



Manuel Toledo and Greg Lewellen are sworn in.

## FEDC conducts quarterly meeting

The Friona Economic Development Corporation (FEDC) met in a quarterly session on Tuesday, March 1st at 7:30 a.m. in the City Council Chambers at 617 Main in Friona, Texas. There were no public comments.

Newly appointed FEDC Board Members Greg Lewellen and Manuel Toledo were sworn in by City of Friona Secretary Rosa Mendez. The Minutes of the December 9, 2021 quarterly meeting were reviewed and approved. The year-to-date financial statement for February 2022 was also approved.

Josh McDonald spoke to the Board concerning the completion of Phase 2 of the apartment complex at 6th and Ashland. He said that some of the tenants are new residents who have moved to Friona because of the availability of new housing. He also added that recent price increases and supply chain issues due to the pandemic will be factors in the timing of Phase 3.

City Manager Lee Davila informed the Board that the City of Friona has taken ownership of the former 4-Way Pump property. A committee has been assembled to formulate ideas on the best way to proceed. Funding for the City of Friona Mural Project was also approved.

The Board approved 10 applicants for the store front grant project. The Friona City Council must give final approval before the project funds can be disbursed. FEDC board members are: Justin Jeter, president; Andy Alexander, vice president; Holly Campbell, secretary; Clint Mears, Henry Clark, Manuel Toledo, and Greg Lewellen.

## Court approves mandated update to election equipment

Parmer County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday February 28, 2022 at 10:00 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.

Minutes from the February 14th meeting were read and approved. Commissioners approved the payment of the accounts payables as presented by County Treasurer Sharon May. The Treasurer's Payroll Report was also approved.

At the last meeting, County Clerk Susie Spring gave the Commissioners a preliminary report regarding un-budgeted expenses relating to unfunded mandates and the Fall 2022 elections. One of those mandates included security measures that must be implemented regarding the voting machines to comply with new HASH testing requirements. Commissioners approved the \$1,689.00 payment.

Parmer County Sheriff Eric Geske informed the Court that the Parmer County Law Enforcement Center was currently housing 18 inmates. Of these, 5 are paying customers from Deaf Smith County. The annual Racial Profiling Report was presented and approved by the court. The sheriff's office is currently assisting Bovina and Farwell with incoming emergency calls. Both towns are currently understaffed.

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.

## 2 incumbents and 2 new candidates win County races



Izzy Carrasco



Rhonda Wilkins



Casey Russell



Charles Wilkins

A total of 1,487 ballots were cast by Parmer County voters during the Republican and Democrat Primary Elections held on Tuesday. There were only four contested Parmer County races and all of them were in the Republican Primary.

In the race for County Judge, Isabel "Izzy" Carrasco won with 801 votes. Randy Gerries received 602 votes, and Will An-

der son received 47 votes. The current County Judge, Trey Ellis, did not seek re-election.

In the race for County Commissioner Precinct 2, incumbent Charles Wilkins received 206 votes and Gene Schueler received 177 votes.

The race for County Commissioner Precinct 4 was just as close as incumbent Casey Russell received 109 and John O'Brian received 65 votes.

In the open seat race for Justice of the Peace Precinct 1, Rhonda Wilkins received 370 votes and Joe Lafuente received 260 votes. Both were first-time candidates for the office.

Izzy, Rhonda, Casey, and Charles will be the Republican nominees. Since there were no Democrats running for these four positions in the Primary election, they will be unopposed in the Fall election.

## Chamber Awards Ceremony is Tuesday

The 66th Annual Friona Chamber of Commerce & Ag Awards Ceremony will take place on Tuesday, March 8th at the Friona Community Center. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and the meal featuring ribeye steaks will be served at 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Troop #56 will present the colors and Madison Tyler will perform the National Anthem.

Mark Aldrich is the

emcee this year. He was co-emcee at the Miss Friona Scholarship Pageant last September. The theme is Frionaopoly and sponsorship spots on the Frionaopoly game board will be available. There will also be pre-sales available for the final Frionaopoly game to be produced later. Tickets for the 30 in 30 gun raffle to be held during the month of April will also be available.

The highlight of the evening will be the awarding of the Man, Woman, Citizen, Employee, Teacher, Student, and Business of the Year awards. Miss Friona 2021 Breanna Godinez will assist with the presentation of the awards. The night will be capped off with the Silent and a Live Auction conducted by Tim Vessels.

Individual tickets are \$30 each. Gold table

sponsorships are available for \$600 and include seating for 8. Call the Chamber office at 806-250-3491 for tickets or more information.



2022 Girls THSWPA Regional Qualifiers: (l-r) Ahtziri Soltero, Breanna Godinez, Trinity Ramos, Ellie Galaviz, Lily Abarca; (not pictured) Reyna Arias and Naara Saucedo. They will compete this Saturday in Shamrock.

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**Community Calendar**

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**March 3**  
• Friona Track Meet (Junior High)

**March 4**  
• Friona Track Meet (High School)

**March 7**  
• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

**March 10**  
• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

**March 14-18**  
• Spring Break

**March 17**  
• St. Patrick's Day  
• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

**March 21**  
• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

**March 22**  
• Snack Pak packing at 3 p.m. at Friona United Methodist Church (north entrance on 9th street)

**March 24**  
• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

**State Capital Highlights**

By Gary Borders



**State high court hears challenge to abortion law**

The Texas Supreme Court heard oral arguments last week on the question of whether state regulators can be sued by abortion providers hoping to block enforcement of the state's restrictive abortion law, known as Senate Bill 8.

The Austin American-Statesman reported that abortion providers bringing the suit argued that "state agencies regulating doctors, nurses, pharmacists and the health care system have an enforcement role that makes them an appropriate target of their own lawsuit against SB8."

Solicitor General Judd Stone II argued for the state that the law was written to say only private citizens can enforce SB8 by filing civil suits against abortion providers who violate the ban on abortions after the sixth week of pregnancy.

"The goal here is just to figure out the ordinary English meaning of this statute," Stone argued. "There simply is no ordinary English interpretation that entertains any possibility of public enforcement (by state agencies or regulators)," the Statesman reported.

Abortion providers have filed a number of lawsuits in federal courts, with the U.S. Supreme Court declining to keep the law from taking effect last September as appeals are heard. The case heard in state court last week also will likely end up before the nation's highest court.

**Comptroller hosting broadband listening tours**

State Comptroller Glenn Hegar began touring a dozen Texas communities this month to get insight from Texans about internet access and to receive input as the state develops its first comprehensive broadband internet plan.

The events are free but require registration in advance. The first forum was held March 1 at Prairie View A&M University, with others planned in Victoria, Austin, Dallas-Fort Worth, Amarillo, Beaumont, Waco, Tyler, Abilene, El Paso, Edinburgh and San Angelo.

Further information and a link to an online survey for those who can't attend can be found here: [comptroller.texas.gov/programs/broadband/communities/tour](http://comptroller.texas.gov/programs/broadband/communities/tour)

**Abbott orders enhanced protection against cyberattacks**

Gov. Greg Abbott has ordered two state agencies to "use every available resource" to safeguard the state's infrastructure as the potential for Russian cyberattacks increases. Abbott sent a letter to the Texas Department of Information Resources and the Texas Department of Public Safety to that effect last week. He ordered DIR and DPS to:

- Enhance Texas' cyber security through the use of best industry practices and other key measures.

- Ensure Texas can quickly detect a potential cyber intrusion through the use of software services, such as antivirus and endpoint detection and response technologies.

- Prepare for an intrusion by utilizing a cyber incident response team.

- Maximize the state's resilience to a destructive cyber incident.

- Track and report any attacks from Russian sources so the public is fully aware of their tactics.

"Protecting the state of Texas from cyber threats during this time of Russian aggression is paramount," Abbott wrote.

**Arrest made in timber fraud case**

Law enforcement investigators with the Texas A&M Forest Service arrested a Magnolia man last week on two counts of timber theft. Philip Eugene McKenzie, Jr., 60, was charged.

"Mr. McKenzie had timber harvest agreements with two Walker County landowners and failed to pay them for the timber that was harvested from their property," said Texas A&M Forest Service Law Enforcement Criminal Investigator Josh Mizrany. In addition, McKenzie has a pending charge for unauthorized timber harvest in Montgomery County.

Timber theft includes harvesting timber without the land-

owner's knowledge or consent, to entering into a formal agreement and not paying landowners the full purchase price and even stealing timber from logging companies.

Landowners who suspect timber theft or suspicious timber sale agreements should call the forest service timber theft hotline at 1-800-364-3470.

**Nominations sought for TEA student hero award**

The Texas Education Agency is seeking nominations for public school students in all grades who provide an outstanding volunteer service benefitting their fellow students, schools, or their communities. One student from each of the 15 State Board of Education districts will be recognized and will receive a plaque and medal from SBOE.

Nominations may be submitted by anyone. The deadline to nominate an outstanding student is 5 p.m. March 31. The form can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/mubxb7af>.

**COVID-19 cases continue dropping statewide**

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas continues to drop steeply as the omicron variant fades, with 36,814 reported in the past week by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. That is less than 10% of the number reported at the variant's peak in mid-January. A total of 1,127 deaths were reported in the past week, also a sharp decrease. Hospitalizations are also down, with 3,949 reported as of Sunday by the Texas Department of State Health Services.

The number of Texans who have been fully vaccinated is slowly inching up, with 17.22 million now fully vaccinated, according to DSHS, with 6.26 million Texans also getting a booster dose.

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- TX Willie Nelson's "Last Thing \_\_\_\_\_ the First Thing This Morning"
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- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ marm" (teacher)
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### Poundcake

This week you have the chance to celebrate not only Peanut Butter Lover's Day on March 1st, but

also National Poundcake Day on March 4th. This first recipe combines both for an amazing dessert.

The second recipe is just because a chocolate pound cake must be delicious.

#### Peanut Butter Cream Pound Cake

By Stacey Little  
southernbite.com

#### Ingredients

- For the cake:
- 1/2 cup butter flavored solid shortening
  - 1 cup unsalted butter, softened
  - 1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
  - 1/2 cup crunchy peanut butter
  - 3 cups sugar
  - 6 eggs
  - 3 cups all-purpose flour
  - 2 teaspoons baking powder
  - 1/8 teaspoon salt
  - 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- For the glaze icing:
- 3/4 cup sweetened condensed milk
  - 1/2 cup peanut butter
  - 3 tablespoons milk

#### Instructions

Grease and flour a 12-cup Bundt pan. Set aside. DO NOT preheat the oven. In a large bowl, use a mixer to cream shortening, butter, cream cheese, and peanut butter until smooth. Gradually add the sugar, beating until light and fluffy. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each. In a small bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder, and salt. Gradually add the flour mixture to the creamed mixture, blending well. Add the vanilla and mix well. Pour into the prepared pan. Place in a cold oven. Bake at 325°F for 1 hour and 15 minutes or until toothpick inserted in the center of the cake comes out clean. Allow to rest in the pan for about 10 minutes, then invert onto a serving platter. Make the glaze icing by mixing the sweetened condensed milk, peanut butter, and milk together until smooth. Pour over cooled cake.

#### Chocolate Pound Cake

www.washingtonpost.com

Adapted from "The Perfect Cake: Your Ultimate Guide to Classic, Modern and Whimsical Cakes," from the editors of America's Test Kitchen (ATK, March 2018).

#### Ingredients:

- Vegetable oil, for greasing the pan
- 1 cup (125 grams) all-purpose flour, plus more for the pan
- 1 teaspoon fine sea or table salt
- 3/4 cup (70 grams) unsweetened cocoa powder (Dutch-processed, such as Hershey's)
- 2 ounces (56 grams) milk chocolate, finely chopped
- 1/3 cup plus 1 tablespoon boiling water, plus 2 tablespoons more, if needed
- 2 sticks (226 grams, 16 tablespoons) unsalted butter, cut into pieces, at room temperature
- 1 cup (200 grams) granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup (55 grams) packed light brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 5 large eggs, at room temperature

#### Directions:

Position a rack in the lower third of the oven; preheat to 325 de-

grees. Grease and lightly flour a loaf pan (either 8 1/2-by-4 1/2 or 9-by-5). In a medium mixing bowl, whisk together the flour and salt. In another medium bowl, combine the cocoa powder and chocolate. Pour in the boiling water and stir until smooth, adding 1 to 2 tablespoons more of boiling water only if necessary. Let cool for 5 minutes. In the bowl of a stand mixer, combine the butter, granulated and brown sugars, the vanilla extract, and the cooled cocoa mixture; beat on medium-high speed, until fully incorporated, about 2 to 3 minutes, scraping down the sides as needed. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating each until thoroughly incorporated before adding the next. Reduce the speed to low; add the flour mixture in three additions, stopping to scrape down the bowl as needed. Give the batter a final

stir by hand, scraping down into the bottom of the bowl; it might look slightly curdled, which is okay. Pour the batter into the pan, giving it one or two raps on the counter to get rid of any air bubbles. Bake (lower rack) for 1 hour and 10 minutes, or 1 hour and 20 minutes if using the smaller-size loaf pan, or until a tester inserted into the center of the cake comes out clean. If when checking the cake, you see bubbles forming on the surface in the still-unset batter, simply use a toothpick or cake tester to pop them. Cool the pan on a wire rack for 10 minutes, run a thin knife around the cake to dislodge it and place the cake directly on the rack to cool for an hour or two before serving or storing. NOTE: If you prefer, you can use baking spray to grease and flour the pan or line the pan with parchment paper.

## Happy Birthday

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| <p><b>March 3</b><br/>Charles Cooper<br/>Jay Reeve<br/>Shayli (Reed) Smith<br/>Luis Ramirez</p> <p><b>March 4</b><br/>Misty Frye<br/>Aaron King<br/>Jason Daniels<br/>Lynn Clark<br/>Ineatha Adams</p> <p><b>March 5</b><br/>Brody Rushing<br/>Linda Chesser<br/>Michael Mann<br/>Katie Jo (Osborn) Allum<br/>Alex A. Santiago</p> | <p><b>March 6</b><br/>Emma Dawn Hankins</p> <p><b>March 7</b><br/>Rick Jennings<br/>Charles Gilbreath<br/>Madison Gatlin<br/>Amy Martinez</p> <p><b>March 8</b><br/>Estefany Rodriguez<br/>David Sifford<br/>Mary Schueler<br/>Dane Bollom<br/>Sarah Geris<br/>Gail Hand<br/>Betty Renner</p> <p><b>March 9</b><br/>Billie Tongate<br/>Linda White<br/>Maddie Tyler</p> |
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## Gas prices climb again

By GasBuddy

Average gasoline prices in Texas rose 7.7 cents in the last week, averaging \$3.26 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Prices in Texas are 27.6 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 85.3 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas was priced at \$2.69 while the most expensive was \$3.99 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 7.5 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.59/g today. The national average is up 23.2 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 87.6 cents per gallon higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

"The Russian invasion of Ukraine has sparked high level concern that oil production could

eventually be stifled, or even sanctioned, from the world's second largest oil producer, leading to less supply as demand grows. That possibility has pushed up the national average price of gasoline considerably in the last week, and the situation could worsen at any time, keeping gas prices elevated for the foreseeable future," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. De Haan added, "In addition to the unstable situation with the Russian invasion, we're also entering the time of year that seasonality pushes gasoline prices up by anywhere from 25 to 75 cents by Memorial Day. It's simply looking like a perfect storm for motorists at the pump, with little to no relief anytime soon."

GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data spanning nearly two decades. GasBuddy data is accessible at <http://FuelInsights.GasBuddy.com>.

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**Panhandle Parables**

# “Now, Hug Your Sister”

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

Growing up with a younger sister had its moments. Especially, when we were little. For the most part Jenny and I got along well. We didn't constantly argue and fight. As the older sibling, I know I had the upper hand in most situations and could talk myself out of playing house or dolls, yet could get her to play most anything. But like all siblings there were those moments. The ones where neither backs down and a fight of sorts breaks out. Before you knew what happened mom or dad would have you both separated and demanding an explanation as to what caused the whole mess. It would then get sorted out, both getting in trouble and the final blow came when we had to apologize to each other. It would start with a sar-

castic type of “I'm sorry” which never was good enough, because sincerity was serious business in our house. Then those famous words, “Now, hug your sister.” That too had to be done with sincerity.

Apologizing does not come easy in our society. Yes, we may say we are sorry, but often we are sorry we got caught not sorry for the action itself. Paul describes this as worldly sorrow. He goes on to add that God does not accept that, but desires godly sorrow that leads to repentance or a change of heart. Even today, I hear people tell their kids “Now say you're sorry.” When what really needs to be said is, “Will you forgive me.” There's the rub. The hug your sister kind of moment. When I ask for forgiveness I relinquish all power and humbly

put it in the hands of the other.

The key to godly sorrow is that it leads us to desire a change. To surrender. I am sure most of us have come to a point where we ask God to forgive us. Why we will not ask that of each other is still a wonder. Forgiveness cannot be dictated to, only humbly received, but that may require of you to ask for it. This is what causes relationships to flourish.

I am thankful for my sister and I am thankful now for those times when my folks made me reconcile with her through a hug. If you have relationships where you can openly ask for forgiveness you are blessed. If not, maybe swallow some pride and instead of telling them, “Your sorry” ask them to forgive you. Now, go hug your sister!

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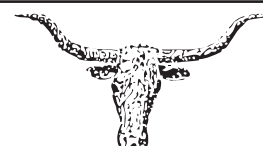
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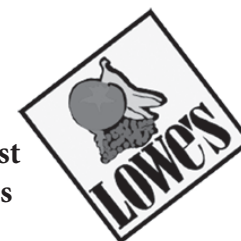


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## Prayer and Empty Phrases

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

On Nov 19, 1863 at the Gettysburg National Cemetery after the Battle of Gettysburg, famed orator, former Sec of State, Senator and President of Harvard, Edward Everett gave a two hour speech. His speech reminded the audience of the South's insistence on slavery, the atrocities of the war, and praised the Union victory at Gettysburg. Although his skill and fame as an orator was wide know, nobody remembers his speech. His speech is forgotten because on that same day, in the same place, another man gave a 273 word speech that lasted less than two minutes. The other man's speech started out “Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.” You may have recognized those words as the beginning of the Gettysburg Address given by President Abraham Lincoln. The gravity of President Lincoln's speech is still felt today and is to be remembered by Americans through all generations.

In speech making, as well as praying, more words do not equate to greater impact. Jesus taught on prayer in Matthew 6:7-8 saying, “And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.” Prayers that pass the ceiling are not constructed by ritualistic sayings, chants, bells, candles or prayerful incantations, but are made up of humble, heartfelt, and holy pleas to Almighty God in the name of Jesus Christ. When you pray, is your conversing with God made up of thoughtless sayings, or sincere petitions? Powerful prayer is thus so, not because of its grammar, but because of the heart of the one praying. Next time you bow your heart before your Heavenly Father, may your prayer not be filled with empty phrases, or driven by quantity of words, but by a holy faith, drawing near to the One who created you, chose you in Christ, and calls you to commune with him in prayer.

## To Gossip or Not

By Teena Hughs

Lauren needed a “change of scenery,” so she came home for a few days and worked from here. It did this mama's heart so much good that she chose to come home. As the expression goes, “There's no place like home,” and sometimes we need to go home for a revival of our hearts, spirits and souls, don't we?

Lauren and I were talking about someone I admire and respect. I asked her if he was still married, and she said he's in the process of getting a divorce because of an affair he had. The person who told Lauren got her information via the local “coffee shop.” None of the people who sat and talked about this man were present when the said affair supposedly took place, but it did not keep them from

talking.

We are studying James in Community Bible Study, and James talks about controlling our tongue, because while it is small and can do so much good, it can also do so much harm to others and to ourselves, sometimes completely changing the course of our lives (James 3: 5, 6). James 3:9 says, “Sometimes it (the tongue) praises our Lord and Father, and sometimes it breaks out into curses against those who have been made in the image of God.”

Gossip and slander are sins. James 4:11,12 tells us, “Don't speak evil against each other, my dear brothers and sisters. If you criticize each other and condemn each other, then you are criticizing and condemning God's law. But you are

not a judge who can decide whether the law is right or wrong. Your job is to obey it. God alone, who made the law, can rightly judge among us. He alone has the power to save or to destroy. So what right do you have to condemn your neighbor?”

I used to be a person who loved to “know the dirt” on people, especially family members. Their dirt would make me feel better about the dirt in my own life. My CBS lesson's commentary says that, “When we put down another person, we lift up ourselves as superior to him or her. We're making a judgment about that person's worth.” And, we link “the words that come out of our mouths with what is going on in our hearts.”

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“We Live by Faith, Not by Sight.”  
2 Corinthians 5:7



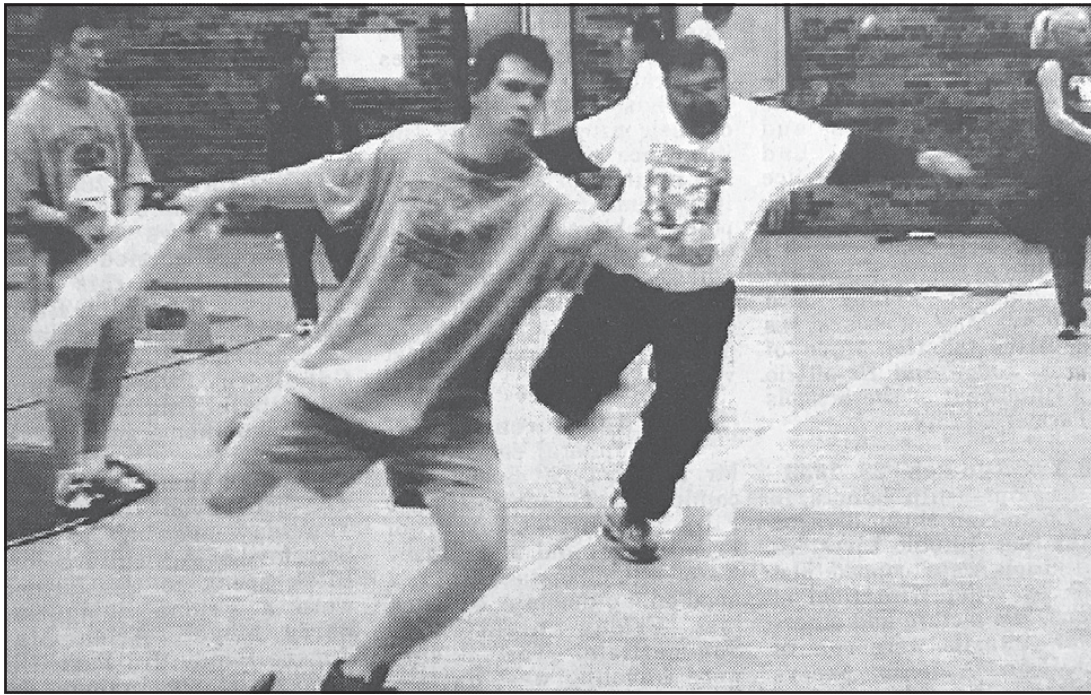
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## FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



AN ARABESQUE is a ballet move that looks a lot like this. But this is not ballet. Track coach Lanny Crow, right, and discus thrower Dustin Thompson, practice their discus form in the gym. Last Monday's cold temperatures meant track practice was moved indoors. Ron Carr photo. (Friona Star, Friday, March 1, 2002)

# Corps Principles

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith

The ambassadors of goodwill who join the Peace Corps are an important American "export."

It all began at 2:00 on a 1960 morning with impromptu remarks by Senator John F. Kennedy. After arriving in Ann Arbor, MI for a presidential campaign swing, 10,000 University of Michigan students received him, anxious to glimpse the handsome candidate. He addressed the crowd, had a thought, and said, "how many of [you] ... would be willing to serve [your] country and the cause of peace by living and working in the developing world?" The throng roared its approval.

Kennedy won the election, and on March 1, 1961, he issued an executive order which



created the Peace Corps as an agency of the Department of State. In subsequent years, approximately 250,000 volunteers served. Their mission, according to History.com, is three-fold: "(1) to help the peoples of interested countries in meeting their need for trained men and women; (2) to help promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of the peoples served; and (3)

to help promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans."

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends **When the World Calls: The Inside Story of the Peace Corps and Its First Fifty Years** by Stanley Meisler.

Source: History Matters: Showing our children that their past is prelude to their future at the gratefulamericanbookprize.com website.



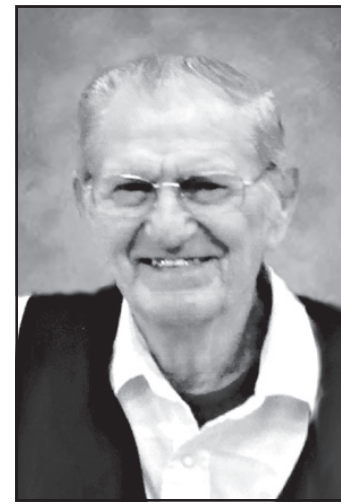
## Obituary



### Norman Darrell Coleman

Norman Darrell Coleman entered Heaven's gates on February 22, 2022. Public Viewing was held from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM Saturday, February 26, 2022 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY. Private burial was held immediately following by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Norman was born on December 15, 1939 in Guion Arkansas to Albert and Laura Coleman. He quit high school to work at Silica Products. He always had a phenomenal work ethic and always made sure to provide for his family no matter how tough the times got. He struggled with his hearing and wore a hearing aid most of his life, but



he never let that stop him from anything.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his beloved wife Virginia, daughter Annetta, sisters Delois, and Geraldde.

He is survived by his sister Robbie Condrey of Arkansas, brother Bobby Coleman and wife Noelia of California, son Jimmy Coleman of New Mexico, daughter Di-

ana Pick of New Mexico, son William Coleman of Kentucky, son Shane Coleman and wife Melanie of Texas and daughter Rhonda Gutierrez of Texas as well as numerous nieces, nephews, grand children, and great (great) grandchildren.

The family would like to give a special thanks to the medical staff at Medical City in Plano Texas for taking such great care of Norman in his final days.

You may send condolences to the family and sign the online guest book at: hansardfamily.com



### Local Theatre Group Performs True Story

Exit Right Productions, a theatre group made up of young adults in Parmer County and the surrounding area, is excited to present their upcoming play, "Beyond Beatrice".

"This is a play based on a true story," says Gina Prather, the show's

director and writer. "It takes place in the small town of Beatrice, Nebraska, when on March 1, 1950, the Westside Baptist church suddenly is destroyed in a tragic explosion. What follows can only be described as a modern day miracle by God!"

Come see this in-

spiring true story performed live on stage! Where: Bovina Church of Christ Building. When: March 5th 7:30 p.m. TX time and March 6th 3:30 p.m. TX time. FREE Admission. Donations welcomed. A portion of all proceeds will go to the Bovina Benevolence Fund.



Cast members (l-r) — Front row: Zeke Shover, Logan Waters, Zach Shover, Elaina Procter, Melissa Struthers; Middle row: Frank Waters, Gracy Waters, Jaebri Scott; Back row: Jera Scott, Taylor Prather, Jaden Scott, Dakota Prather

### Texas wins Site Selection's Governor's Cup for record-breaking tenth year in a row

On Tuesday, Governor Greg Abbott held a press conference to announce that Texas had won Site Selection magazine's Governor's Cup for a record-shattering tenth year in a row. The award highlights top-performing states for job creation and capital investment. The Governor was joined for the announcement by representatives from Site Selection, company representatives, and economic development leaders from across the state.

"Texas continues to shine as the beacon of economic prosperity in America, and I am proud to accept Site Selection's Governor's Cup for a record-shattering tenth straight year," said Governor Abbott.

Abbott continued, "Texas is the new frontier where dreams, families, and jobs grow. This honor is a testament to the unmatched business climate and highly skilled and diverse workforce we have cultivated here in the Lone Star State, and I thank the exceptional economic development



teams across our state who have worked diligently to attract new, innovative businesses to their communities and bring more economic opportunity to hardworking Texans. As we celebrate the resurgence of the mighty Texas economy, we look to the future with high and hopeful expectations of an even brighter, more prosperous future for generations of Texans."

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### Varsity Boys

**100 Meters**  
10. Mario Bautista..... 12.4  
10. Jose Saucedo..... 12.4

**200 Meters**  
7. Kade Crosby..... 24.9

**400 Meters**  
3. Alan Martinez..... 55.3  
8. Tony Rodriguez..... 58.0  
10. Fabian Salinas..... 59.9

**800 Meters**  
6. Fabian Salinas..... 2:24.9

**1600 Meters**  
2. Dieter Ally ..... 5:32.9

**3200 Meters**  
6. Michael Bautista ..... 12:44.3  
7. Gabriel Ramos..... 12:47.4

**110m Hurdles**  
1. Kaden Jeter ..... 16.2

**300m Hurdles**  
1. Kaden Jeter ..... 43.4

**4 x 100m Relay**  
1. Friona ..... 45.5  
Josh Gonzalez, Bryan Chavira, Jose Saucedo, Jacob Bautista

**4 x 200m Relay**  
1. Friona ..... 1:35.4  
Alan Martinez, Bryan Chavira, Tony Rodriguez, Jacob Bautista

**4 x 400m Relay**  
3. Friona ..... 3:50.5  
Tony Rodriguez, Jose Saucedo, Alan Martinez, Jacob Bautista

**Shot Put**  
1. Jake Padilla ..... 39'11"  
2. Anthony Abarca ..... 38'1.5"  
7. Ishmael Flores ..... 36'4"

**Discus**  
1. Jake Padilla ..... 114'2"  
3. Anthony Abarca ..... 96'3"  
5. Ishmael Flores ..... 94'11"

**High Jump**  
1. Jared Rejino ..... 5'10"

**Pole Vault**  
2. Mario Bautista ..... 8'6"  
3. Dieter Ally ..... 8'0"

**Long Jump**  
3. Bryan Chavira ..... 18'4.5"

**Triple Jump**  
1. Jacob Bautista ..... 42'1"  
2. Tony Rodriguez ..... 35'5"

### Varsity Girls

**100 Meters**  
4. Noelia Bautista ..... 14.1  
15. Reyna Arias ..... 15.6  
16. Lizbeth Toledo ..... 15.7

**200 Meters**  
2. Destini Nava ..... 28.7  
14. Reyna Arias ..... 33.1  
16. Reese Stowers ..... 33.2

**400 Meters**  
2. Anahi Gonzalez ..... 1:06.6  
13. Makayla Ramos ..... 1:14.4  
17. Breanna Rivera ..... 1:24.5

**800 Meters**  
1. Yvonne Legarreta ..... 2:43.0

**1600 Meters**  
1. Yvonne Legarreta ..... 6:19.0  
4. Nevaeh Galan ..... 7:18.2  
5. Esperanza Santiago ..... 8:05.7

**3200 Meters**  
1. Yvonne Legarreta ..... 13:25.8  
6. Nevaeh Galan ..... 15:28.6  
8. Esperanza Santiago ..... 16:51.8

**110m Hurdles**  
4. Kitzy Welch ..... 19.4  
9. Duvy Ortiz ..... 25.0

**300m Hurdles**  
2. Kitzy Welch ..... 55.3  
10. Duvy Ortiz ..... 1:05.7

**4 x 100m Relay**  
1. Friona ..... 52.8  
Anahi Gonzalez, Destini Nava, Lilianna Martinez, Noelia Bautista

**4 x 200m Relay**  
1. Friona ..... 1:53.5  
Anahi Gonzalez, Destini Nava, Lilianna Martinez, Noelia Bautista

**4 x 400m Relay**  
4. Friona ..... 4:56.0  
Lilianna Martinez, Makayla Ramos, Lizbeth Toledo, Reese Stowers

**Shot Put**  
2. Reyna Arias ..... 33'7.5"  
8. Amy Montana ..... 28'11"

**Discus**  
1. Kitzy Welch ..... 91'11"

**Pole Vault**  
1. Duvy Ortiz ..... 6'1"  
3. Makayla Ramos ..... 6'0"

**Long Jump**  
9. Lizbeth Toledo ..... 12'10.5"  
14. Breanna Rivera ..... 11'6"

**Triple Jump**  
4. Kitzy Welch ..... 29'4.5"  
7. Lizbeth Toledo ..... 26'9"  
10. Breanna Rivera ..... 26'0"

**200 Meters**  
3. Amor Espinoza ..... 31.0  
11. Carolyn Borjas ..... 33.9  
12. Pamela Cardona ..... 34.1

**400 Meters**  
3. Pamela Cardona ..... 1:20.3  
8. Carolyn Borjas ..... 1:26.6  
9. Makya Thackston ..... 1:28.7

**800 Meters**  
2. Leah Hernandez ..... 3:11.9  
3. Alexis Soto ..... 3:13.8  
5. April Avila ..... 3:32.7

**1600 Meters**  
1. Leah Hernandez ..... 7:37.6  
2. Alexis Soto ..... 7:51.1  
4. April Avila ..... 8:20.7

**4 x 100m Relay**  
2. Friona ..... 59.4  
Belinda Santos, Yeslie Faudoa, Ivory Shelby, Naara Saucedo

**4 x 200m Relay**  
2. Friona ..... 2:10.6  
Belinda Santos, Yeslie Faudoa, Ivory Shelby, Naara Saucedo

**4 x 400m Relay**  
2. Friona ..... 5:39.9  
Naara Saucedo, Yeslie Faudoa, Ivory Shelby, Belinda Santos

**Shot Put**  
2. Angelica Reyes ..... 26'1"  
5. Marie Phillips ..... 24'9.5"

**Discus**  
3. Lilianna Abarca ..... 59'10"  
4. Angelica Reyes ..... 59'9"  
6. Marie Phillips ..... 56'9.5"

**Long Jump**  
3. Amor Espinoza ..... 12'5"

### Team Scores

**Varsity Boys**  
T1. Muleshoe ..... 172  
T1. Friona ..... 172  
3. Littlefield ..... 89  
4. Olton ..... 73  
5. Brownfield ..... 70  
6. Dimmitt ..... 22

**JV Boys**  
1. Muleshoe ..... 180  
2. Friona ..... 135  
3. Littlefield ..... 86  
4. Brownfield ..... 71  
5. Dimmitt ..... 6

### Varsity Girls

1. Friona ..... 155  
2. Muleshoe ..... 126.5  
3. Littlefield ..... 87  
4. Lamesa ..... 84  
5. Brownfield ..... 60  
6. Olton ..... 46.5  
7. Dimmitt ..... 27

**JV Girls**  
1. Muleshoe ..... 164  
2. Friona ..... 133  
3. Brownfield ..... 47  
4. Lamesa ..... 45  
5. Littlefield ..... 35  
6. Dimmitt ..... 20

### Junior Varsity Girls

**100 Meters**  
2. Amor Espinoza ..... 14.5  
15. Makya Thackston ..... 16.5  
17. Delores Gallegos ..... 18.6



## Tex Mex volleyball team wins another tourney



The SW Friona 16 Tex Mex volleyball team played in the Netplex Lucky Clover Tournament on February 26th in Amarillo. They were the Gold Bracket Champions going undefeated in 3 pool play matches and 2 bracket matches. Their next tournament is on March 27th at the Southwest Funfest Tournament in Lubbock. Team members are: Back row (l-r) Kitzy Welch, Jacee Burney, Reyna Arias, Kinzee Crow, Coach Casey Sharrock; Front row (l-r) Erin Creasy, Arela Sacerio, Ivory Shelby; Not Pictured: Reese Stowers (injury) and Coach Carrie Arias.

## Chieftain & Squaw Track Schedule

### High School

DATE	PLACE
Feb 25	Muleshoe
Mar 4	Friona
Mar 11	Tulia
Mar 18-19	Panhandle
Mar 25	Dimmitt
Apr 1	Open
Apr 8	Hereford
<b>District</b>	
Apr 11	Denver City - Prelims
Apr 13	Denver City - Finals
<b>Area</b>	
Apr 14	TBD
<b>Regional</b>	
Apr 29-30	Abilene
<b>State Meet</b>	
May 12-14	Austin

### Junior High

DATE	PLACE
Feb 24	Muleshoe
Mar 3	Friona
Mar 10	Tulia
Open	
Mar 24	Dimmitt
Mar 31	Muleshoe -District



## Sports News

The varsity boys golf team competed in the Muleshoe Golf Tournament this past week. They finished in 4th place as a team. Team members are Anthony Abarca, Kade Crosby, Tim Ally, Gabe Abarca, and Jarrett White.



### CITY OF FRIONA, TEXAS

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Friona, Texas, will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, March 14, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.** at the City Hall, 617 Main St., Friona, Texas, to receive comments regarding the proposed annexation of an area contiguous and adjacent to the City on request of the owner of the property, the City of Friona, a Texas municipality.

The property proposed to be annexed is described as follows:

A 4.836 acre tract of land being all of a 2.548 acre tract of land out of the East part of an 8.13 acre tract of land as described in Volume 250, Page 535, and a 2.305 acre tract of land as described in Volume 266, Page 107, all in the Deed Records of Parmer County, Texas, both situated in the Northeast Quarter (NE/4) of Section 1, Township 3 North, Range 3 East, of a Capitol Syndicate Subdivision in Parmer County, Texas, said 4.836 acre tract of land being described by metes and bounds as follows;

**BEGINNING** at a 3/4" iron pipe found in the South right-of-way of F.M. 1731 40.00 feet South and 340.00 feet East of the North Quarter Corner of said Section 1;  
**THENCE** N 89°11'19" E (Base Bearing) -bearings contained herein are relative to True North as determined from GPS observations- 249.64 feet along said South right-of-way of F.M. 1731 to a 3/4" iron pipe found whence a 1/2" rebar found bears N 89°12'51" E, 200.12 feet;  
**THENCE** S 00°10'29" W, 317.88 feet to a 1/2" rebar found;  
**THENCE** S 88°06'09" W, 156.00 feet to a 1/2" rebar found;  
**THENCE** S 00°02'03" E, 278.66 feet to a 1/2"X12" rebar with plastic cap stamped "DAVIS GEOMATICS" (such type rebar and plastic cap hereafter referred to as a "DAVIS CAP") set in the North right-of-way line of U.S. 60, same being a point on a curve to the left;  
**THENCE** along said curve to the left having a long chord bearing of S 43°09'45" W, a long chord length of 578.75 feet, and a radius of 2932.0 feet for an arc length distance of 579.69 feet to a DAVIS CAP set;  
**THENCE** N 00°08'49" E, 509.54 feet to a 1/4" rebar found;  
**THENCE** N 89°21'03" E, 299.83 feet to a 1/2" rebar with cap found;  
**THENCE** N 00°12'47" E, at 233.22 feet pass a 1/2" rebar found, continue a total distance of 507.39 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of this tract of land;

Said tract of land contains a computed area of 4.836 acres as described.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend the Public Hearing and will be given the opportunity to be heard regarding this proposed annexation. If you cannot attend, you may submit comments in writing prior to the Public Hearing to the following:

City of Friona  
 Attn: Rosa Mendez  
 623 Main St.  
 Friona, Texas 79035

If you have questions concerning this Notice of Public Hearing, please contact the City Secretary, at (806) 250-2761 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.



## Friona Baseball Schedule 2021-2022



Date	Day	Opponent	Place	Times: V	JV
2/11	Friday	Denver City(scrimmage)	Denver City	6:30	4:30
2/18	Friday	Muleshoe(scrimmage)	Friona	4:30	4:30
2/25	Friday	Boys Ranch	Friona	4:00	---
2/28	Monday	Olton	Friona	4:30	---
3/3	Thursday	Boys Ranch	Boys Ranch	4:00	---
3/8	Tuesday	Fritch	Friona	4:30	6:00
3/12	Saturday	Muleshoe Double Header	Muleshoe	4:00	-----
3/26	Saturday	Muleshoe	Friona	12:00	2:30
3/29	Tuesday	Tulia	Friona	4:30	6:30
4/2	Saturday	Dalhart	Friona	12:00	2:30
4/5	Tuesday	Bushland	Bushland	4:30	6:30
4/9	Saturday	River Road	Friona	12:00	2:30
4/12	Tuesday	Dimmitt	Dimmitt	4:30	6:30
4/16	Saturday	Tulia	Tulia	12:00	2:30
4/19	Tuesday	Dalhart	Dalhart	4:30	6:30
4/23	Saturday	Bushland	Friona	12:00	2:30
4/26	Tuesday	River Road	River Road	4:30	6:30
4/30	Saturday	Dimmitt	Friona	12:00	2:30



# District 3-AAA Regular Season All District Awards

Photos by Eric Gonzalez



**Anahi Gonzalez**  
1st Team



**Audry Trevino**  
Honorable Mention



**Laura Perez**  
Honorable Mention



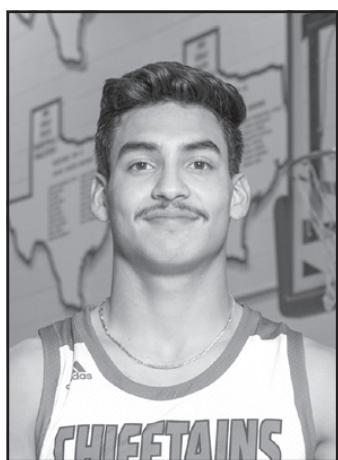
**Ivory Shelby**  
Honorable Mention



**Bryan Chavira**  
Honorable Mention



**Jared Rejino**  
Honorable Mention



**Jacob Bautista**  
Honorable Mention



**Kaden Jeter**  
Honorable Mention



**Jose Luis Saucedo**  
Honorable Mention



8th Grade Girls



7th Grade A-Team Girls



7th Grade B-Team Girls



7th Grade Boys



8th Grade Boys



7th & 8th Grade Boys



JV Girls



JV Boys



Varsity Girls



Varsity Boys



# Parmer County Retired Teachers and School Personnel to meet March 8th

Parmer County Retired Teachers and School Personnel will meet on Tuesday, March 8 at 2:00 at the Interbank community room. Connie Slagle will present a program updating her research into a 1930 era autograph quilt. Guests are welcome to attend. Members will have a business meeting following the presentation.



## Quilt preview by Connie Slagle

In 1997, I purchased an autograph quilt top in Clovis, New Mexico, imagining the names of the ladies embroidered on that quilt hailing from Melrose, Grady or some small New Mexican

town. Needing something to occupy my mind after the death of my son, I began an extensive research project into the makers of that quilt. I was shocked to find that these ladies lived in the Baird, Cisco, Putnam area in the 1920-1930s. I wanted to know how that quilt top

ended up in Clovis, New Mexico.

Through my research, I interviewed descendants of the quilt makers in several of the small towns and in Abilene. I received copies of recipes and marriage certificates. I visited the graves of several of my "little quilt ladies" and learned

that one of the families owned the original Mobley Hotel, purchased by Conrad Hilton. I visited the hotel, now a museum, and saw the furniture and clothing of the Mobley family, several members represented on my quilt.

With the addition of the Texas Tech newspaper archive site, Facebook, and various ancestry sites, I recently solved some of the original mysteries. Who were Mahala and Katheryn? Theirs were the only two names in print, not curative, and without last names. Were they children or servants? I did make contact with additional descendants of

the quilt makers.

You can learn more about my journey at a meeting of Parmer County Retired Teachers and School Personnel

on Tuesday, March 8, at 2:00 p.m. in the Interbank community room. County school retirees and visitors are invited to attend.

## To Gossip or Not

By Teena Hughs

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Why did I change my love for gossip? First, my dad used to tell me that if I wanted to be respected, I should never talk about someone, something that I have failed at more times than I care to admit. And two, in my later years, God's Word and the study of His Word have changed me.

I had a relative who loved gossip until the day she passed away. Even when she was in the hospital dying, one particular friend would come in and ask if she wanted to hear some gossip? Nothing perked her up like getting to hear the "dirt." It was amazing! I just decided I didn't want to be like that, and if someone knows something about someone, and I am supposed

to know it, God will make sure I know it.

Hopefully, we are more concerned about the welfare of people rather than the dirt in their lives; hopefully we are more concerned about what is going on in their hearts; hopefully, if there is dirt in the person's life, and he/she wants to share it, we will be a true friend and not share it with others; hopefully we are more concerned about the person as a whole, no matter what they have/have not done or said.

It is our choice to participate in gossip or not. We all know what God wants us to do. Getting up and leaving a conversation may keep you from knowing the dirt, but it will put a smile on God's face!



The City of Friena Council Chambers have been moved into the old EMS portion of City Hall. The space was cleaned out and refurbished and will be home to the City Council, Municipal Judge, and the Parmer County Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1. The new address is 617 Main Street.

**Friena Star**  
is online at [frienaonline.com](http://frienaonline.com)

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