9-1-1 if any of these signs are present

