



**86<sup>th</sup> Annual** **Parmer County Jr. Livestock Show**

**Schedule:**  
**Thursday, January 19**  
**8:00 a.m.**  
 Barrow Show  
**3:00 p.m.**  
 Dairy Heifer Show  
**Saturday, January 21**  
**1:00 p.m.**  
 Premium Sale

## 86th Annual county stock show continues

The 86th Annual Parmer County Junior Livestock Show will began on Tuesday, January 17th and will run through Thursday, January 19th. There will be a concession stand open during all of the events. See remaining schedule of events.

A Junior Livestock Premium Sale will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 21, 2023, following the Buyers' Luncheon. A maximum of 40% of steers, lambs, barrows, goats exhibited as well as 2 dairy heifers, 2 beef heifers, and 2 rabbits will be sold. In the event that there are less than 140 head in the sale, then the total number sold will be 140 with the remaining sale slots to be divided equally between the steer, lamb, goat, and pig divisions. Order of sale will be determined by the Sale Committee. The Sale will be held under the auspices of a committee directly responsible to and appointed by the PCJLS Stock Show Board. Other rules do apply. See handbook for details.

## Friona will receive a \$53,697.04 tax allocation for January

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced last week that he will distribute nearly \$1.1 Billion in monthly sales tax revenue to local governments. The amount is 7.6 percent increase over the revenue distributed in January 2022. Cities will receive \$674.5M, transit systems will get \$227.3M, counties get \$66.5M, and special purpose districts will get \$100.6M. These allocations are based on sales made in November by businesses that report tax monthly.

The City of Friona will receive \$53,905.21 in sales tax allocation for the month of January. This payment is a 20.90% decrease from the \$68,150.87 received in January of 2022. The Friona Economic Development Corporation (FEDC) will receive \$13,476.30 of the allocation for its operating budget.

## Parent Involvement Committee has been formed

The Friona Junior High Parent Involvement Committee (P.I.C.) was organized in December 2022. Its mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children by raising funds and fostering relationships among the students, parents, and teachers.

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**The P.I.C. will conduct a public meeting on Thursday, February 9th at the Friona Junior High Cafeteria. Everyone is invited to attend.**  
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Current officers include: Esmeralda Mills (Co-Pres.), Isidro Jimenez (Co-Pres.) Erika Carrillo (Sec.), Jamie Lewellen (Treas.), and

Raquel Salazar (Exec. Board Member). Election of new officers will be conducted at the next regular meeting on Thursday, April 20th

from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the TW&M LLC offices on Main.

All interested parties are invited to become a member of this new

organization. Dues are \$20 per household and \$100 per business. Email frionapic@gmail.com for more information.



In the photo (l-r): Isidro Jimenez, Raquel Salazar, Esmeralda Mills, Desiree Rangel, Erika Carrillo, Jamie Lewellen. Email frionapic@gmail.com for more information.

## School Board orders General Election

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Friona ISD was held on Monday, January 16, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room of the FISSD Administration Building located at 909 E. 11th Street in Friona, Texas.

January is recognized nationally as school board appreciation month. Superintendent Jimmy Burns commended the Board of Trustees for their hard work and dedication to the students. He presented each board member with a token of appreciation from the school district.

During the open forum portion of the meeting, Trisha Winebrinner, representing a

group of individuals, expressed concerns regarding the FISSD sports programs. Also, Esmeralda Mills presented an overview of the new Friona Junior High Parent Involvement Committee (P.I.C.) that has been formed to help promote stronger relationships among students, parents, and teachers.

The Board approved a motion to order a General Election for the election of two (2) at-large School Board Trustees to be held on May 6, 2023. The terms of Jamie Lewellen and Wade Schueler expire this year. The deadline to file for an application to become a candidate is Friday, February 17th. Applica-

tions are available at the Friona ISD Administration Building. Approval was also given to enter into a Joint Election Agreement with the City of Friona.

The consent agenda was approved. This agenda includes the Minutes of previous meetings, fund reports, maintenance reports, account reports, and the payment of monthly bills. The Board then went into Closed Session.

This is only a brief summary of the meeting. Any questions should be directed to the FISSD Board of Trustees. The agenda for this meeting can be found at frionaisd.com and by clicking on the Boardbook link.



These Friona High School students performed in the All-Region Band concert this past weekend. In the photo (l-r): Reagan Daniels, Valeria Corralez, Gabriella Castillo, Carter Gilley, Emmanuel Gonzalez, Jarrett White, Ramon Ortiz.



These Friona Junior High students performed in the All Region Band in concert this past weekend. In the photo (l-r): Aubree Salas, Leo Rodriguez, Jocelyn Reyes (front), Yvette Zetino, Mario Molina.

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# State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



## Community Calendar

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### January 17-19

• Parmer County Jr. Livestock Show at Friona Community Center

### January 19

• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

### January 21

• Parmer County Jr. Livestock Sale at Community Center

### January 23

• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center  
• Friona Noon Lions Meeting at The Farmwife Kitchen

### January 25

• Library Book Shop at 618 Euclid is open from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

### January 26

• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

### January 30

• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

### Speaker open to resort-style casinos in state

House Speaker Dade Phelan, R-Beaumont, told The Dallas Morning News and other media outlets that he is open to bringing resort-style casinos to Texas. But don't expect to find slot machines in 7-Eleven stores if casino gambling is legalized.

"What I don't want to see is to walk into every convenience store and see 15 slot machines," Phelan said. "I want to see destination-style casinos that are high quality and that create jobs and that improve the lifestyle of those communities."

The gambling industry is preparing for another strong push to bring gaming to one of the few major markets that doesn't allow it. But other state leaders seem more hesitant, including Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who said in December that he "doesn't see any movement on it."

Gov. Greg Abbott has softened his once-strong opposition to legalized gambling, echoing Phelan's support for casinos that also feature golf courses, luxury hotels and other amenities.

The Morning News report said the Dallas-Fort Worth area would be a top location because of its strong convention and tourism industry, as well as access to major airports.

### House rules allow Democrats to chair committees

New House rules adopted in the first week of the legislative session allow the appointment of Democrats to chair certain commit-

tees, despite being in the minority in that chamber. The Texas Standard reported that was a victory for Phelan, who defied Republicans wanting to ban Democrats from holding chair positions.

In Phelan's first speech after being re-elected speaker, he talked about the importance of both parties working together.

"After watching Congress attempt to function last week, I cannot imagine why some want Texans to be like D.C.," Phelan said, referring to the protracted battle over electing a U.S. Speaker of the House.

Another provision is aimed at stopping legislators from skipping sessions to break quorum by levying fines every day they are absent without leave. During the 2021 session, House Democrats left Texas for 38 days in an ultimately

unsuccessful attempt to block passage of a slate of voting restrictions.

### Prisoners launch hunger strikes over solitary confinement

A large-scale hunger strike protesting the state's solitary confinement practices began last Tuesday, with about 300 people in Texas prisons reportedly participating, according to the Texas Standard. The prisoners are protesting the state's practice of placing inmates in solitary indefinitely.

Michele Deitch, director of the Prison and Jail Innovation Lab at the University of Texas at Austin, said prisoners have gone on hunger strikes to push the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to meet months-long demands for change. Besides ending indefinite solitary confinement, also called restrictive

housing, the prisoners want to move to a behavioral-based system rather than a status-based system. Under the latter, prisoners can be placed in solitary simply by being labeled a gang member, not necessarily for breaking any rules.

"I do believe that it is something that the agency should take a very hard look at, whether there are ways that they could be approaching this issue that are both safe and more appropriate," Deitch told the Standard.

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## West Texas A&M University announces graduates and honor students

Each fall semester and spring semester, undergraduate students at West Texas A&M University are recognized for academic achievement if they earn a grade point average (GPA) of 3.50 or higher in at least 12 semester hours of residence credit for which standard

letter grades are given. The President's List recognizes students who have earned a 4.00 GPA for the semester. The Dean's List recognizes students who have earned a GPA from 3.50 to 3.99 for the semester. Friona students recognized were:

### Fall 2022 President's List

Ahtziri Soltero, Sophomore, Management  
Mariah Trevino, Senior, General Studies

### Fall 2022 Dean's List

Adrian Legarreta, Sophomore, Sports/Exercise Science  
Jacqueline Legarreta, Senior, Nursing  
Annacaren Salas, Sophomore, Accounting  
Rebecca Schlenker, Sophomore, Art Education

### Fall 2022 Graduates

Anahi Yaslynn Cigarroa, BS, Animal Science  
Samuel Hardee Frye, BS, Agribusiness  
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Jacqueline Legarreta, BSN, Nursing  
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**ACROSS**

1 TXism: "he's got the morals \_\_\_ alley cat"

5 Andrews of 1944 "Laura" with TX Gene Tierney

6 Texas legume: black-\_\_\_ pea

7 TX Dan Jenkins novel: "\_\_\_-Tough"

8 TXism: "poke the bear" (3 wds.)

18 TX Tanya's "One Love \_\_\_ Time"

19 oil rig workers

21 it promotes physical fitness in school (abbr.)

22 double reed instrument in the Dallas Symphony

23 member of "the Corps" at A&M (2 wds.)

24 a Texas "snipe hunt," e.g. (2 wds.)

29 country FM licensed to Port Lavaca

30 marching band percussion: \_\_\_line

31 elected county prosecutor (abbr.)

32 soldier on a horse

34 winter garment

35 TX O. Henry story: "A \_\_\_ in Santone"

36 first Texas cattle brand was "AR" for "Alamo \_\_\_"

37 "it'll make your \_\_\_ curl"

38 statement in a crossword puzzle

39 subject of TX Roy Orbison song was yearning about what he could \_\_\_

41 badly behaved kids

42 identification evidence

43 Mildred \_\_\_ "Babe" Dirikson Zaharias

44 TXism: "couldn't \_\_\_ drum" (loser)

45 Davy's home state (abbr.)

46 snakelike fish

47 TX Nick Foles is now backup QB for this Indianapolis team

48 sodium \_\_\_ used in fertilizers

50 TXism: "cold as \_\_\_ house seat in January

51 mai \_\_\_ (rum drink)

52 TXism: "feeling \_\_\_ oats" (rowdy)

53 poetic "before"

**DOWN**

1 Texas school in book "Friday Night Lights" (2 wds.)

2 La Grange is the seat of this county

3 deficiency in red blood cells

4 lowest point

9 Texas-based film "\_\_\_ Cowboy"

10 "cement pond"

11 'tween Mon. & Wed.

12 one of the Texas Gatlin Brothers (init.)

13 TX Keyes book: "Scarlett \_\_\_ Younger Sister"

14 raw diamond, e.g.

15 TX Simone Biles won bronze on the balance \_\_\_ in 2016 and 2020

16 electronic crystal display (abbr.)

17 "\_\_\_ \_\_\_ living" (struggled to get by)

20 theatrical platforms

22 TXism: "tighter than bark \_\_\_ \_\_\_"

24 July cooler (abbr.)

25 \_\_\_ well, Texas

26 bird class

27 was furious

28 TX Tommy Lee Jones 1994 legal film: "The \_\_\_"

29 sports AM serving Midland-Odessa

30 TXism: "\_\_\_ a bull give milk? (no)"

33 hankering

34 late TX Rip Torn 1978 mystery film

35 deflated tires

37 TXism: "he sits \_\_\_ saddle" (good man)

38 wooden box

40 TX Buddy's widow: Maria \_\_\_ Holly

41 "hit below the \_\_\_"

44 TXism: "that \_\_\_ won't float"

47 you can sail on one out of Galveston

49 surface-\_\_\_ missile

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# Small Town Cookin' By Jeri Lynn White

**Popcorn** January 19th is National Popcorn Day. This recipe includes instructions on making clarified butter or ghee, which might come useful in other recipes as well.

**Buttery Movie Popcorn** • www.recipetineats.com

**Ingredients**

**MOVIE POPCORN:**

- 3 tbsp Popcorn Butter or ghee (Note 1)
- 3/4 cup popcorn kernels
- 2 – 3 tbsp Extra Popcorn Butter or ghee (Note 1)
- 1 tsp Popcorn Salt

**POPCORN SALT:**

- 1 tbsp salt
- POPCORN BUTTER (CLARIFIED BUTTER / GHEE):
- 2 sticks unsalted butter
- YELLOW COLOURING (OPTIONAL):
- 1 1/2 tsp warm tap water
- 1/4 tsp saffron powder, imitation (Note 2)
- 1/8 tsp turmeric powder

**Instructions**

**MOVIE POPCORN:**

Place 3 tbsp Popcorn Butter in a large 10L/10qt light-weight pot over medium heat (medium high if weak stove). When the butter is almost melted, pour in Yellow Coloring, if using. Quickly give the pan a shake to disperse the coloring across the base. Add kernels, shake quickly to spread across the base, then clamp lid on. The kernels will start popping after a minute or so. Shake briefly once after 30 seconds or so. When the popping stops, immediately pour popcorn into a large bowl. Melt Extra Popcorn Butter in microwave. Pour over popcorn, sprinkle over salt. Shake and toss well to disperse. Extra fantastic served warm but still irresistible at room temp.

**POPCORN SALT:**

Place in a mortar and pestle and grind into a fine powder, or use about 1/2 cup salt and blitz in food processor.

**POPCORN BUTTER (VIDEO HELPFUL):**

Place butter in a silver saucepan over medium low to medium heat. Leave to melt, it will start to sputter and

spit, then foam. When you push the foam aside and you see brown bits on the bottom of the saucepan, remove from heat. Takes about 10 minutes. Line a strainer with 2 paper towels, then strain butter through – discard brown bits. Pour strained butter into a jar or container. It sets when it cools. Use in liquid or set form. Keeps in the pantry for months (it is now ghee / clarified butter).

**YELLOW COLOURING (OPTIONAL):**

Mix ingredients in a small bowl until spices dissolve.

**Recipe Notes:**

1. Popcorn Butter – Can be substituted with store bought Ghee. Recipe makes more than you need because it's easier to make this quantity, and it keeps for months. We're making ghee here which is clarified butter, which is butter where milk solids and water has been removed, so it's 100% butter fat. Because it's 100% fat, it has a far higher smoking point than butter (you can't cook popcorn in normal butter), and it also means it can be stored in the pantry without spoiling. The removal of the water from the butter is also the reason why the popcorn stays crispy for days – unlike when you douse it with normal melted butter. If you skip making Popcorn Butter, you MUST use normal oil to cook the popcorn, do not use normal butter. Then douse the popcorn with normal melted butter – but it does soften and is certainly no good the next day. Use leftover ghee in Daal, Tikka Masala, Butter Chicken, or any other recipe that calls for ghee, or in place of cooking oil for any Indian recipe.
2. Saffron Powder – Found in the herbs and spices section of supermarkets. Get the cheap saffron powder which is not 100% saffron and has coloring added. Don't get the expensive saffron powder which is pure ground saffron!
3. STORAGE: Stays crisp for 2 to 3 days in an airtight container. It can even be kept for 4 days if you have a super airtight container.

## Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



### The sweetest Labrador

This week my daughter Emily and her family will say goodbye to their 15-year-old Labrador, Abbey. With two children who have not known life without their dog, the loss will be especially hard.

It was the classic tale of college love how Abbey came to be Emily's. A boyfriend gifted the puppy to Emily while at Texas A&M. He did not make the cut, but Abbey stayed forever. She was, as most labs are, the sweet and obedient and faithful friend to Emily throughout her first four years of teaching as a single woman, during her courtship with the man who did stick around and was the perfect pet to welcome home two babies in the span of three years. Abbey has been there for the hardest and most precious moments for Emily.

Here's the deal with Abbey: she's never been in the way and yet she has always been a fixture in the room. Sit down to read? She was at your feet. Go take a bath and close the door? She planted herself just outside. Put the newborns on the floor for tummy time, and Abbey mimicked. She

never begged for food but waited patiently for the toddler crumbs to fall to the floor.

The golden lab slept with her family—sometimes all five of them in the big bed when the girls were really small—until she could no longer jump up in the bed or make the stairs. So, what did the family do? They moved downstairs so Abbey could enjoy her final year of sleeping bed-side on the floor.

She has lived in College Station, San Marcos, Gail, Midland, and spent her best years in Snyder. Walks on the streets around Towle Park were family affairs until Abbey could no longer do so.

Her mom and dad have been doing their homework on how to approach this week with Lillie and Ellie. A new puppy was added last summer, so the house will not be void of pet love after Abbey is gone. Abbey has merely tolerated Moo, a sheepadoodle who has endeared herself to everyone but Abbey. Though the recent addition is dearly loved, the Rollins family has an unwritten pact that instructs

them to protect Abbey from the playfully bothersome puppy. Ellie refers to it as putting Moo in "time out" (a phrase Ellie herself knows well).

Seven-year-old Lillie wondered aloud this past week, in my presence, how old she thought she would be when I went to heaven. My aging—and Abbey's—are on her mind. When the subject arises, we just make it a simple, natural conversation.

Because death is natural.

Unfortunately, sometimes the way in which those we love exit the earth is not natural, and that is the source of unimaginable grief.

Thankfully, Abbey will go naturally and peacefully, having lived her best life with her best family. She loved and was loved. The family will grieve. And then twenty years from now, two little girls all grown up and possibly with families of their own, will remember this golden Labrador, their beloved first family pet.

Here's to Abbey and our other furry friends. Life is so much sweeter with their unconditional companionship.

## Happy Birthday

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| <p><b>Jan. 19</b><br/>Gene Schueler<br/>Iona Renner<br/>Cotton Fleming<br/>Heather (Sandoval) Chico<br/>Kristi Neill<br/>Sheila (Wiseman) Giddens<br/>Ericka Godoy</p> | <p><b>Jan. 22</b><br/>Jeff Procter<br/>Candice Schueler<br/>Natalee (Roberts) Harris<br/>Emalee Roberts<br/>Brannon Harmon</p>                                   |
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## Gas prices mixed

By GasBuddy

Average gasoline prices in Texas rose 7.3 cents in the last week, averaging \$2.90 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Prices in Texas are 31.2 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 0.4 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas was priced at \$2.29 while the most expensive was \$4.17 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 2.5 cents in the last week, averaging \$3.28 per gallon. The national average is up 14.9 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 2.2 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has fallen 7.2 cents in the last week and stands at \$4.56 per gallon.

"We've seen somewhat of a mixed week at the pump with some states seeing gasoline prices rise, while others have stabilized for the time being. The good news as of late has been the continued decline in average diesel prices, which fell over a penny per day last week," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

De Haan added, "Oil prices have seen a bit of a rally, finishing last week at nearly \$80 per barrel again as Chinese demand starts to jump as expected, but with Covid cases and deaths now also surging in China, the jump in demand could be short-lived. Gas prices may nudge up slightly in the week ahead in some areas, while others could hold flat. The window on price drops however, appears to be coming up on the horizon as we get closer to what's likely to be a significant refinery maintenance period ahead of summer."

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## Lessons from Lesotho-A Biblical foundation

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

On December 7-21, 2022, FBC Friona sent a mission team of six members, all from Friona, to serve the Lord in Lesotho, Africa. This small country in the southern part of the continent is a place of great gospel opportunity and need. It was a privilege to lead this team and my January articles will reflect on Lessons from Lesotho. If you would like to read more about this trip, go to [www.fbcfriona.com](http://www.fbcfriona.com) and look for the "Lesotho Mission Trip 2022" page.

One of the main objectives of the mission trip was to conduct a three day training on Biblical hermeneutics (biblical interpretation) for church leaders. I took the lead in teaching the 18 pastors and church leaders who attended while others on our team helped the training to run smoothly and some prepared for ministry outreaches later in the week. The pastors from Lesotho were all bivocational pastors who faithfully pour their lives into serving the Lord and their churches the best they can. The purpose of doing a training on Biblical interpretation was to give these

leaders a better biblical foundation for their lives and ministries. As the training flew by, the men eagerly soaked up God's word, and were equipped with principles and methods to help them better handle the scriptures and teach to their churches. In the midst of this aspect of our trip, the need for a solid biblical foundation was so apparent in Lesotho, as there is little to no access to theological training, but there was a great hunger for the Lord's truth. These pastors exemplified the desire to be obedient to 2 Timothy 2:15 (ESV) which says, "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth." Rightly handling the Word of God is dependent upon having a firm biblical foundation, and it is a need in Lesotho, but also a great need in Friona. Building your life on the word of God begins with regularly reading the Bible, and allowing the Holy Spirit to teach you as you read, and being obedient to the Lord's commands and leading.

### Panhandle Parables

## Hide And Seek

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

Like most 5th graders I loved a good round of Hide and Seek. We (me, my sister and cousins) could play that game for a long time at Pop and Gram's house. There was a thousand places to hide, from the "I give up you can come out now" places to the rather quick escape places that let you make it to "base" without getting caught. Now that I own that house, I am finding those hiding places a bit annoying, as most of them need a new coat of paint and I keep finding places to paint. I digress back to my thought...

The premise of the game is simple, one player counts (usually in a manner that would disappoint a kindergarten teacher) and everybody else hides. The counter, once counting with eyes closed is completed will yell, "Ready or not here I come." The seeking and finding would follow. It is a fun game as a kid, but many haven't stopped playing as adults in a spiritual sense.

Hiding from an All Seeing God doesn't make much sense. Yet since the time of Adam folks have invested a great deal of

energy in trying to hide. Why? Answer-Fear! It is the nature of our sinfulness. God calls out for us to come and instead we hide. We hide behind smiles that cover a deep hurt. We hide behind material success that gives the appearance of having it all, all the while wishing we had relationships. We hide because Satan tells us just how disappointed God and everyone else will be if they really knew...

Yet when the counting was done and the time was perfect, God became man to seek man, to show man that He loved him. Man feeling threatened and fearful realizing his sinfulness could not be hidden from God because God was now man in the flesh, Jesus. This left man with two choices, kill Jesus or seek Him. You know how that story ended at a cross, but a new story emerges from the grave. Jesus still seeks the lost. It is interesting that when God seeks man, man hides, but when man seeks God, He is found.

The counting continues as we await His return. Are you seeking or hiding? One day...He will say, "Ready or not here I come."

## The 24

By Teena Hughs

We are continuing our study of Revelation in Community Bible Study. Yesterday, we examined Chapter 4, The Throne in Heaven. Please hear these words John wrote in verses 1 - 4:

"After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in Heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in Heaven, with one seated on the throne. And He who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald. Around the throne were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads."

So, who are these 24 elders? What can you gather about them from the way John describes them?

Scripture doesn't say who they are. Some people believe they represent the 12 tribes of Israel in the Old Testament and the 12 disciples in the New Testament. Some wonder if it could be people who were true believers, totally faithful, loyal and obedient to God, like Abraham, Moses, Elijah, Enoch. I wondered if women like Rahab and Mary might be among the 24. One lady in class pointed out that David, the man after God's own heart, "did not ascend into the heavens" (Acts 2:34), but he will ascend when Jesus comes back (Job 14:12). David is someone you would think would be among the 24, so she wondered if these 24 won't be complete until after Jesus comes back.

I believe the 24 are some of the most Godly people; they have made mistakes, but they repented and became the peo-

ple God desired them to be. Whoever they are, I agree with my mentor Stephanie Saylor who says all believers will be represented by the 24.

While we may not know who the 24 are, Scripture tells us how some of them earned their crowns of righteousness. 1 Corinthians 9:24-25 refers to an athlete who "exercises self-control in all things." Philippians 4:1 encourages us to stand firm in the Lord." 2 Timothy 4:7-8 encourages us to fight the good fight, finish the race, keep the faith. 1 Peter 5:1-4 tells us we are to shepherd God's flock by willingly exercising oversight, doing it eagerly, and by being an example. James 1:12 says, "Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love Him."

I don't know if my class member is right about the 24 being incomplete, but shouldn't we live our lives as if we are a candidate to be one of the 24? If the 24 are already sitting on their thrones around God, shouldn't we live our lives in a way to make God wonder if He should kick someone out and include us in the 24?

He has told us what we need to do to earn our crown of righteousness; we just need to choose to live that life. If we truly believe and earnestly follow Jesus' two greatest commandments to love the Lord with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind, and love your neighbor as yourself (Luke 10:27), we can exercise self-control, stand firm in the Lord, fight the good fight, keep the faith, finish the race, and shepherd God's flock as Jesus shepherds us through His Word, and we can be qualified to be one of His 24.

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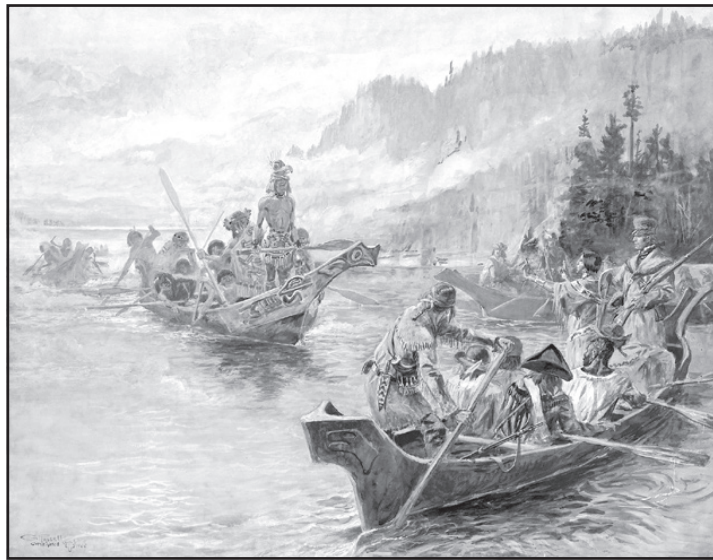
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# Seek and Find

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith

On January 18, 1803, President Thomas Jefferson requested a congressional authorization of \$2,500 to underwrite an expedition by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, to determine the expanse of the country. According to History.com, the cost ramped up to \$50,000; an equivalent of \$1,177, 765 in contemporary currency.



Sixteen months later, the two explorers, along with a company of fifty, set out on their mission. It included a former African American slave "and a female Native American guide named Sacagawea. The team, which Jefferson called the Corps of Discovery, first surveyed the territory that comprised the Louisiana Purchase, a vast expanse that reached as far north as present-day North Da-

kota, south to the Gulf of Mexico and stopped at the eastern border of Spanish territory in present-day Texas. The team then crossed the Rockies and navigated river routes to the Pacific coast of present-day Oregon. Upon their return, the duo's reports of the exotic and awe-inspiring new lands they had encountered sparked a new wave of westward expansion,"

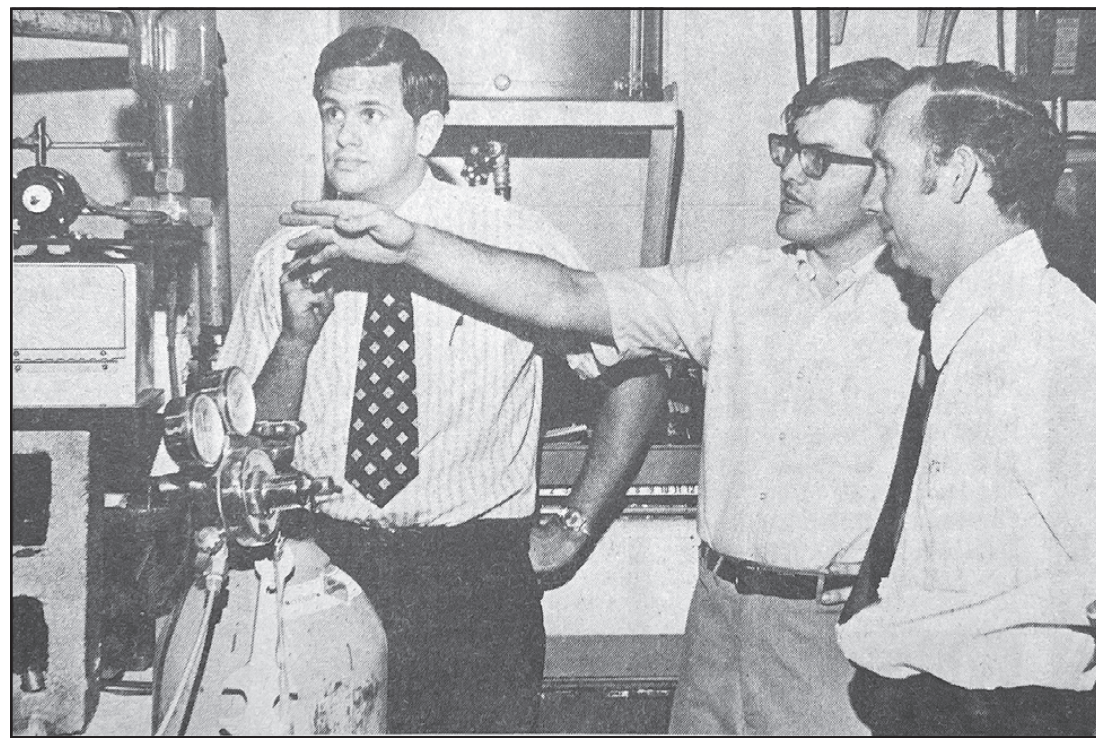
as reported by History.com.

For more information, the Grateful American Book Prize recommends **Corps of Discovery: A Novel Based on the Lewis and Clark Expedition of 1803-1806** by Jeffrey W. Tenney.

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

## FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



CLOSING THE CYCLE... Working at Texas Tech University to use feedlot wastes in the production of anhydrous ammonia and so close the food cycle are, left to right - Dr. Robert M. Sweazy, assistant director of the university's Water Resources Center; Karl L. Herzog, graduate student from Stanton; and James E. Halligan of the chemical engineering faculty. Halligan has developed the theory which could produce 1,000 tons of ammonia per day, using a synthesis gas which can be made from the cattle waste. Tech Photo. (Friona Star, Thursday, January 18, 1973)

# Powerlifting Results

### Panhandle Invitational - Panhandle High School - 1/14/2023 - Boys

Wt.	Place	Athlete	School	BWT	Squat	Bench	Dead	Total
123	1	Bautista, Michael	Friona	122.5	335	210	375	920
132	1	Bautista, Mario	Friona	130.9	340	240	385	965
148	1	Garcia, Xuan	Friona	148	385	225	405	1015
148	5	Ramos, Gabriel	Friona	132.9	285	205	295	785
165	6	Rocha, Abram	Friona	164.9	345	225	330	900
198	3	Perez, Hevilat	Friona	196.2	430	270	370	1070
198	7	Saucedo, Angel	Friona	197.9	380	210	350	940
220	9	Abarca, Gabriel	Friona	208.3	365	205	315	885
242	1	Flores, Ishmael	Friona	223.1	505	285	500	1290
242	2	Garcia, Mario	Friona	227.7	475	305	405	1185
275	2	Rodriguez, Aaron	Friona	259.4	530	325	445	1300

### Panhandle Invitational - Panhandle High School - 1/14/2023 - Girls

Wt.	Place	Athlete	School	BWT	Squat	Bench	Dead	Total
105	2	Galaviz, Ellie	Friona	103.3	185	100	200	485
105	3	Saucedo, Naara	Friona	104.7	185	105	180	470
105	6	Carranza, Anaesha	Friona	100.5	150	70	145	365
114	3	Ortiz, Duvy	Friona	111.1	205	95	250	550
123	8	Hernandez, Evelyn	Friona	122.1	185	85	185	455
132	3	Garcia, Janessa	Friona	127.4	220	120	200	540
132	SC	Azrate, Abril	Friona	132	0	0	0	0
132	SC	Cruz, Stephanie	Friona	132	0	0	0	0
165	2	Arias, Reyna	Friona	160	300	145	275	720
181	5	Abarca, Lilly	Friona	179.4	170	115	205	490
220	2	Phillips, Marie	Friona	215.8	220	130	225	575



Congratulations to the Friona Chieftain Powerlifters. They placed 1st at the Panhandle Invitational Meet last Saturday. In the photo (l-r): Michael Bautista, Abram Rocha, Mario Bautista, Mario Garcia, Hevilat Perez. Not pictured: Aaron Rodriguez, Ishmael Flores, Gabriel Abarca, Angel Saucedo, Gabriel Ramos, Xuan Garcia.

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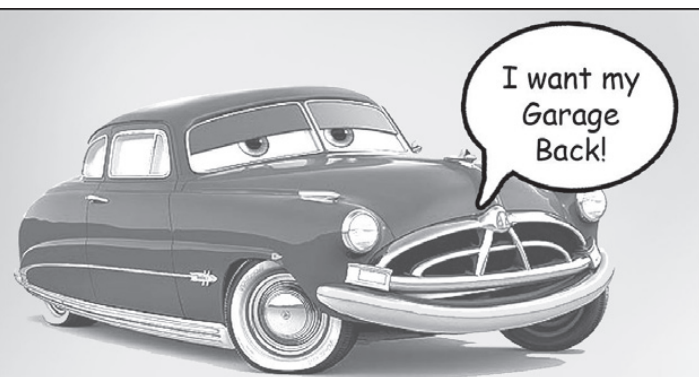
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# Fireballs win Texico Tip Off Tournament

The Friena 5 and 6 grade girls team competed in the 2023 Texico Tip Off Tournament on January 13 and 14. They started off on Friday by playing Xplosion. In that game, Jaylee scored 14 points, Preslie 2, Genesis 2, Karleigh 2 and Ivanna 6. The defense allowed only 2 points to be scored by Xplosion. The final score ended 26-2.

On Saturday, the Friena girls moved on to play Tatum. Jaylee scored 10, Genesis 9, Ivanna 2, and D'Nasha 4. Friena beat Tatum 25 - 13.

In the next game, Friena played Texico. Jaylee scored 12 points, Genesis 2, Karleigh 3, Ivanna 2, and Aylen 2. The girls were able to move on to the championship game by winning over Texico 21-13.

The hosting Texico team was able to clinch a win and work their way back into the championship game. All the Friena girls worked hard on defense, however, Preslie played a strong defensive game and was able to shut out the leading scorer for the Wolverines in both games. Jaylee scored 12 points and Aylen scored 6. Friena was able to keep Texico to only 9 points and ended up winning with a final score of 18-9.

Friena ended up 1st in the tournament and received medals. The girls will be hosting a local tournament the weekend of March 24 - 26. It is open for boys and girls from 1st grade - Varsity.



**In the photo (l-r)** — Front Row: Amaya Rojas (4th), Preslie Goyne (5th), D'Nasha Shelby (6th), Karleigh Rangel (5th); Back Row: Brynlee Smith (5th), Genesis Aguirre (5th), Andrew Aguirre (Coach), Ivanna Guevara (6th), Emery Rangel (6th), Jaylee Perez (6th), Aylen Moreno (6th), Cindy Moreno (Coach)



The 3rd/4th grade basketball team competed in the Texico Tip Off Tournament on January 13-14. The team earned its way to the championship game and finished in 2nd place. The team is coached by Herman Marquez.

**In the photo (l-r)** — Top Row: Ayleen Marquez, Matthew Marquez, Yuvia Arias, Isziah Snyder, Lorenzo Carrillo, Anthony Marquez, Eden Esparza, Yahir Faudoa; Bottom Row: Jaydon Hancock, Elian Aguirre, Yadriel Faudoa

**Final Results**  
**Friena Junior High Basketball Tournament**  
 January 12 & 14, 2023

**7th Grade Girls**  
 1st Place - Littlefield  
 2nd Place - Muleshoe  
 3rd Place - Friena

**7th Grade Boys**  
 1st Place - Farwell  
 2nd Place - Vega  
 3rd Place - Muleshoe

**8th Grade Girls**  
 1st Place - Farwell  
 2nd Place - Lubbock Titans  
 3rd Place - Wildorado

**8th Grade Boys**  
 1st Place - Farwell  
 2nd Place - Lubbock Titans  
 3rd Place - Friena

## Varsity Boys Basketball

**Tuesday 1/10/23**

Morton	14	24	3	12	<b>53</b>
Friena	7	3	6	5	<b>21</b>

*Johnny Gonzalez 8 points, Jose Luis Saucedo 6 points*

**Friday 1/13/23**

Lamesa	17	12	14	17	<b>60</b>
Friena	2	4	5	7	<b>18</b>

*Jose Alvidrez 6 points, Brice Jeter and Jose Luis Saucedo 5 points each*

## Girls Basketball District 3-AAA

TEAM	Enrollment	District		Overall	
		W	L	W	L
Littlefield	355	7	0	16	9
Muleshoe	370	5	2	13	10
Denver City	498	4	3	14	12
Lamesa	499	3	3	14	14
Brownfield	474	3	4	11	17
Dimmitt	330	2	5	8	17
Friena	285	0	7	5	18

## Boys Basketball District 3-AAA

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Friena	285	0	5	4	19



Squaws vs Lamesa



Chiefs vs Lamesa





# Retired teachers still learning

Parmer County Retired Teachers and School Personnel met on January 10 in the home of Melissa Randolph for a soup and stew luncheon. Tina Sides conducted the business meeting. Glenda Procter reminded everyone to turn in volunteer hours to her by January 20th.

Lee Davila, Friona City Manager, gave a report on various projects happening in Friona, including the community center, which serves the entire county. He discussed grants which are

(or hopefully will be) funding several projects: paint recycling, depot renovation, cardboard recycling, day-care at two locations, school resource officer, senior citizen grant, and a health and wellness grant.

Other projects he discussed were a feasibility study for a new fire station, a mural project, O'Reilly Auto Parts, water line expansion, water tower renovation, regional sexual assault training for law enforcement, renovation for Women's Federated

Clubhouse and new hires for the city.

Other PCRTSP meetings this school year included a lunch at Farmwife Kitchen with county school superintendents as guests and a presentation about clean products by health and wellness chairperson, Annette Frye, at the home of Kim Smiley. The last meeting of the school year will include a tour of Parmer Paws on Tuesday, March 7th at 2:00 p.m. All county retired school employees and guests are welcome to attend.



Linda and Mickey Griffin learn more about the use of "clean" products from Health and Wellness chairperson, Annette Frye, at the November PCRTSP meeting.



City Manager Lee Davila and his former teachers.



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