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# FRIO COUNTY NEWSLETTER

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*Frio County mourns the loss of one our own, our thoughts and prayers are with his family in this difficult time. Justin will be truly missed as his young life was stripped from all his potential in giving and serving his community. As he had dedicated his life in taking an oath to serve and protect the county he loved. May he rest in peace.*



**Corporal Justin Longoria**  
**1996 - 2021**



Judge Arnulfo C. Luna, Crew Chief Joe Hernandez Jr & E.M.C. Ray Kallio

Frio County lent a helping hand to county residents that were effected by Winter Storm Uri, which left many without water and electricity for several days. We are proud of our county employees for their hard work and dedication to their job and empathy towards our community.



Sheriff Deputies assisting the San Antonio Food Bank.



Sheriff Deputies handing out water for families in need.



Road & Bridge crews aided TXDOT with clearing roads of snow and ice.

# Winter Storm Uri

# Valentine's Day Sale

The Events Committee hosted a week long Valentine's Day sale, together we raised over \$1,500. Thank you to all who donated and purchased goods from our sale.

Congratulation's to Esperanza Zapata and Richie Gandara (not pictured), winners of our Valentine's Day Giveaway.



Winner: Esperanza Zapata, District Clerk's Office



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### We Can Help

Your Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is designed to help you deal with life's stresses and a variety of personal problems. For confidential services that are offered at no cost to all employees and their families, call and ask to speak to a counselor.

#### Toll free:

800-343-3822

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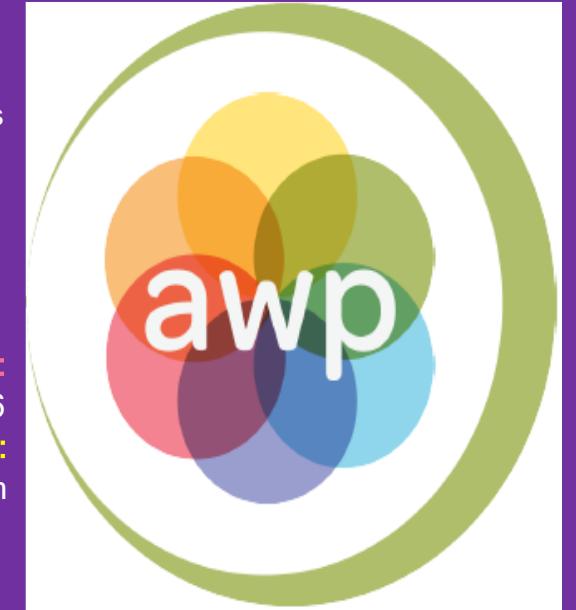
#### TDD:

800-344-8336

#### Website:

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

first time log in website code:  
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## CPR & AED Certification Classes

Allegiance Mobile Health will be teaching CPR and AED classes to Frio County employees and officials. Any employee or official whose certification will expire this year or anyone whose not certified is required to complete a class.

More information will be emailed soon.

## Texas Association of Counties State Mandated Cybersecurity Course

To comply with House Bill 3834, all county government employees and elected officials are required to complete the annual cybersecurity training. The deadline to complete the mandated course is on June 14, 2021.

TAC has sent out email invitations to employees and officials that have enrolled in the certified course. Certificates must be submitted to the County Auditors Office before June 11, 2021.

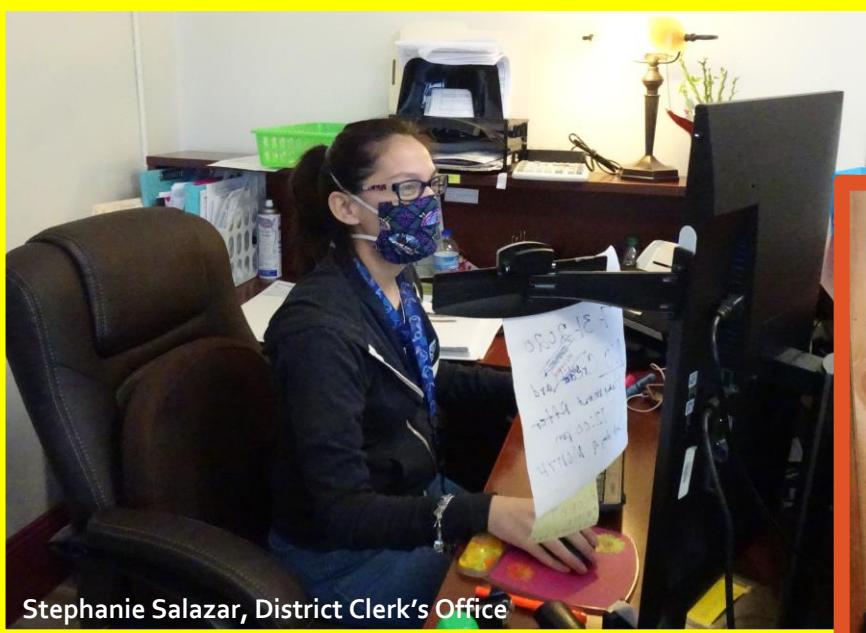
# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS

APRIL	MAY	JUNE
Chris Gutierrez 03	Susana Belding 04	Julius Camacho 04
Carlos Segura 07	Asanette Diaz 04	Laura Rodriguez 09
Eli Elizondo 14	Mark Hernandez 04	Jose Aguilar 14
Jenny Shafer 18	Jaaziel Castro 08	Stephanie Salazar 14
Rudy Ortegon 20	Cyndi Saenz 09	Victoria Rangel 19
Anne Marie Stone 26	Markeith Limon 16	Manuel Ruiz 19
Kim Ramirez 26	Gloria Elizondo 19	Savannah Vidales 22
	John Meyer 22	Joe Vela 23
	Joe Hernandez Sr 25	Edna Adame 24
	Anna Alaniz 28	

# Stay safe, Frio County needs you.

Even though the State of Texas has discontinued the order of mask wearing, Frio County will still follow CDC Covid-19 Guidelines.



❖ Wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer.

❖ Wear a face mask/covering in public places.

❖ Social distance 6ft. from others.

## EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Congratulations goes to



*Sara Pichardo*



# SPRING 2021 WELLNESS CAMPAIGN

*The Spring Wellness Challenge Is Here!*

The Spring Wellness Challenge is geared toward eating healthier, this is a 5 week program that will help guide employees to eating more fruit and vegetables.

*Challenge begins **March 8th.***

Sign up now at the Auditor's Office, each participant will receive a lunch tote.



Complimentary Lunch Tote for every participant!



## New County Employees

<b>Marcos Reyes</b>	<b>Markeith Limon</b>
Sheriff's Office - Deputy	Sheriff's Office - Jailer
<b>Liz Gonzales</b>	<b>Selina Ramirez</b>
Sheriff's Office – Dispatcher	Tax Office – Clerk I
<b>Kyle Stacks</b>	
Sheriff's Office - Deputy	

# Frio County Drive Thru Spring Event

Frio County WIC hosted a successful drive thru event in Dilley on March 18, 2021. Frio County WIC Director, Tammy Sanchez plans on continuing the event to target the rest of the county's communities and citizens.



Michelle, Tammy & Krissy - WIC



Sheriff's Office, Constable #4 Lozano, WIC & JP4 Judge Flores



Auditor Crystal Marquez, District Clerk Ofilia Trevino & JP3 Judge Belding



Chief Salinas, Jennifer, Cpl. Longoria, Inv. Leal, & Lt. Longoria - Sheriff's Office



Jocelin - AgriLife Extension



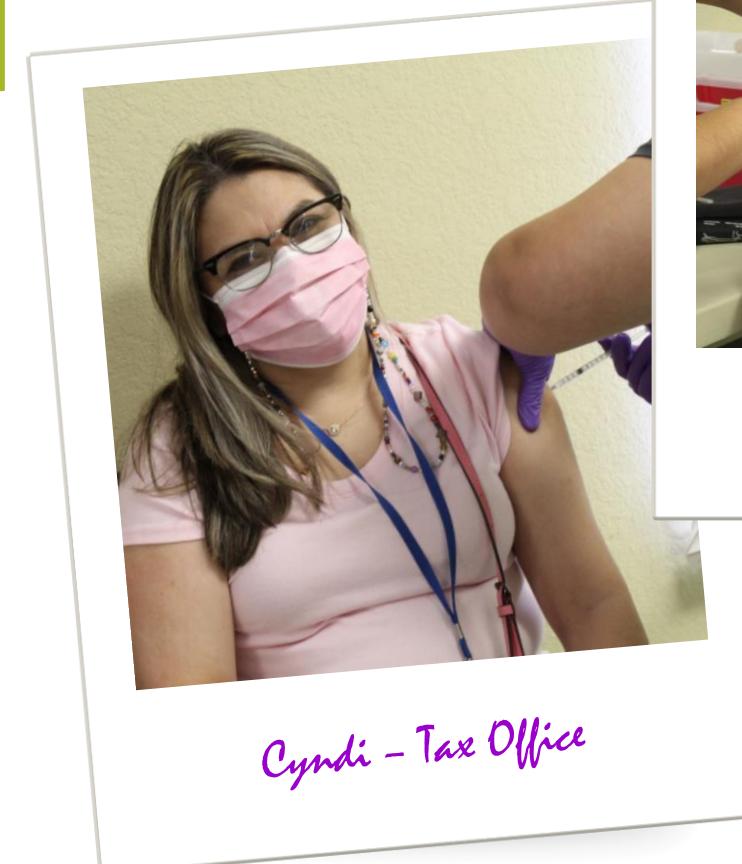
Chief Salinas, County Clerk Aaron Ibarra, Commissioner #4 Asuncion & Commissioner #3 Carrizales

# YARD SALE!

The Events Committee held a Yard Sale at the Frio County Fireman's Park on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Committee members donated items to the sale, and all money made is deposited into the Events Committee Fund. The funds raised by the Events Committee help us host fun activities for our employees as well as giving back to our community.



**Covid 19 Vaccinations at South Texas Rural Health Services**  
Thanks to STRHS for giving our Frio County employees an opportunity to get Covid 19 Vaccines. And thanks to Commissioner Pct. 4, Jose Asuncion and HR for organizing the event and making it possible for employees to get vaccinated.



# HAPPY RETIREMENT!

Mrs. Esperanza Zapata retired from Frio County on March 31, 2021. She was employed with the District Clerk's office for 9 years, and had been with the county for about 38 years. Mrs. Zapata was such a wonderful person to be around and we are sad to see her go.



*"Congratulations on finally getting to this place of retirement Esperanza! It has been a pleasure working with you and thank you for your dedication and hard work over the years that is finally paying off. As you go into this next phase of your life, may you enjoy the very best that life has to offer. You will be greatly missed! God bless you."*

**– Honorable Ofilia Trevino, Frio County District Clerk**



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Employee Appreciation T-Shirt



To celebrate Frio County's 150 years, we are asking all employees to wear their t-shirts on Friday, May 21, 2021.



Rusty Garcia was the winner of the Easter egg selection of the Golden Egg. Rusty's prize was a Easter basket filled with goodies. Congrats!!



## FRIOT COUNTY CAR SHOW

*The Events Committee will host its 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Car Show.*

**When: Saturday, June 5, 2021**

**Where: Fireman's Park**

**Time: 9am – 3pm**





Auditor's Office & Constable Ortegon



County Clerk Aaron



Elections' Office



District Clerk's Office



Treasurer's Office



Rusty - Security



Gloria & Judge Belding - JP 3



Velma - JP 2



Liz - Security



Tommy & Ricky - Maintenance



Jesse & Hope - Tax Office



Audrey - County Clerk



Sally & Rey - Attorney's Office



Rosa & Alyssa - JP 1



County Judge Luna & Staff



Mary - Maintenance

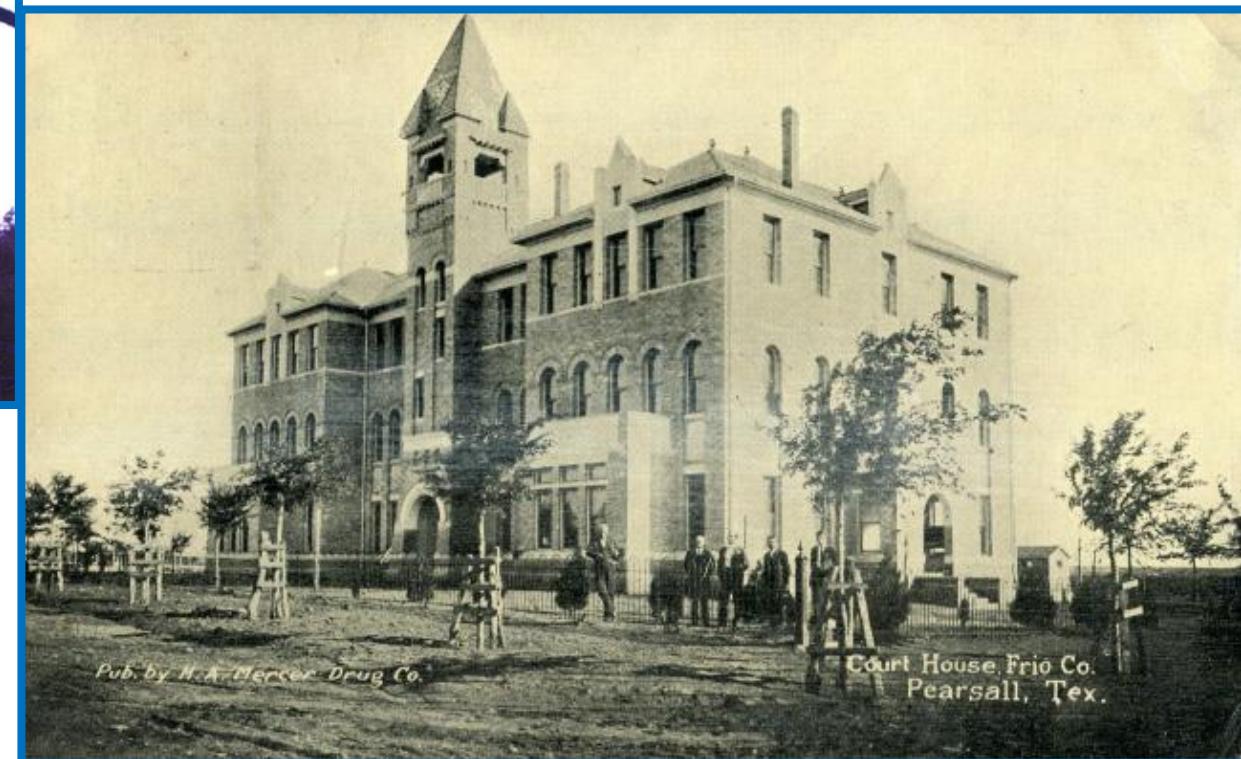
# HAPPY BIRTHDAY FRIO COUNTY!

Frio County will celebrate its 150 years this year, the county was organized on May 22, 1871.



The current courthouse in Pearsall originally had three stories (pictured right), but for unknown reasons in 1938 it was remodeled and became a two level building. Additions were constructed in the 1950s.

The first courthouse was built in Frio City in 1871, a replacement later followed in 1872, and after a fire burnt it to the ground the third was erected in 1877 (pictured left). Following the change of the county seat to Pearsall in 1883, a temporary courthouse was built until the final and presently used courthouse was constructed in 1904.



The first people in present day Frio County were the Payaya, Pachal, and Coahuiltecan tribes.

White settlers later arrived and permanently settled in the county in 1856. County lines were fixed by 1858 and in 1871 named after the Frio River that ran through it, Frio County was established.

The first town in the county was Frio City, which held the county seat for about 10 years.

The first house in Moore Hollow, now Moore was built in 1874.

Located on IH 35, Derby was founded in 1879 by engineer John Bennett and named after his birthplace in England.

Bigfoot established in 1880, is named after the famous Texas Ranger, William "Big Foot" Wallace.

In 1882, the town of Pearsall was created along the railroad, and by 1883 became the new county seat.

Originally a settlement named Darlington, Dilley became an official community in 1896.

# FRIO COUNTY HISTORY



The first Frio County Jail, built in 1872.



William "Big Foot" Wallace



An old school house in Divot.

## Ghost Towns

A once thriving frontier community, Tehuacana's population was wiped out by smallpox.

San Miguel was a farm and ranching settlement that had a post office and school house.

Near Dilley, once stood the town of Orelia. It boasted two schools in the 1920's, before it was abandoned.

The settlement of Divot was located by the Leona River. Formerly a busy area now only a few families are left.

Just south of Pearsall, Melon was named after the watermelon which grew in abundance there.

The township of Buckhorn at one time had its own school district, now all that remains is a cemetery.

Schattel was a small farming community settled by German and Bohemian families.

Cibolo was the first in the county to offer an 11<sup>th</sup> grade school curriculum.



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## Frio Pioneer Jail Museum

The oldest building in Pearsall, it was built in 1884, and served as the Frio County Jail until 1967.