



Burn Ban is Back

Parmer County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, January 23, 2023 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.

There were no comments from the public during the open forum. Minutes from the January 6th 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.

DPS trooper Kyle Grimsley asked the Court to consider ARPA funds for the purchase of night vision equipment. Commissioners approved the \$10,000 expenditure and the new equipment will remain the property of Parmer County and will be maintained by the Sheriff's Office.

A ninety-day burn ban for Parmer County was approved beginning January 23rd.

Commissioners discussed the possibility of removing taxation on personal vehicles. Parmer County Chief Appraiser Jill Timms was present to answer questions. The item was tabled until all the affected taxing entities could be notified and allowed to respond.

The Treasurer's Quarterly Report was approved and can be found on page 8.

In other business, continuing education hours for the Tax Assessor-Collector and JP Pct. 1 were approved, a \$490 funding request to make the county website compliance with existing disability law was approved, and 2022 rollover vacation hours for 3 employees was approved. Also, the yearly collection report from Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, LLC was approved.

Parmer County Sheriff Eric Geske informed the Court that the Parmer County Law Enforcement Center is currently housing 37 inmates of which 15 are paying customers from Deaf Smith County and 2 are paying customers from Dawson County. Commissioners approved a request from Sheriff Geske for \$49,677.59 of ARPA funds to equip the SO's 2022 Ford pickup and 2023 Chevy Tahoe for service.

The next regular meeting was rescheduled for Friday, February 17th.

All meetings are open to the public. Information in this article is only a summary.



Kyle Lambert, a manager at Cargill, and his sons built a snowman on Tuesday after a winter storm dropped 5.5 inches of snow on Friona. Kyle also serves as a board member for the Chamber of Commerce. Kyle "Frosty" Lambert featured lime green eyes, a chili pepper nose, and a hard hat for safety.

Friona receives first snow for 2023

Friona enjoyed its first snowfall and first measurable precipitation for 2023 thanks to a snowstorm that arrived late Monday night and lasted most of the day on Tuesday. Weather historian John Gurley reported that Friona received 5.5 inches of snow which translated into .5 inches of needed precipitation. The gen-

eral rule of thumb is that a typical snowfall will have a snow-to-liquid ratio of 10 to 1, meaning that 10 inches of snow will yield one inch of water.

Tuesday night's basketball games versus Denver City were played on Monday night in anticipation of the storm. Most weather forecasters predicted 3-4

inches of snow and got as close as could be expected when predicting Panhandle weather. All schools were closed on Tuesday as well as many businesses. Most of the

roads were clear Tuesday afternoon thanks to the hard work of city, county, and state employees. Hopefully, more snow and/or rain is on the horizon.

Texas State Parks are popular

Nearly 8,000 participants shattered the previous attendance record on New Year's Day by ringing in Texas State Parks' 100th birthday with a First Day Hike. Texans across the state traveled to one of the 83 participating parks and hiked, biked and paddled a combined 17,190 miles.

"What an exciting way to kick off the 100-year anniversary of Texas State Parks," said Rodney Franklin, director of Texas State Parks. "I am thrilled that I could be a part of the effort that saw 7,923 Texas lead the nation in the number of hikes, participants and miles hiked. Thank you all for joining us — please come back soon with a friend."

Cedar Hill State Park, about 25 minutes south of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, had the most participants this year with 773 visitors taking part in multiple programs throughout the day. Other parks that drew high visitation numbers on January 1 include Mother Neff State Park with 603 participants, Palo Duro Canyon State Park with 414, Dinosaur Valley State Park with 392 and Brazos Bend State Park with 384.



The Lighthouse, Palo Duro Canyon State Park

Cotton Conference is Feb. 9th

By Susan Himes

The Parmer County Cotton Conference will be held by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service on February 9th in Bovina, Texas.

Onsite registration will begin at 8 a.m. followed by the program at 8:30 a.m. The conference will take place at the XIT Recreation Center, 215 North Street in Bovina. The day will conclude with an auxin training.

The cost is \$25, and participants must RSVP by February 3 to the AgriLife Extension office in Parmer County at 806-251-5120. Lunch will be provided.

Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be available, but the type and quantity are pend-



Texas A&M AgriLife photo by Sam Craft

ing, said Janelle Duffey, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent for Parmer County.

Conference topics and speakers

The scheduled topics and speakers for the

cotton conference are as follows:

- **Integrated pest management report for 2022 and the outlook for 2023** by John Thobe, AgriLife Extension integrated pest management agent for

Bailey, Castro and Parmer counties.

- **Economic strategies and what markets are looking like in 2023** by Justin Benavidez, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension economist, Amarillo.

- **Operation diversification for when crops fail and prices drop, and a discussion on incorporating dorper sheep** by Kelly Kettner, Kettner Farms, Muleshoe.

- **Irrigation and the economics of drip irrigation and how it can save in the long run, especially when water is in short supply** by a representative from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Services Agency.



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Friona Weather Jan-Feb 26-1	T 40 16 WNW 10-15	F 44 27 WSW 10-15	S 51 17 W 15-25	S 47 22 SSE 10-20	M 50 26 S 15-25	T 53 20 SW 15-25	W 49 16 WNW 10-20	Precipitation January 0.55 Year 0.55	Burn Ban Yes
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Mayor's Minutes

By Greg Lewellen



Community Calendar

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

January 26

• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

January 30

• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

January 31

• Packing for Snack Pack 4 Kids at 2:30 p.m. at Methodist Church, north entrance

February 1

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

February 2

• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

February 6

• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

February 14

• Valentine's Day

I am pleased to start Mayor's Minutes back up after a little bit of a hiatus, and keep our community informed about what is going on down at City Hall. We are starting 2023 with a variety of projects on the table to improve the city. Our first project to start the year will be the opening of a cardboard recycling center on February 1st. The city, through a grant from the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, will accept cardboard at the city barn located at 8th and Jackson Avenue, where we will bail the cardboard to be picked up for recycling. This will help reduce the solid waste in Republic's dumpsters and continue the Keep Friona Clean campaign started a few years ago.

The City of Friona has also been deeded the building and land of the Louisa Wilson Girl Scout Hut on Ashland. The city intends to use this site, along with the Redeemer Center, to attract a day care operation to the city, with help in funding from the Amarillo Area Foundation and the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission.

Our next major project involves the renovation and expansion of the Friona Fire Department. The city is looking to expand upon the existing building on Main Street and provide a building that will house all the department's vehicles, along with providing a training facility for our volunteer department and the surrounding areas. The work on this long term project is just beginning, and there will be more to come on this in later additions of Mayor's Minutes. I would like to thank the fire department for working over the past several months to develop a plan in an ever-changing environment.

Fire Chief Gary Stowers and Assistant Chief Danny Campbell are leading a committee of fireman and council members to develop a model for the renovations and directing the effort to accomplish a goal set by the council and former Mayor Rick White many years ago.

In other projects, the City is working with the Friona ISD to acquire a School Resource Officer through funding provided by the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission. Also, the city and the Economic Development Commission are finalizing a development contract to build houses on the former Jones property to the west of Prairie Acres, between 15th and 16th Street. This project will be done in phases and provide multi-bedroom homes to Friona, with the first phase completing in the early Fall of 2023. A project is also in the design phases of renovating the city pound and to develop the former Women's Federation Building into a center for women's activities and services.

Our EMS service is staffed sufficiently now that we can confidently handle most calls and transfers from Parmer Medical Center. Along with the ambulance provided by the community, Friona is much more prepared to handle any medical emergency than in the past. Thank you to the city council and to Nick Baucom, our EMS director, for leading the charge to work through staffing and funding issues over the past budget cycle.

There are a few new faces at City Hall this month that I wanted to take the opportunity to introduce. First is Emma Rector, a Friona native that has come back to serve as our Friona Chamber of Commerce and Friona Economic

Development Commission's Executive Director. Emma has already taken the reigns from former director Chris Alexander, and you can expect many great things to come. Also, Danny Campbell has joined City Hall as Friona's Fire Marshall and Code Compliance Officer. Mr. Campbell will be reviewing the building code and will begin enforcement duties soon. It has been many years since Friona has had a resident Fire Marshall, and I want to welcome him to his new position. He will still be serving as Assistant Chief for the Friona Fire Department. Finally, I would like

to welcome Lupe Salinas as our new Animal Control Officer. As many of you know, Lupe has long since been an advocate for animals in and around Friona. Now, she will have the enforcement authority to uphold local regulations as it relates to animal welfare.

I would also like to announce that I will begin a monthly rotation of town hall discussions at various clubs throughout the next year, including the Senior Citizen's Center. Look for me to be at the Senior Citizens' lunch on the third Thursday of every month, and we can talk about the goings on of Friona!

**City of Friona
By the Numbers**

December 2022

Public Library

19 days open
253 e-visits
377 in-house visits
3 new patrons
252 items circulated
213 new items added
Book Shop open 6 times
\$50.00 in sales

Police Department

177 calls
5 arrests
32 citations
108 warnings
140 stops
2,682 miles driven

EMS

16 transports (911)
6 Prairie Acres (911)
15 transfers
11 non-transports (911)
0 no patient or disregard
4 standbys
52 total service calls

Volunteer Fire Department

Dec. 1 Rail Car Fire - sent 2 trucks, 5 firefighters
Dec. 5 Rail Car Fire - sent 2 trucks, 6 firefighters
Dec. 12 Wreck - sent 2 trucks, 5 firefighters
Dec. 22 False Alarm - sent 3 trucks, 7 firefighters
Dec. 23 Smoke Alarm - sent 3 trucks, 9 firefighters
Dec. 26 Wreck - sent 2 trucks, 6 firefighters
Dec. 26 Grass Fire - sent 2 trucks, 7 firefighters
Dec. 31 Grass Fire - sent 2 trucks, 9 firefighters

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ACROSS
1 TXism: "would ___ _ maggot" (icky)
5 this Riley was a LB for the Houston Oilers (1981-86)
6 dye for hair coloring
7 loaf around
8 TXism: "give ___ _ rest" (shut up)
9 assn. for Texas MDs
12 stinging insects
17 just the tea, please (2 wds.)
19 TXism: "busy ___ _ -armed paper hanger"
21 in San Patricio County on U.S. 181
22 north-westernmost county in Texas
23 TXism: "takes a big ___ _ rope him" (large man)
28 saddle ___ (chafed)
29 "I don't want to hear a ___ out of you"
30 TXism: "___ marm" (teacher)
31 city in Nebraska and Texas
35 "it's just the ___ _ the iceberg"
36 TXism: "he ___ _ own two feet" (independent)
42 Hereford: "The Town With ___ _ ache"
44 venomous "Texas ___ Snake"
46 in Sam Houston State Park: "Long-leaf ___ _"

DOWN
1 former event by three singing Texas brothers: "___ _ Gala"
2 DiCaprio was TX Howard Hughes in film "The ___ _"
3 "Come and Take It" flag originated in this Texas city
4 poker start
9 "love," south of the border
10 TXism: "he's got ___ _ than he can say grace over"
11 TX Roy Orbison sang Wilbury's "Not Alone ___ More"
48 Asian tiered tower
49 fifth state due north of Texas (abbr.)
50 "do it or ___!"
51 TXism: "___ to" (similar)
52 environ. protector
53 cattle enclosures
54 TX Cheyenne Knight golfing assn.
56 had supper
57 TXism: "hit me like a ___ of bricks"

12 TXism: "tight ___ _ (cheapskate)
13 TXism: "flat ___ _"
14 "Black Friday" event
15 word after "ski" or "telephone"
16 Kellogg's "___, Crackle and Pop"
18 self-importance
20 "Hook '___ Horns!"
23 this Levi created blue jeans (init.)
24 final mo. of the State Fair of Texas
25 birth state of Gov. "Pappy" O'Daniel
26 camper or infield fly ball (2 wds.)
37 ripped in two
38 what an old Texan can tell (2 wds.)
39 TXism: "happy as a ___ _ slop"
40 brandin' tools
41 TXism: "got an overdose of woe"
43 Cowboys' Dalton Schultz pos.
45 ___ Grange, Texas
47 "___ _ _ conclusion" (decide with little information)
48 daddy
55 this Peter wrote "North Dallas Forty"

COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from January 12, 2022 to January 19, 2023

(1/12/23) Verna Lee Patton — Jorge Gonzalez — Lots 7 and 8, Block 3, Drakes Revised Subdivision, City of Friona, Parmer County, Texas

(1/13/23) Jesse Koehn, Nicole Koehn — Christopher Lee Davis, Felicia Reann Davis — A 50.0' x 626.0' Tract of Land in the Northwest Quarter of Section 10, Doud and Keefer Subdivision, Parmer County, Texas

(1/13/23) Joy Valene Graham — Ky Brent Graham, Gail Tisehammer — All of Section 20, Harding Subdivision of Parmer County Texas; The Southeast Quarter of Section 1, Block B, Rhea Brothers Subdivision of Parmer County, Texas; All of the North 241 Acres of Section 30, Charles E. Harding Subdivision, Parmer County, Texas

(1/17/23) Calvin Ivie — Scott Fangman — Southeast Quarter of Section 11, Township 1 North, Range 4 East, Capitol Syndicate Subdivision, Parmer County, Texas

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Reported by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office:
Eric Geske, Sheriff

(1/17/23) Robin Ashley Martinez, 34, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a Bailey County Warrant for Man De. CS PG1 <1g DFZ IAT/Probation Violation.

(1/19/23) Uriel Morales, 29, of Friona was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Probation Violation.

(1/20/23) Johnathan Romero, 27, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Fail to ID Fugitive Intent Give False Info.

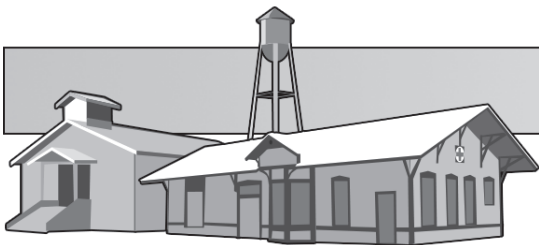
College News

Sam Houston State University

Fall 2022 — Deans' List
Sam Houston State University congratulates the students who were named to the Fall 2022 Deans' List including **Audrianna Trevino** of Friona. To qualify, students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher and complete a minimum of 12 credit hours. Its motto,



"The measure of a Life is its Service," resonates among its approximately 21,612 students, eight colleges and well beyond its Huntsville roots.



TOWN TALK

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Send In Your Photos — Our special Valentine's issue is coming up on February 9th. Email your Valentine's photo(s) to frionastar@wtrt.net or text them to 806-265-5200. Please supply names and relationships and contact info if we have any questions.

It's Your Money — A new feature this week is Texas Senate News. Richard Lee has been covering the Texas Senate for the past 20 years. Since the Texas legislature only works every other year it is important to know what they are doing with our tax dollars. They have a record \$33B dollar surplus this year and there is a push to lower property tax rates and increase spending on education. We will keep you informed.

Stock Show Edition Next Week — The Friona Star will publish a

Parmer County Jr. Livestock Show special edition next week which will include complete show results and lots of photos.

Food for Thought — St. Ann's Catholic Church of Bovina is having their annual German Sausage Dinner on Sunday, January 29, 2023 from 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. (Texas time) in the St. Ann's Parish Hall at 401 3rd Street in Bovina, Texas. A delicious buffet of Sausage and Sauerkraut with all the trimmings will be served. Donations will be \$15 for adults and \$6 for children under six years of age. Take-out plates will be available at no additional charge.

Blood Shortage — Coffee Memorial Blood Center has announce an Emergency Blood Shortage. After a difficult month of collections in December and January,

the inventory is now down to less than a 1.5-day supply. Call 877-340-8777 or visit obi.org to make an appointment. If you are going to be in Amarillo, Coffee Memorial is located at 7500 Wallace Blvd #2149. The next Friona Community Blood Drive will be in March.

Time 2 Laugh — (1) Why did the gym close down? It just didn't work out! (2) Two artists had an art contest. It ended in a draw! Source: <https://www.rd.com/list/short-jokes>.

National Days
January 26 — Spouses Day
January 27 — Chocolate Cake Day
January 28 — Kazoo Day
January 29 — Puzzle Day
January 30 — Croissant Day
January 31 — Hot Chocolate Day
February 2 — Freedom Day



Is Spring on its Way?

On February 2nd, all eyes will be on Punxsutawney Phil, the famous groundhog who predicts whether spring and warmer weather will come soon, or winter and the cold weather will stay awhile longer.

How does he do this? Well, legend holds that when the groundhog pokes out of his hole, if the sun is shining, he will see his shadow, be frightened and dive back into his burrow to wait out six more weeks of winter. But, if he sees clouds when he comes out of his hole, he will not be afraid and we will know that spring is near!

Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, PA, is where everyone gathers to watch Phil "make his prediction"!

Groundhog's Diary Read the groundhog's diary, then find and circle the words in bold print in the puzzle.

When I come out of hibernation I'll see if it is **cloudy** or if the **sun** is shining. If it's sunny, I'll see my **shadow** and know that Winter is going to last longer. If it's cloudy, I'll **predict** that **Spring** is coming soon. I think I might be a help to **farmers** and other **people** who wonder when warmer weather will arrive. Families, and **news** reporters travel to see me and to join in the **fun**.

Where did my shadow go?

SUPER BOWL

This year's Super Bowl is being played at State Farm Stadium in Glendale, Arizona.

I can't wait for the Super Bowl...chips, veggie platters, dips, giant sandwiches...
...hot wings, nachos, friends and family! 7

1. the first _____ was on January 15, 1967
2. the _____ Super Bowl was won by the Green Bay Packers
3. Vince Lombardi was the first head _____ to win a Super Bowl
4. the _____ given to the winner is made of 7 pounds of sterling silver
5. it is the most-_____ TV sporting event with more than 100 million viewers
6. _____ of the 2 major football conferences (AFC/NFC) play in the Super Bowl
7. 120 _____ are used in the Super Bowl — (54 per team and 12 Kicker Balls)
8. aside from Thanksgiving, the most _____ is eaten by Americans on Super Bowl Sunday

Read the clues to fill in this 8 puzzle about the Super Bowl:

Groundhog Forecaster

Can you help Groundhog hike his way out of his burrow to see if the sun is shining? Use the color key to see if it is sunny or cloudy:

Y = Yellow W = White
G = Gray B = Black

Groundhog Solution:
G A G A
A V O N
T I N T
L A Z E
I T A A M A W A S P S
N O L E M O N A S A O N E
G R E G O R Y D A L L A M
L O O P T O S O R E P E E P
S C H O O L O M A H A
T I P O F S T A N D S O N H I S
O U T A T O O T H C O R A L
P I N E T R A I L P A G O D A
N D E L S E A K I N
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Look up past issues of the Friona Star on our website!

1.) Go to frionaonline.com
2.) Click on the "newspaper archives" link
3.) Search

Puzzle Solution

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The Annual Friona Star Valentine's Issue will be published Feb 9th. It's your opportunity to show off those kids, grandkids, great-grandkids and sweethearts. Deadline for photos is 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6

Notice to Parents, Grandparents, Husbands, Wives and Sweethearts

It's Bragging Time

Cost:
Small - \$10 • Medium - \$15 • Large - \$20
Photos may include names of parents and/or grandparents. For more information call 250-2211 or email frionastar@wtrt.net Bring photos by the Friona Star office Mon-Wed 10am to 5pm text photos to 806-265-5200

Small Town Cookin' By Jeri Lynn White

National Blueberry Pancake Day

Who can resist a delicious and fluffy pancake? Not me. Add blueberries and they become even more irresistible. January 28th is National Blueberry Pancake Day. I found a recipe from Down Under for you to try.

Extra Fluffy Blueberry Pancakes
www.recipetineats.com

Ingredients

- 1.5 cups (225g) blueberries, fresh or frozen (NOT thawed) (Note 1)
- Butter for pan
- DRY:
- 1 cup (150g) flour, plain / all purpose
- 2 tbsp white sugar
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp baking soda (Note 2)
- Pinch of salt
- WET:
- 1 egg
- 2 tbsp (30g) melted butter, unsalted
- 3/4 cup (185ml) milk, any fat % or non-dairy
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 tsp white vinegar (Note 3)
- SERVING:
- Softened butter
- Maple syrup

Instructions

PANCAKE BATTER

Whisk Dry ingredients. Add Wet ingredients, whisk until just incorporated. Stir through blueberries.

COOK

Melt about 1 tsp butter in a non-stick skillet over medium high heat (medium if strong stove). Dollop

a heaped 1/4 cup into the skillet, quickly nudge into a circle about 10 - 12 cm / 4-5" wide (smaller = thicker). (Note 4) Cook for 1 1/2 minutes until a few bubbles appear and underside is mostly golden. Flip with confidence. Cook a further 1 minute - poke center, should spring back, underside should be golden. **KEEP WARM & SERVE** Transfer to rack and keep warm in 100C/200F oven in single layer (do not stack). Or get 2 pans going (won't need to keep warm). Repeat with remaining batter, using extra butter as required. Serve with copious amounts of maple syrup and softened butter.

Recipe Notes:

1. Frozen blueberries - take straight out of freezer, do not thaw. Break up with your fingers, add to batter, do minimal stirring, just to disperse. Do not over stir - they bleed into the batter (nobody wants blue pancakes!) Blueberries come in 125g punnet here Down Under, so I use about 1 1/2 punnets. I toss the leftovers into the pan to warm through them add them onto the stack.

Alternatives: Other small frozen or fresh berries, or chocolate or other chips!

2. Baking soda (aka bi carbonate soda) is 3 - 4 x as strong as baking powder (which is diluted baking soda). Adding a touch of this in addition to baking powder gifts these pancakes extra rise. If you don't have it, add an extra 1 tsp baking powder - rises just slightly less.
3. Vinegar - activates the baking soda, giving the pancakes extra rise. Cannot taste it! Can sub with: lemon juice or other clear vinegar (apple cider, rice vinegar)
4. Ice cream scooper with lever is ideal here, standard size is 1/4 cup!

General:

- These are not too sweet because the assumption is that they're doused with maple syrup!
- Fluffy but not crazy thick. Too thick and it's too "breadly". We want soft and fluffy!
- Do not leave batter sitting around - the rising power will dissipate.
- Can use 1 cup self-rising flour instead of flour + baking powder (but still need baking soda)
- Can use 3/4 cup buttermilk instead of milk and vinegar

Happy Birthday

Jan. 26

- Michele Gee
- Layton Haffner
- Joy Chavez
- Logan Spencer
- Pat Blackburn
- Caleb Miller

Jan. 30

- Denise Padilla
- Clay Hurst
- Justin Hyde
- Camryn Kube
- Brittany Jones
- Styler Haddock
- Mayra Garcia
- Charlotte Bynum

Jan. 27

- O.P. Vazquez
- Jo Beth Gipson
- Floyd Schlenker
- Lindsay Lookingbill
- Angel Samarron

Jan. 31

- Blake Stowers
- Ellie McEuen
- Louise Walker
- Skyler Harris
- Lupe (Brailiff) Taylor

Jan. 28

- Margie Rivera

Jan. 29

- David Barnett
- Weldon Williams
- Copper Brewster
- Charlie Milner
- Andrew Chico
- Jazzy Reyes

Feb. 1

- Randy Gerles
- Don Spring, Sr.
- Lorraine Jarecki
- J'Mae Randolph
- Garth McDonald
- Diana Santellana
- Molly (Carthel) Sue
- Brenner Barnett
- Debi Goodwin
- Amber (Widner) White



To have your birthdays listed in the newspaper, email them to frionaostar@wtrt.net or call: 806.250.2211

Gas prices heading back up

By GasBuddy

Average gasoline prices in Texas rose 10.9 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.01 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Prices in Texas are 41.6 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 2.7 cents per gallon higher 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 11.3 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.39/g today. The national average is up 30.2 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 7.3 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has risen 2.6 cents in the last week and stands at \$4.60 per gallon.

"Gasoline prices continued their upward trajectory last week as oil prices pulled them higher across the majority of the country, and continued refinery challenges kept supply of gasoline from rising more substantially," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

De Haan explained, "Macroeconomic factors have continued to weigh on oil and refined products, as strong demand in China hasn't been slowed much by a surge in new Covid cases. In addition, releases of crude oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve have wrapped up. Concerns are increasing that without additional oil, supply will tighten in the weeks ahead, especially as the nation starts to move away from softer demand in the height of winter. Moving forward, it doesn't look good for motorists, with prices likely to continue accelerating."

GasBuddy data is compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



These are a few of my non-favorite things

After reading a Washington Post editorial today about the new dress code for women in the Missouri State Legislature, I feel my head starting to explode. This could get both problematic and messy. Before I lose my ever-lovin' mind, let me rant. I will then take a Melatonin, go to bed, and wake up my positive self again tomorrow.

--Regarding the women's dress code changes: is this really the pressing issue a new legislature is going to tackle right off the bat after taking their oaths of office? Isn't this something that could be addressed with in-house memos? You are telling me that women are not allowed to bare their shoulders and that those shoulders must be covered by blazer, cardigan, or knit-blazer? Furthermore, stylish wraps and shawls are vetoed?

What the heck?

Professional dress should be required. Jackets, ties, dresses, skirts, hosiery. I am all for that

when representing in an official capacity. But come on. My mother rocked the shawl draped over her shoulders when she went to the symphony with my sister, who by the way chose to wear a tailored jacket. Both of them were stylish, and as far as I know no one was distracted at the sight of their shoulders, necks, arms, faces, legs, or ears.

--Rant two concerns the continuing saga of my car rental. The repair on the body of my car was completed in November. To date, the shop is only waiting on the air bag. I cannot drive the vehicle without the air bag? I was born in 1956, when babies were held in their mother's arms in the front seat. Airbags weren't even mandated until 1998. And why am I still having to pay a good-faith deposit on the rental every Friday when I call in to renew? I am an old lady who, after nearly three months renting, is not going to flee to Torreón, México, in a Hyundai Venue.

--Finally, the Cowboys lost.

Again. To San Francisco on the 49ers' home field. There are two plays in Cowboys' history that have brought me to tears. The first occurred on December 31, 1967, in Green Bay. The second time I felt that angst came on January 10, 1982, in San Francisco. That Dwight Clark highlight reel still irks me. Tonight's loss just made me shrug my non-bare shoulders.

Truthfully, Missourians can vote for a ban on hair extensions and toupees for all I care. And as long as I get my Honda Civic back in time to take an epic road trip this summer, I'll be grateful. The Cowboys? Well, let's just say I am sad for the team but not for their owner. He needs to move back home to Arkansas.

Two scoops of chocolate ice cream on a cone have made me forget about the Don't Show-Me State, the deer that ran into my little car, and the interception Dak threw before halftime.

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Lessons from Lesotho—God uses people like you

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.fbfriona.com and look for the "Lesotho Mission Trip 2022" page.

"Last month a farmer, a preacher, an electrician, a student, a housewife and a secretary took a trip to Africa..." No, those are not the opening lines to a new Aggie joke, but the makeup of our team, and a strong reminder that God uses people just like you and me to help others know and follow Christ. In fact, notice what Acts 4:12-13 says, "And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus" (ESV).

Even in the early church, God was doing wonderful, amazing things through regular, ordinary people. This was evident as Peter and John were referred to as "uneducated, common men," in these verses, which should give hope for each one of us. In Lesotho, it was a tremendous joy to be a part of the mission team, and see how God used regular, ordinary people to help the gospel of Jesus to go forth. The focus of the trip was not ourselves, the scenery, or the cultural experiences, but the focus was on the truth that Jesus alone saves. During our time serving the Lord, God used Raquel's cooking to bless, Danny's knowledge of first aid to train, Becky's organization skills to prepare, Simon's personality to minister, Matt's testimony to share the gospel, and Brett's knowledge to teach.

I say this to remind you that God isn't looking for perfect servants, but willing ones to be used as he will lead. The saying, "God doesn't call the qualified, but qualifies the called," is still true today! Therefore, may you abide in Christ each day, lovingly obey His guidance and direction wherever he may lead.

Panhandle Parables

Crock Pot vs. Microwave

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

We understand the obvious as it pertains to these two instruments of cooking. I love the fact that I can throw a bag of popcorn into the microwave and in about two minutes plus the time it cools just a little I can be eating my popcorn. It is quick and easy, that is what microwaves do. They make heating or in a limited way at least by my estimation, cooking fast. Some may own every little "As Seen On TV" microwave gadget and can make a real hand at cooking up some grub.

The crockpot on the other hand can make some amazing meals too, but not as fast. The idea behind the crockpot is low and slow. Throw everything in

and let it cook all day. The roast slowly begins to melt into doneness as it soaks up the juices and, spices that were thrown in to start. The flavors of the carrots and little potatoes blend to orchestrate a feast. (I may be a little hungry) There are some things best because time played a bigger role in the outcome. It all depends upon what you are cooking. Need a snack pop a hot pocket in the microwave, and bam, a snack. Want some chicken tortilla soup? Crockpot is the better way to go.

These days there seems to be more microwave moments than crockpot ones. Although, I see the importance of each nei-

ther is all inclusive in cooking. For example, James says to be quick to listen (this will need a microwave), slow to speak (crockpot) slow to get angry (crockpot). You get the idea. Some things take time others not so much, but the most important is to know the difference and use them with effect.

I wonder just how long it would take to make popcorn in a crockpot. I am afraid to know how little time it would take to microwave a roast. There are moments for both. Solomon said so in Ecc. 3 "There is a time and place for everything under the sun." Choose well and live abundantly, choose poorly and deal with the results.

Giving Up Something You Love

By Teena Hughs

It is always hard to give up someone or something you love. It can be a loved one, a friend, a pet, a job, a home, a volunteer position, a church, a farm or ranch, etc. The list can go on and on and on.

It seems like God always prepares me when I have to give up something I love. The latest example is teaching Sunday School.

As I have written before, I have been researching and developing my own Sunday School lessons. For the first time in my preparation for Sunday School, I have actually learned more than the students. I was always used to leading a class where we had a book with questions at the end of the chapter, and that was what we used for our lesson. There is nothing wrong with it, but the way I have been doing it has had me going deeper into God's Word.

Researching topics has led me to question things as I read the Bible, which has led me to research the things I question or wonder about. I am learning more and more on my own.

So, last fall, Paul Rogers, a man who has pushed me (and I use the word "push" in the kindest of ways) into this new way of teaching, said that when he was a minister, he made everyone in class teach for a month, and he gave them the topic.

I thought that was a good idea, but because I love teaching the class, I wasn't 100% behind the idea. To be honest, I never dreamed it would happen.

One day, another leader in the church and I were talking, and I told her Paul's idea. She said she thought it would be a good idea to switch Sunday School teachers periodically.

That was all that was said until January 1st when, in church, she asks for people to teach Sunday School. I have to admit I was taken aback, because it had never been discussed in our class. Paul was the only one who signed up to teach, this coming Sunday.

Today, in Sunday School, Paul basically taught the class, even though I had a lesson prepared. Trust me when I say it did not bother me. We covered a wide range of topics, and the class was very engaged in the discussion. Paul is one of the most knowledgeable people I know about the Bible. If it is not in the Bible, then we don't know what the truth really is. He has taught me not to interpret what I think Scripture says, but to rely only on what it actually says.

We always go out to eat after Sunday School, and I told Feller on the way to the restaurant that it is time to turn the class over to Paul.

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Adventure and Discovery

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith

On January 27, 1888, a party of 33 geographers, explorers, teachers, lawyers, cartographers, military officers, and financiers convened in Washington D.C., and inaugurated the National Geographic Society.



History.com says they all “shared an interest in scientific and geographical knowledge, as well as an opinion that in a time of discovery, invention, change and mass communication, Americans were becoming more curious about the world around them. With this in mind, the men draft-

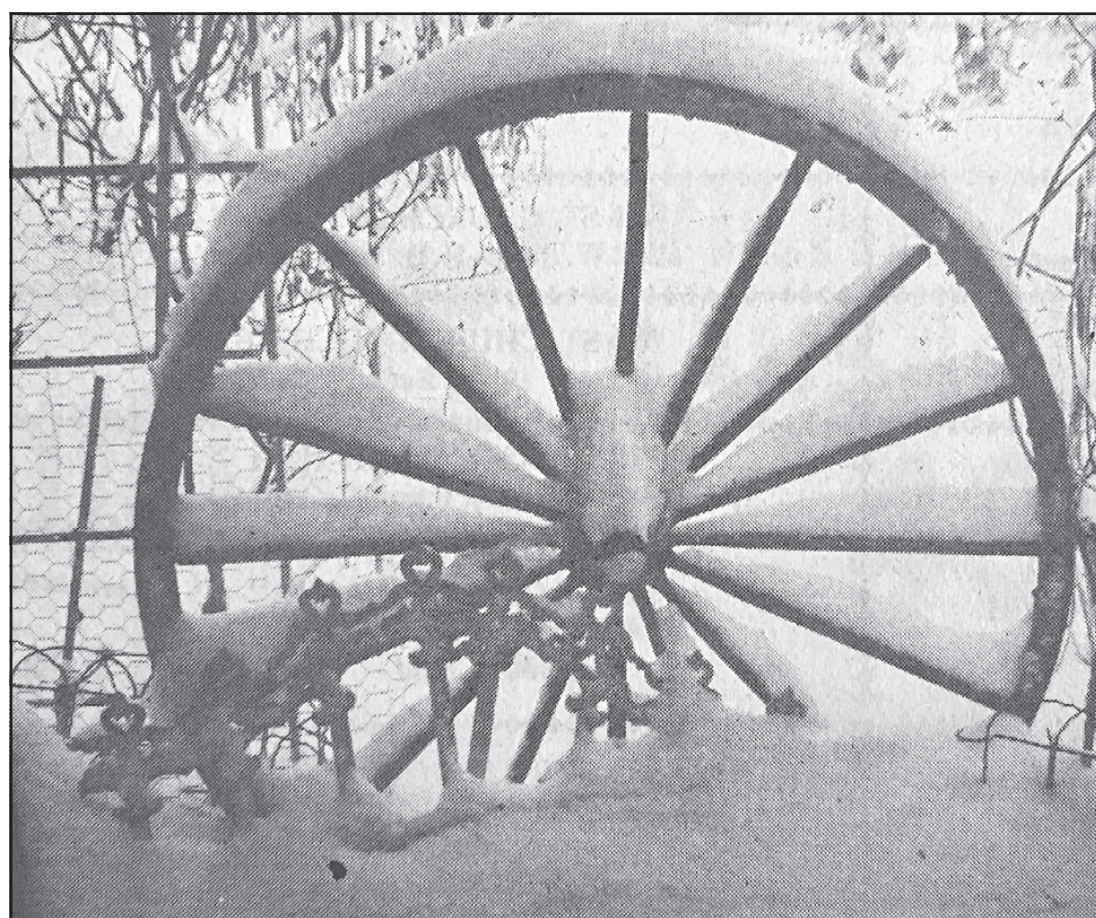
ed a constitution and elected as the Society’s president a lawyer and philanthropist named Gardiner Greene Hubbard. Neither a scientist nor a geographer, Hubbard represented the Society’s desire to reach out to the layman.”

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends The National Geographic Society: 100 years of adventure and discovery by C. D. B. Bryan.

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



MORE WHITE STUFF...The Friona area received its second big snowfall of the winter season Thursday, with nine inches being measured locally. Trees, Shrubs and even wagon wheels were bedecked in a coat of white for the second time within a month. (Friona Star, Sunday, January 23, 1983)

FRIONA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT						EXHIBIT C-3
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES						
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS						
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022						
Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	50 Debt Service Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds		
REVENUES:						
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 4,527,638	\$ 1,939,703	\$ 483,162	\$ 6,950,503		
5800 State Program Revenues	7,843,299	2,307	43,191	7,888,797		
5900 Federal Program Revenues	1,246,020	-	2,586,699	3,832,719		
5020 Total Revenues	13,616,957	1,942,010	3,113,052	18,672,019		
EXPENDITURES:						
Current:						
0011 Instruction	7,079,894	-	1,065,036	8,144,930		
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	121,657	-	4,572	126,229		
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff/Development	176,903	-	29,951	206,854		
0021 Instructional Leadership	5,000	-	233,480	238,480		
0023 School Leadership	787,062	-	18,280	805,342		
0031 Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	355,915	-	686,963	1,042,878		
0033 Health Services	128,829	-	1,524	130,353		
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	471,792	-	212,504	684,296		
0035 Food Services	875,865	-	21,291	897,156		
0036 Extracurricular Activities	1,020,236	-	306,826	1,327,062		
0041 General Administration	777,713	-	24,355	802,068		
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	1,142,433	-	647,016	1,789,449		
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	35,988	-	-	35,988		
0053 Data Processing Services	371,238	-	88,956	460,194		
Debt Service:						
0071 Principal on Long-Term Liabilities	-	1,350,000	-	1,350,000		
0072 Interest on Long-Term Liabilities	-	530,162	-	530,162		
0073 Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	-	700	-	700		
Capital Outlay:						
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	2,302,446	-	500,387	2,802,833		
Intergovernmental:						
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	134,714	-	-	134,714		
6030 Total Expenditures	15,787,685	1,880,862	3,841,141	21,509,688		
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(2,170,728)	61,148	(728,089)	(2,837,669)		
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):						
7915 Transfers In	18	-	206,212	206,230		
7949 Other Resources	89,564	-	-	89,564		
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(206,230)	-	-	(206,230)		
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(116,648)	-	206,212	89,564		
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	(2,287,376)	61,148	(521,877)	(2,748,105)		
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	8,501,019	228,108	685,237	9,414,364		
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 6,213,643	\$ 289,256	\$ 163,360	\$ 6,666,259		

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement. 19

The C3 for 2021-22 shows a net change in fund balance of (2,287,376). The reason for such a change is that the money from the Parmer County Permanent School Fund in the amount of \$2,253,349 was received in the year 2020-21 and spent in the year 2021-22. This money was used for capital improvements. Our fund balance for 2021-22 is actually (34,027).

Texas Senate News

By Richard Lee

Property Tax Cuts Headline Senate Budget Proposal

The amount that homeowners can write off of the taxable value of their home before assessment would nearly double under the budget proposed by the Senate on Wednesday. SB 1, filed by Senate Finance Committee Chair Senator Joan Huffman of Houston, would increase the homestead exemption from \$40,000 to \$70,000 at a cost of \$1.8 billion for the state. Another \$12 billion has been earmarked for further property tax cuts to be proposed in separate legislation. This makes good on a promise made just one day earlier by Lt. Governor Dan Patrick as he was sworn into his third term in office. “The Governor and the Speaker and the Members, we’re going to find a way for long term property tax relief with the billions of dollars from this surplus, because you come first - it’s your money,” he said in his inaugural speech before thousands on the north Capitol grounds Tuesday.

Patrick and Governor Greg Abbott laid out property tax cuts as their top priority at Tuesday Inaugural Ceremony. They were also united on the subject of school choice, saying that this will be the session in which the state joins 30 others in passing some sort of choice program. Though the legislation is still forthcoming, such measures typically allows parents to withdraw their students from public school and take the amount the state is spending to educate them to go to a private school. This plan has faced staunch

opposition in the past, especially from small, rural districts who need every dollar they have. Patrick said this session, the plan will ensure these rural schools are taken care of. “The Governor and I will have a plan to protect those schools financially and to make sure those parents have choice also,” said Patrick. “We are going to pass school choice.”

Another issue both men raised in their inaugural addresses is electric grid stability. With the 2021 winter storm still fresh in the minds of lawmakers, there will likely be a bevy of bills aimed at ensuring the lights stay on in Texas no matter what. Governor Abbott praised last session’s efforts toward that goal. “Last summer we set eleven all-time power generation records and last month, we weath-ered brutally freezing temperatures across the state all without any disruptions,” he said, “This session we will build a grid that will power this state, not for the next four years, but for the next forty years.”

Patrick was more specific about plans for stability, saying that the state must incentivize dispatchable generation, like natural gas plants, in order to ensure there is plenty of electricity to meet the demands of one of the fastest growing states in America. “We need dispatchable energy we can count on. We will add more megawatts of thermal generation and strengthen the grid,” he said. Many of the priorities

laid out by Patrick for the session are well represented in the Senate draft budget released Wednesday afternoon. It includes \$350 million for rural law enforcement, and \$2.5 billion to create a university fund for institutions outside the University of Texas and Texas A&M systems. It would allocate \$4.6 billion towards state border security efforts, more money for state hospitals and mental health services, and \$228 million towards foster care reform.

Huffman, in her first session heading up the Senate Finance Committee, said in a statement accompanying the release that the budget continues the conservative and sustainable spending policies that have left Texas in such an advantageous position. She also acknowledged that there is still much that could change between today and when a final budget, passed by both chambers, is presented to the governor for his signature. “The base budget is a starting point, and I look forward to working with my colleagues to develop a conservative and sustainable budget that addresses our needs and strengthens our economy.”

The Senate will reconvene Tuesday, January 24 at 11 a.m.

Texas Senate News is a non-partisan report of the day-to-day business of the Texas Senate written by Richard Lee, staff writer for Senate Media Services, who begins his 20th year covering the Texas Senate.

Powerlifting Results

Dimmitt Invitational - Dimmitt High School - 1/19/2023 - THSPA Boys

Wt.	Place	Athlete	School	BWT	Squat	Bench	Dead	Total
123	3	Gutierrez, Francisco	Friona	121.7	235	115	255	605
132	1	Garcia, Jorge	Friona	129.5	415	225	380	1020
132	4	Ramos, Gabriel	Friona	131.4	335	195	310	840
132	5	Estrada, Erik	Friona	129.9	305	135	315	755
148	4	Ortiz, Ramon	Friona	145.3	300	180	320	800
148	5	Lara, Gael	Friona	141.8	315	170	300	785
198	2	Perez, Hevilat	Friona	197.1	450	285	390	1125
198	5	Saucedo, Angel	Friona	196.8	400	215	375	990
220	1	Garcia, Mario	Friona	220	500	315	450	1265
242	1	Flores, Ishmael	Friona	225.2	510	285	510	1305
275	1	Rodriguez, Aaron	Friona	256.8	540	315	490	1345

Team Results: 1st: Friona, 43 points, 2nd: Dimmitt, 32 points, 3rd: Bovina, 30 points

Dimmitt Invitational - Dimmitt - 1/19/2023 - THSWPA Girls

Wt.	Place	Athlete	School	BWT	Squat	Bench	Dead	Total
105	1	Saucedo, Naara	Friona	105.2	190	110	195	495
105	3	Galaviz, Ellie	Friona	104.9	195	90	205	490
123	3	Ortiz, Duvy	Friona	116.8	205	100	235	540
123	4	Ramos, Trinity	Friona	119.9	205	125	205	535
132	5	Garcia, Janessa	Friona	128	225	125	215	565
165	1	Arias, Reyna	Friona	161.3	320	150	300	770
165	8	Garcia, Aubrey	Friona	160.1	140	55	175	370
181	3	Abarca, Lilly	Friona	181.1	220	115	200	535
198	2	Espinosa, Mercedes	Friona	191.8	260	95	230	585
220	2	Phillips, Marie	Friona	219.2	240	135	265	640
UNC SC		Hernandez, Leah	Friona	0	0	0	0	0

Team Results: 1st: Dimmitt, 71 points, 2nd: Friona, 36 points, 3rd: Lamesa, 24 points

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Giving Up

Something You Love

By Teena Hughs

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Before we left the restaurant, I talked to Paul, and I asked him to take the class. I told him it would be a sin not to take advantage of the knowledge the Holy Spirit has given Him about Scripture. I didn't tell him, but it would also be a sin of selfishness to hold on to teaching just because I enjoy researching, learning, and teaching when God has given us someone who teaches us far more than I do! He has spent so much of his time, and still spends so much of his time at age 80, learning the true meaning of the Word, and to not take advantage of what God has taught him would simply be wrong!

I am perfectly happy with Paul taking on this role. He is still going to have everyone teach for a month, or he says he won't do it. We will see what happens there.

As for me, I am really hoping that after we vote on leaving the United Methodist Church February 7th, and hopefully we will vote to leave, some of our members will come back to church. If they do, we will need a Sunday School teacher for teenagers. I just happen to LOVE teenagers!!! But, I will really hate to miss out on Paul's teaching.

Giving up something you love is difficult, but I am so glad my compassionate God eased me through the process of doing the right thing and giving up the class!

I don't know how good a Sunday School teacher I really am. I don't know if I am supposed to teach teenagers or adults; that may not be God's plan for me at all. However, I know He has a plan for me, and it may be something I don't even have any idea about! In the end, if we just allow God to work in our lives, and we choose to follow Him, it all works out like it is supposed to! Take care, allow the Holy Spirit to work in your life, and see what happens!

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- Clean out the fridge and wipe down shelves
- Replace burnt out light bulbs
- Remove dust from air vents
- Replace shower curtain liners
- Wipe down fan blades
- Wash duvet covers and sheets
- Organize dresser drawers and closets
- Make a list of items to stock up on
- Make a list of HOME GOALS!

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Is Spring on the Way?

Punxsutawney Phil will tell us! Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, PA, is where everyone gathers to watch Phil "make his prediction!"

SUPER BOWL History

Photos by Chiffre Chatter Travels

This is Phil's Burrow.

Punxsutawney Phil lives all year... at the library... in what is called Phil's Burrow!

Sunny or cloudy? Groundhog Forecaster

Where did my shadow go?

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Parmer County Treasurer's Report

REPORT OF Sharon A. May County Treasurer of PARMER County, Texas, of Receipts and Expenditures from October 01, to December 31, 2022 Inclusive:

JURY FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed October 01, 2022	.....	\$154,034.91
Amount Received Since Last Report	.....	\$5,588.36
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	.....	\$2,132.95
12/31/22 Balance	.....	\$157,490.32

GENERAL FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed October 01, 2022	..	\$4,755,365.57
Amount Received Since Last Report	.....	\$1,381,970.61
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	.....	\$931,029.77
12/31/22 Balance	.....	\$5,206,306.41

FARM TO MARKET FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed October 01, 2022	..	\$2,159,464.62
Amount Received Since Last Report	.....	\$530,574.91
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	.....	\$437,308.88
12/01/22 Balance	.....	\$2,252,730.65

CONTINGENCY FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed October 01, 2022	.....	\$251,931.66
Amount Received Since Last Report	.....	\$61,403.83
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	.....	\$270,000.00
12/31/22 Balance	.....	\$43,335.49

PARMER COUNTY FORFEITURE FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed October 01, 2022	.....	\$21,224.58
Amount Received Since Last Report	.....	\$131.71
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	.....	\$3,255.18
12/31/22 Balance	.....	\$18,101.11

PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed October 01, 2022	.....	\$281,291.66
Amount Received Since Last Report	.....	\$17,870.39
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	.....	\$1,618.59
12/31/22 Balance	.....	\$297,543.46

REVENUE FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed October 01, 2022	.....	\$179,976.13
Amount Received Since Last Report	.....	\$34,394.54
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	.....	\$43,810.05
12/31/22 Balance	.....	\$170,560.62

JUVENILE PROBATION FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed October 01, 2022	.....	\$5,111.91
Amount Received Since Last Report	.....	\$78.52
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	.....	\$398.21
12/31/22 Balance	.....	\$4,792.22

COUNTY ATTORNEY - CHECK COLLECTION FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed October 31, 2022	.....	\$3,022.08
Amount Received Since Last Report	.....	\$19.82
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	.....	\$50.00
12/31/22 Balance	.....	\$2,991.90

DISTRICT ATTORNEY CHECK COLLECTION - 287TH FUND Balance Last Report, Filed October 01, 2022	.....	\$4,743.13
Amount Received Since Last Report	.....	\$292.11
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	.....	\$0.00
12/31/22 Balance	.....	\$5,035.24

DISTRICT ATTORNEY FORFEITURE FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed October 01, 2022	.....	\$34,242.39
Amount Received Since Last Report	.....	\$4,270.10
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	.....	\$10,397.30
12/31/22 Balance	.....	\$28,115.19

COUNTY ATTORNEY FORFEITURE FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed October 01, 2022	.....	\$4,871.28
Amount Received Since Last Report	.....	\$32.16
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	.....	\$0.00
12/31/22 Balance	.....	\$4,903.44

INTEREST & SINKING FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed October 01, 2022	.....	\$83523.63
Amount Received Since Last Report	.....	\$48,579.15
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	.....	\$0.00
12/31/22 Balance	.....	\$132,594.84

LATERAL FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed October 01, 2022	.....	\$0.00
Amount Received Since Last Report	.....	\$30,221.47
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	.....	\$30,221.47
12/31/22 Balance	.....	\$0.00

PARMER COUNTY ATTORNEY PRETRIAL DIVERSION FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed October 01, 2022	.....	\$2,560.59
Amount Received Since Last Report	.....	\$1,016.48
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	.....	\$2,202.28
12/31/22 Balance	.....	\$1,374.79

PARMER COUNTY AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT 2021 FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed June 30, 2022	.....	\$1,505,932.09
Amount Received Since Last Report	.....	\$9,468.74
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	.....	\$213,943.75
09/30/22 Balance	.....	\$1,301,457.08

RECAPITULATION

Jury Fund	.....	\$157,490.32
General Fund	.....	\$5,206,306.41
Farm To Market Fund	.....	\$2,252,730.65
Contingency Fund	.....	\$43,335.49
Parmer County Forfeiture Fund	.....	\$18,101.11
Permanent Improvement Fund	.....	\$297,543.46
Revenue Fund	.....	\$170,560.62
Juvenile Probation Fund	.....	\$4,792.22
County Attorney - Check Collection Fund	.....	\$2,991.90
District Atty Check Collection - 287th Fund	.....	\$5,035.24
District Attorney Forfeiture Fund	.....	\$28,115.19
County Attorney Forfeiture Fund	.....	\$4,903.44
Interest & Sinking Fund	.....	\$132,594.84
Lateral Fund	.....	\$0.00
Parmer County Arpa	.....	\$1,301,457.08
Parmer County Attorney Pretrial Diversion	.....	\$1,374.79
Total	.....	\$9,627,332.76

LIST OF BONDS AND OTHER SECURITIES ON HAND

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT, GENERAL FUND, JURY, PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT, INVESTMENTS, TOTAL

TREASURER'S REPORT

PARMER COUNTY, TEXAS THE STATE OF TEXAS

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

Sharon A. May
County Treasurer
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 23rd Day of January 2023.

Isabel Carrasco
County Judge - Parmer County, Texas
Examined and approved in open Commissioners' Court this 23rd Day of January 2023.



Obituaries



Christeene Mann



Christeene Mann, 91 of Friona passed away January 11, 2023 in Friona. Viewing was held from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM with family visitation from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM Friday, January 13, 2023 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY. Celebration of Life Services were at 2:00 PM Saturday January 14, 2023 in the Union Congregational Church of Friona with Jeff Procter, officiating. Burial followed in the Friona Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Christeene was born July 9, 1931 in Mobetie, Texas to Thomas Edward and Bertha Alice Dean Hurst. She later married Bobby Joe Mann February 7, 1948 in Clovis. Christeene was a very hard worker as a rural

route mail carrier, Stanley Products Representative, and longtime employee of Holly Sugar. She was a member of the VFW, Friona Fire Department and American Legion Women's Auxiliaries, and Federated Order of Eagles, a leader for both Friona Boy and Girl Scouts, and was past Membership Chairperson for the Friona Credit Union. She was a homemaker that loved to cook and sew.

Those preceding her in death include her parents Thomas and Bertha, 1 brother-Leo Hurst, and

1 sister-May Green. Those to carry on her legacy include her husband Bobby Joe Mann of Friona, 1 son-Joe Bob Mann and wife Dale of Friona, 2 daughters-Carla Scott and husband Mike of Friona and Joy Bauer and husband Dwayne of Halltown, Missouri, 6 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

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



Wilda Yvonne Jones



Wilda Yvonne Jones, 84 of Friona passed away January 20, 2023 in Friona. Viewing was held Tuesday, January 24, 2023 from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM with family visitation beginning at 6:30 PM in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY. Celebration of Life Services were at 2:00 PM, Wednesday, January 25, 2023 also in the chapel. Burial followed in the Friona Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Yvonne was born November 15, 1938 in

Meadow, Texas to Willard and Betty Beatrice Lewis Upton. She later married the love of her life Max Jones October 18, 1975 in Brownfield, Texas. Soon after, they moved to Friona and

built a life and family together. For many years that life consisted of their business Robertson Electric in Friona where Yvonne was owner/secretary, helping raise children and a husband, and kept the family home filled with love. There were also times of play, including fishing trips where Yvonne had a very competitive spirit.

Yvonne is preceded in death by her parents, a son- Gary Jones, sister-Rita Isham, and brother-James Upton.

Those to mourn her passing include her

husband Max of Friona, 4 daughters-Linda Thompson of Logan, New Mexico, Janet Jones of Lubbock, Lisa McLellan of Red River, New Mexico and Lydia Johnson of Guthrie, Oklahoma, 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren, and nephew-Pat Upton of Friona.

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



Diane Lynn Jensen Mowery



Diane Lynn Jensen Mowery, 66 of Friona passed away January 21, 2023 in Friona. Memorial Services will be held at a later date. Cremation and arrangements by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Diane was born October 24, 1956 to Lyndell and Mary Ellen Jensen in Cheyenne, Wyoming. She grew up in Wyoming and graduated from Medicine Bow High School in Medicine Bow, Wyoming. She graduated from the University of Wyoming with a degree in science education and taught high school science in schools in New Mexico,

Wyoming, Oregon, and Texas.

She married Alan Mowery in January 1980 and they had six children. With the birth of her children, she became a stay at home mom and home schooled her children.

Diane enjoyed re-

searching family history, pottery, attending the Amarillo Symphony with family, writing, jigsaw puzzles, visiting with family and friends, and a wide variety of other interests. She founded the local writers group Pens and Pages and participated in Panhandle Professional Writers Group. She was active in several home school groups and helped administer a couple of these groups. Diane was active in the churches the family attended over the years and assisted with Sunday School, youth, and vacation Bible school.

She was preceded in death by her parents

and one sister, Mary Lynn Jensen.

Those surviving her include her husband Alan, children: Aaron, Elizabeth McMullin (Asher), Sarah Martinez (Raul), Nathan (Chrystalynn), Joanna, and Ethan; nine grandchildren; brother Lee Jensen of Medicine Bow, Wyoming; sister Tanda Martin of Casper, Wyoming; three nieces, and eight nephews.

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



State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



Lawmakers highlight state's fragile water infrastructure

A bipartisan group of 38 state legislators have banded together to educate fellow lawmakers about water security issues, the Texas Tribune reported. Aging infrastructure and lack of funding have created water-supply problems across the state, particularly in rural areas.

Last year there were more than 3,000 boil-water notices issued across the state because water quality was in doubt. Seven of the 10 water systems that issued the most notices were in rural parts of

East Texas, the Tribune reported

after analyzing data from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. There have already been 79 boil-water notices in January.

The group is not advocating for any specific bills.

"Water security is critically important to all Texans and our economy," state Rep. Tracy King, who heads the caucus, said in a statement. "We must continue to innovate, invest and strategize long-term to manage our water resources efficiently."

State's newest historic site

The Texas Historical Commission's latest historic site is

274 years old. Presidio la Bahia was the site of the Goliad Massacre in March 1836. More than 300 Texians were held inside the church before being executed by Mexican forces.

The presidio was established on that site in 1749 during the Spanish colonial period. The fort became the nucleus of the modern-day city of Goliad.

The Presidio underwent restoration in the 1960s under the oversight of renowned restoration architect Raiford Stripling of San Augustine. More than 33,000 people visit the Presidio each year, according to its website.

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Emma Schueler

Meet our chapter President, Senior, Emma Schueler!

Throughout her years in FFA, Emma has competed in Public Relations and Senior Skills, as well as Meat Judging.

She also shows pigs, sheep, and commercial steers.

Fun facts about Emma include her love for cattle and showing her animals at livestock shows!

Upon graduation she plans to major in Ani-



mal Science while attending West Texas A&M University and hopes to be part of their research feedlot program!

Dieter Ally

Meet our chapter Vice President, Junior, Dieter Ally!

Throughout his years in FFA, Dieter has been involved in Senior Skills and Public Relations, he has competed in Dairy Cattle and Meats judging where he has competed at the state level since his freshman year!

Dieter is also serving as the Littlefield



District Vice President!

Fun fact about Dieter, he loves riding horses!

Stef Ally

Meet our chapter Secretary, Senior, Stef Ally!

Throughout his years in FFA, Stef has been involved in ag advocacy, dairy cattle and cotton judging, and ag mechanics.

He has also shown sheep, goats, pigs, and ag mechanics projects.

His plans after



graduation are to attend Tarleton State University and major in Ag Economics!

Elijah Robledo

Meet our chapter Treasurer, Senior, Elijah Robledo!

Throughout his years in FFA, Elijah has been involved in senior creed speaking, senior quiz, dairy judging and ag mechanics.

Eli is also very involved showing sheep!

His plans after graduation include attending OSU and being part of their Diesel Technology program, then return-



ing to Friona and working at LoneStar Ag!

Fun facts about Eli is he loves to play sports and work on engines!

Edward "Bubba" Trevino

Meet our chapter Reporter, Junior, Edward "Bubba" Trevino!

Throughout the years, Bubba has competed in Greenhand and Senior Quiz, and livestock judging.

He shows pigs and enjoys spending time with them!

Fun facts about



Bubba: he loves to weld and his favorite drink is Dr. Pepper

Jaden Phillips

Meet our chapter Sentinel, Senior, Jaden Phillips!

Though his years in the FFA, Jaden has competed in Radio Broadcasting, Ag Advocacy, land and cotton judging, as well as SDE: natural resources.

Fun facts about Jaden include: fishing and hunting, favorite sports are



NASCAR and college football, he also loves brisket and sweet tea!

Arianna Arzate

Meet our chapter Student Advisor, Senior, Arianna Arzate!

Throughout her years in FFA, Arianna has competed in Spanish Creed, Sr. Quiz, Horse and Cotton Judging.

After graduation she plans on attending Sul Ross University in Alpine, Texas, and major in Equine Science!!



Aubrey Schueler

Meet our advisory committee member, Sophomore, Aubrey Schueler!

Aubrey shows pigs, lambs and competes in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo with commercial steers.

She is involved in Sr. Creed Speaking, Farm Skills, and Meat Judging.

Aubrey says she,



"loves working with her animals and spending time with them."

★ Scoreboard ★

Varsity Boys Basketball

January 17, 2023

Littlefield	11	20	18	18	67
Friona	6	2	6	2	16

Jose Luis Saucedo 6 points,
Johnny Gonzalez 6 points

January 20, 2023

Muleshoe	14	17	12	17	61
Friona	11	11	7	6	35

Jose Luis Saucedo 14 points,
Brice Jeter 9 points



Squaws vs Denver City

Girls Basketball District 3-AAA

TEAM	Enrollment	District		Overall	
		W	L	W	L
Littlefield	355	8	0	17	9
Muleshoe	370	6	3	14	11
Denver City	498	6	3	16	12
Lamesa	499	4	4	15	15
Brownfield	474	4	4	12	18
Dimmitt	330	2	7	8	19
Friona	285	0	9	5	20

Boys Basketball District 3-AAA

TEAM	Enrollment	District		Overall	
		W	L	W	L
Lamesa	499	6	1	24	2
Littlefield	355	5	1	13	11
Brownfield	474	4	3	11	13
Dimmitt	330	4	3	12	9
Denver City	498	3	4	13	14
Muleshoe	370	2	5	7	10
Friona	285	0	7	4	21



Chiefs vs Denver City

Mid-Winter Senior/Parent Night

Tuesday, January 31st
Immediately following Squaws game



 **Lions Club News**



In the photo (l-r): Marla Hart, Emma Schueler, and Emma Rector
 Marla Hart was the guest speaker at the Friona Noon Lions Club meeting last Monday at The Farmwife Kitchen. Marla is the owner/operator of the Friona and Muleshoe H&R Block businesses which specialize in tax preparation, bookkeeping, payroll, and business formation. Also present at the meeting was current Club Sweetheart Emma Schueler and Past Club Sweetheart Emma Rector.

Plant Operator Wanted!



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Chris Alexander

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