



General Election May 6, 2023

Friona ISD Board of Trustees Unofficial Results

Glen London.....	59
Shawn Pitsch.....	142
*Wade Schueler.....	182
*John Jarecki.....	150

*elected

Parmer County Hospital District Board of Directors Unofficial Results

*Danny Kendrick.....	142
Greg O'Brian.....	98
*Ricky Barnett.....	189

*elected

Voting made easier

Farwell, Texas - Voters in Parmer County may soon be able to vote at any county polling location on Election Day. Parmer County Commissioners, along with the County Clerk and Voter Registrar, have requested the implementation of Countywide Vote Centers which will allow registered voters to vote at any Voting Location. The court voted on Monday, May 8, 2023, to approve a resolution petitioning the Texas Secretary of State to allow Parmer County to participate in the program in the November 7, 2023, 7th Constitutional Amendment Election.

All registered voters will have the opportunity to vote at a polling location that is the most convenient to the voter. There are people closer to Bovina whose assigned polling place is Farwell. This program will allow them to vote in Bovina, if your parents live in another precinct of the county then you do, this will allow all of you to vote at one place. In Friona, there are three precinct polling places. This program would allow the county to have one place in Friona that everyone can vote, no matter what precinct you live in.

There will be 4 Vote Centers strategically located across the county. There will be one in each town at previously used locations. On election day a registered voter can vote at any location from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. A list of the locations will be formally approved by the Commissioners after the State has approved participation in the program.

The County Clerk has discussed this program for almost two years. Commissioners approved the purchase of necessary equipment and technology to provide a smooth Countywide Voting process. County officials will now wait on a response from the Secretary of State. Everyone feels confident that the county will be allowed to participate in the program.

According to the Texas Secretary of State's Office, more than 90 counties utilize countywide voting in the state. There is a mix of large, medium, and small counties in the program.

For more information on the program or Parmer County Elections please call 806.481.3691 or visit parmercounty.texas.gov

Daycare moves closer to reality

The Friona City Council took two steps closer to making daycare in the city a reality. A bid for the Friona Daycare Center Building Renovation Project was approved in the amount of \$228,000 with an initial spending limit of \$115,000

to get the building upgraded for use. A lease agreement with Little Tribe Daycare for the Daycare Services Project was also approved. Tentative plans are for the facility to be operational sometime in September.

The Friona City

Council met in regular session on Monday May 8, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 617 Main in Friona, Texas. The meeting began with roll call, an invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public

comments. The Minutes of the April 10, 2023 meeting were reviewed and approved.

A request from Steve Meeks for a zoning designation change from single-family dwelling to commercial was approved unanimously. Also, a request from Patricia Barrientos for a trailer variance was approved. Council member Cindy Moreno abstained from the vote.

The Council approved a proposal from Richard Bermea, owner of Bermea Construction, to pave the street east of Lowe's Market with a new "slurry seal" process. A nearby street will have the standard "chip seal" applied to it this summer. Council members, as well as the general public, will have the opportunity to compare the two processes in order to make decisions concerning future street repairs.

After hearing recommendations from Fire Marshall & Code Compliance Officer Danny Campbell, the Council approved the adoption of the 2018 International Building Code, the 2018 International Residential Code, and the 2020 National Electrical Code. These are the codes that most cities and towns in our area are using.

In other business, the accounts payable for April 2023 were approved as well as the financial statement for April 2023. Consideration on the demolition of the 4-Way Pump building was tabled until the next meeting.

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



At the city council meeting Monday evening, Mayor Greg Lewellen proclaimed May 7-13 as "Municipal Clerk Week" in Friona. City Manager Lee Davila presented a Certificate of Appreciation to City Secretary Rosa Mendez.



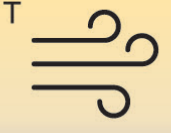






Re-elected city council members (l-r) Alan Monroe, Esmeralda Mills, and Bruce Fleming were sworn in by Municipal Court Judge Deborah Campbell (center left) at Monday evening's council meeting.



Future Firefighters — 2nd graders and Sunshine School students got to meet firefighters last week at a meet-and-greet event hosted by the Friona Volunteer Fire Department. The kids got a close-up look at how the first responders do their job and all the cool equipment they use when fighting fires. See more photos at www.frionaonline.com

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Emergency Siren System: Alternating tone • Firefighters only | Weather Warning: 1 long tone • take cover — 3 short blasts • all clear | Tested 1st & 3rd Thurs. at 7 p.m.

Friona Weather May 11-17	T  84 50 WSW 20-30	F  88 52 S 10-15	S  65 50 NE 15-25	S  66 50 NNE 15-25	M  69 48 NNE 10-20	T  75 50 ESE 10-15	W  76 53 S 10-20	Precipitation May 0.27 Year 1.46	Burn Ban Yes
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Community Calendar

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May 11
• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

May 14
• Mother's Day

May 15
• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center
• Friona Noon Lions Meeting at The Farmwife Kitchen

May 16
• Snack Pak 4 Kids packing at Methodist Church north entrance at 2:30 p.m.

May 17
• Library Book Shop at 618 Euclid is open from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

May 18
• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

May 19
• FHS Senior Parade at 7 p.m. on Main Street

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Transatlantic Cattle Drive

By Bruce Fleming - AzTx Cattle Co.

I was recently involved with a live cattle export project sending Holstein and Jersey dairy heifers to the Country of Turkey (Turkiye). These cattle were sourced from California, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, and Idaho. All of these cattle arrived at Hereford Feed Yard where they were processed, fed, checked for health concerns, isolated, and eventually shipped to the Port of Galveston to be sent overseas to Turkey. The Country of Turkey currently imports about 30% of their domestic milk consumption. Their goal is to increase the size of their domestic dairy herd while also introducing better genetics into their herd. The United States is their first choice when it comes to importing live cattle.

This project required massive amounts of data and a very close attention to detail. All of the cattle were given a USDA 15 digit radio frequency identification tag (RFID) that is about the size of a quarter and is attached to the ear. These tags are read using a hand-held wand and each number is unique, therefore each individual animal can be identified. They also received standard visual cat-

tle tags that contained a 2 to 3 digit number large enough to be read by the human eye, and each tag had colors that further identified the breed of the heifer (Holstein or Jersey), identified if the heifer was bred or open, and identified the Turkish buyer.

This export shipment had eight different Turkish buyers for the cattle. The cattle were tested for Tuberculosis (TB), Brucellosis (Bangs), Luekosis, and Blue Tongue, while also receiving standard cattle protocol vaccines. All the cattle were given an ultrasound to determine if the heifers were bred, and if so, at what stage they were in the pregnancy.

The cattle were DNA sampled and each sample was submitted to a national DNA database that identified prior generations on each family tree and quantified their expected milk production. The cattle are in isolation for a minimum of 30 days before shipping to prevent any cross contamination from other cattle. The export criteria is tailored to a certain type of dairy heifer that the Turkish buyer wants. Out of 5,096 head that arrived at the feed yard, only 2,889 were qualified for export.

Loading and shipping the cattle

from Hereford Feed Yard required 59 cattle trucks and took almost 24 hours to complete. The USDA scans each animal's unique RFID tag number prior to loading, and then seals the cattle trailer with a metal seal imprinted with a USDA number. This prevents any cattle from being off-loaded or substituted prior to arrival at the Port. When the cattle trucks arrive at the Port the USDA then removes the metal seal and confirms the cattle head count. The cattle are unloaded through a 'wishbone' type system that allows one truck to be unloading while a second truck is backing up to the dock.

I was stationed at the Port of Galveston to oversee the truck unloading and ship loading operations. Despite having an efficient unloading system, the process of unloading the trucks and loading the ship took another 24 hours to complete. The livestock transport ship "Queensland" has 8 decks for cattle with pen sizes ranging from 10 head to 33 head. Each pen has bedding, its own water tank and a gravity flow feed system. The ship will arrive at its destination in 20 days. From start to finish, the whole project is a massive undertaking.



Livestock transport ship "Queensland" being loaded at the Port of Galveston

ACROSS

1 TXism: "let him in his own juice"

5 in Hays County on I-35

6 Jimmy Johnson was NFL "Coach of the _____" in 1990

7 dir. from Dublin to McGregor

8 TX Dan Jenkins' "Life _____ Ownself"

9 labor union federation that represents 240,000 Texans

15 TX Brickell who married Paul Simon

16 "_____ finger" (done easily)

19 TX Willingham film: "Of _____ Men"

21 woodworking "joint"

22 "simple _____ with no laces"

27 TXism: "_____ sheared like a spring lamb" (swindled)

28 acetone is the simplest _____

29 "_____ alone" (did not bother)

30 a change in Astro headwear (2 wds.)

32 San Antonio Spurs CEO: _____ Buford

33 TX Nolan Ryan had knee _____ repaired in 1993

36 historical periods

37 TXism: "_____ the trail"

38 tasty orange Texas melon: can _____

39 yearly earnings

41 writer with ink

42 TXism: "he could shoot the _____ of a gnat" (good marksman)

45 pecans, e.g.

46 graduating h.s. students

47 TXism: "gotta _____ your spurs" (achieve)

48 Cowboy scores (abbr.)

49 Texas Tiguas use this in some pottery (2 wds.)

52 "on a grand _____"

53 "_____ heap of trouble"

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DOWN

1 TXism: "_____ pilot" (preacher)

2 in Taylor County on highway 84

3 TXism: "his facts are _____" (liar)

4 TXism: "_____ to eye" (agreeing)

8 TX Tanya's "Texas When _____"

9 TX B.J. Thomas sang song from "Butch Cassidy _____ Kid"

10 TX Ginger's dance partner, Fred (init.)

11 RV gas (abbr.)

12 Texas-born Gene Autry wrote "Here _____ Claus"

13 TXism: "_____ ain't true, there ain't a cow in Texas"

14 director Preminger intense feelings

15 winter flurries rarely seen in the Rio Grande Valley

17 units of electrical inductance

18 constructs a building

20 Tommie of 1990 Cowboys or 1973 Astros

22 MLB leag. of Astros and Rangers

23 Texas A&M confer.

24 TXism: "tight as a cinch on _____ horse"

25 TXism: "pull yourself up by the boot _____" (recover)

26 Nazi leader

28 television station in Texarkana

31 "I smell _____" (suspect betrayal)

34 TX Preston Jones' "_____ Ann Hampton Lavery Oberlander"

35 large primate

37 TX Don Henley had a lot of these with the Eagles

40 a Texas Gattin

43 TXism: "plain as the _____ on a mule"

44 in Upshur County on FM 450 (2 wds.)

50 Santa _____

51 she was "The Big Valley's" Audra (init.)

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COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from April 27, 2023 to May 4, 2023

(4/27/23) Oscar Hernandez — Ignacio Hernandez — Lots 17-20, Block 2 Gardner Addition, City of Bovina, Parmer County

(4/27/23) Mike Camp — Steve Jones, Tammy Jones — Original Town of Farwell, Block 5, Lot 28 and West 34 Feet of 29-31, Parmer County, Texas

(4/27/23) Jay Bowers, Sheila Bowers — Craig Arthur Rohrbach, Darcy Lynn Rohrbach — Lots 17-20, block 27, Original Town Addition, City of Farwell, Parmer County, Texas

(4/28/23) Frank Ellis, Tracy Angela Ellis — Kippi Martinez, Raymond O. Martinez — All of Lot 23 and the East 17 Feet of Lot 24, Block 6, of Subdivision of Block 6, Lakeside Addition, an Addition to the City of Friona, Parmer County, Texas

(5/2/23) Kevin Ramirez, Susana Contreras — Frank Murillo — 5.373 Acre Tract out of part of Section 10, Block E of a Capitol Syndicate Subdivision in Parmer County, Texas

(5/2/23) Troy Christian, Lillie Christian — Daren Sudderth — A Tract of Land in the Northeast Quarter Section 21, T10S, R2E, Capitol Syndicate Subdivision, Parmer County

Commissioners seek county-wide voting

Parmer County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, May 8th, 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.

Commissioners approved a motion 5-0 to petition the state to implement county-wide voting. If approved, county residents from all four (4) precincts will be able to vote at any of the polling locations in the county. A motion was also approved for the use of \$72,500 of ARPA funds to purchase voting machines and printers.

County Clerk Susie Spring said the goal was to have county-wide voting available for the next election. Approval was given for the advertising of a Notice to Bid for Bank Depository for Parmer County accounts for a term of four (4) years.

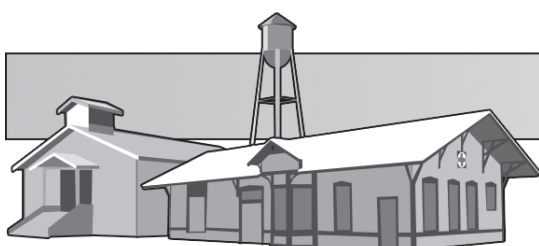
Parmer County Sheriff Eric Geske reported to the Court that the Parmer County Law Enforcement Center is currently housing 17 inmates of which 1 is a paying customer from Dawson County.

The Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Parmer and Lubbock County was renewed for the housing & care of inmates. The fee was set at \$75 per day.

In other business, cybersecurity training through the Texas Association of Counties was approved as well as continuing education hours for JP Precinct 1 Rhonda Wilkins and Veterans Service Officer Richard Villarreal. A water line under a county road in Precinct 1 was also approved. The new water bottle filling station that was approved at the last meeting is scheduled to be installed within the next two weeks.

There were no comments from the public during the open forum. Minutes from the April 24th 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. The next regular meeting is Monday, May 22nd.

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TOWN TALK

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Prairie/Legacy News

— Lonnie Watson the Prairie Acres Resident of the Month for May. The Employee of the Month is Autumn Fletcher who works in the Nursing Department and has been on staff since March of 2022. Don't forget to purchase a ticket from Jeff Procter, or at Malouf's Fabrics, for a chance to win a quilt at the Mother's Day drawing. Tickets are \$5 each and the quilt is on display at Legacy Pointe Senior Apartments.

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Gone Fishin' — The Friona Economic Development Corporation has announced that Sunday, May 21st is Youth Fishing Day. The event will be conducted by the Texas Junior Anglers, Inc. and will take place from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Reeve Lake just south of the Friona Community Center. More details next week.

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Baseball News — Last Thursday, Friona Chiefs faced the Idalou Wildcats in the Bi-District Playoffs. The games were played at the new Ballpark in Plainview. The Chiefs fell to Idalou 11-1 in Game 1 and 16-2 in Game 2 in the best 2-of-3 match. It was the first time in six years that Friona had reached the playoffs. The team finished the regular season at 12-11. They were 5-5 in district play and 0-2 in the playoffs

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Capital Highlights

Kitzy Welch and Yvonne Legarreta are in Austin this week to compete in the Texas Class AAA State Track & Field Meet at Mike A. Meyers Stadium in Austin. Kitzy will compete in the Discuss event at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday. Yvonne will run in the 3200M on Thursday at 9:00 a.m. and the 1600M sometime after 7:00 p.m. Go Big Red!!! Kitzy and Yvonne are the new

school record holders in all three of the events.

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National Days

- May 11: Foam Rolling Day
- May 12: Limerick Day
- May 13: Train Day
- May 14: Mother's Day
- May 15: Chocolate Chip Day
- May 16: Barbeque Day
- May 17: Hypertension Day

★★★

"I know I sound like a walking billboard, but I just genuinely love WT Services."
- Amanda
Assistant Manager
Tierra Blanca Apartments

Our Moms had nicknames for us... ...when we were younger - and still do!
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Happy Mother's Day
Motherly Sayings

Moms love us, care for us and protect us just because we are *theirs*. Mothers are so important that we often use the word "Mother" in our language to mean a thing that is like a "Mother" - the **first** thing we know, the **beginning** or even the **best** of something. Match these "Motherly" sayings to their meanings:

1. Mother lode
2. Motherland
3. Queen Mother
4. Mother Tongue
5. Motherboard
6. Mother Nature
7. Necessity is the mother of invention
8. Mother of all

A. connects all parts of a computer
B. spirit of outdoors, takes care of lands, weather and living things
C. idea that, when people need things, they design something to help; ex. a washing machine to do laundry
D. title given to mother of king
E. home to a group of people who share ways of life; ex. China for the Chinese people
F. main supply; when miners found gold or silver they would use these two words to talk about the place where gold or silver first came from
G. the first language someone learns from birth
H. the biggest and best

Flower Talk **From the Garden!**

Dear Mom,
We _____ you very much. Your _____ and _____ make you the best Mom in the world! A Mom's gift to her kids is her wonderful, _____ . Every time we think of you, we feel _____ . You're always in our _____ .

Did you ever hear flowers speak? It is said that if you hold a buttercup under your chin, the reflection of it will "tell" you if you like butter. Study the meanings of these flowers to fill in this note that you can give your Mom:

- = Modesty
- = Wisdom
- = True Love
- = Beauty
- = Thoughts
- = Happy Again
- = Love

Yeah, yeah, I'm **really** good at digging. Last year I helped Mom plant this kind of flower. This spring I'm going to help without being crabby about it.

Connect the dots to see the flower, then color it in.

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Puzzle Solution

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A Bit of Family Fun! If it rains on Mother's Day the mouse family will go bowling. If it is sunny, everyone will play croquet outdoors. Help Star get ready by first finding the bowling equipment and then the croquet equipment.

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Small Town Cookin' *By Jeri Lynn White*

National Egg Month

Here is another egg recipe to celebrate National Egg Month in May. This is a little twist on the common scrambled egg.

Indian Scrambled Eggs (Egg Bhurji) myheartbeets.com

Ingredients

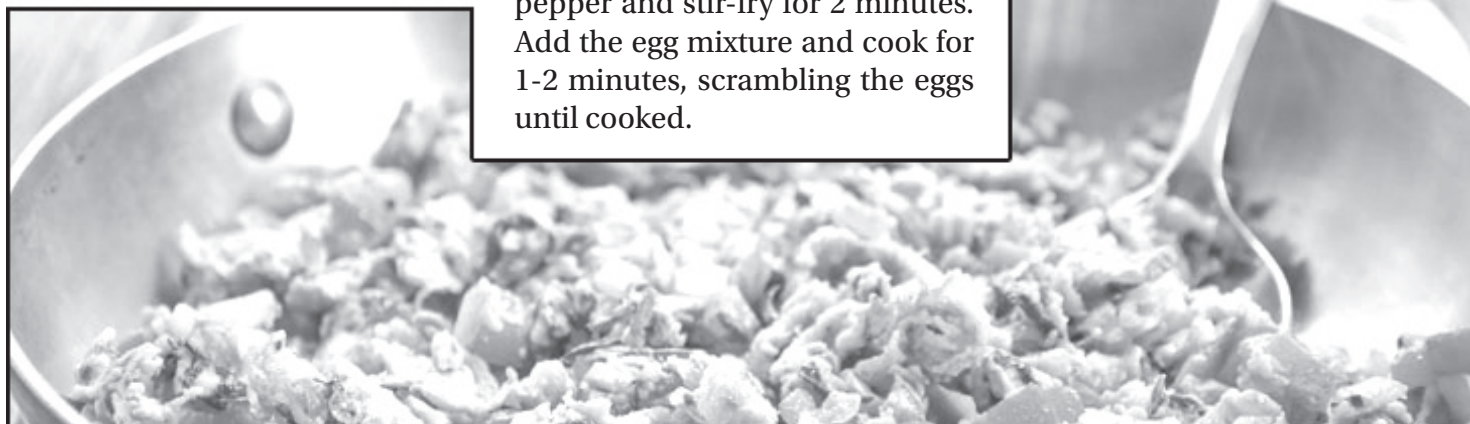
- 4 eggs
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper
- ¼ teaspoon paprika
- Handful cilantro leaves chopped
- 3 tablespoons oil
- 1 onion diced
- ½ serrano pepper diced
- 1-inch fresh ginger minced
- ½ red bell pepper diced

Instructions

Add the eggs, salt, pepper, paprika and cilantro together in a bowl and mix well. Set aside for now. Heat a sauté pan over medium heat and once it's hot, add the oil, onion, and serrano pepper. Stir-fry for 5-6 minutes, or until the onions start to brown and caramelize. Add the ginger and sauté for 1 minute, then add the bell pepper and stir-fry for 2 minutes. Add the egg mixture and cook for 1-2 minutes, scrambling the eggs until cooked.

Notes:

I like using red bell pepper because it's sweeter than green and goes well with the bhurji, but any color of bell pepper works. I also highly suggest using fresh ginger (rather than ginger powder or ginger paste) as the flavor of fresh ginger really adds a lot to this dish.



Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



Looking over my shoulder

I can pinpoint the year when English became the subject I wanted to teach. 1970 found me in a classroom where poetry made sense, Charles Dickens's *A Tale of Two Cities* captivated me, and Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* was ridiculously non-relatable. (Teenage love should never end with poison and a dagger in a burial vault).

History was added to the undergrad degree plan as a result of some excellent secondary teachers. This subject made the perfect blend. Years later, I combined my two passions of studying the past and seeing it portrayed in poems, short stories, and novels.

In previous columns, I have referred to my classroom return after a three-year retirement. Meeting with students two or three days a week who are on the UIL speech and debate teams is a focal point of my job. Another group, UIL Social Studies team members, join me as well. To do justice to the objectives, students must research current issues and write and present speeches from more than one point of view. The students in Social Studies read a novel--this year about the United States during the 1920s. This history book's contents include in-

novation through technological progress, economic growth, educational opportunities, women's right to vote, unbridled capitalism, and literary and musical explosions.

To cover the book effectively, my high school students and I have also had discussions about Prohibition, political grift, racial injustices, the peril of propaganda, and crime.

Teaching is meant to be enlightenment.

Today, this method is considered "indoctrination."

Many school board elections are now driven by agendas of what and how a teacher is supposed to communicate knowledge. With my UIL Social Studies class, should I have omitted the discussion of flappers, speakeasy establishments, and jazz music? Was it a mistake to talk about our presidents' turning a blind eye to acts of racism? What about workers who were forced to put in twelve hour shifts in the steel industry, six days a week, and the bosses who labeled them Communist Bolsheviks for wanting better conditions?

I am a Christian and a teacher by choice. Age appropriate materials are always a priority, and

faith and facts have colored my objectives as a speech/English/history teacher now for almost 45 years. To question that is humiliating. It is insulting, as if I or most every other teacher sets out to harm a child.

Looking over my shoulder, I see a wave coming. It is white-capped, foaming at the mouth, and shouting "Protect the children!"

This politically-driven, media induced storm has engulfed us and is only growing stronger, fueled by the heat of a propaganda machine interested in harnessing power.

Can you answer this two-question test?

1) Why aren't we spending more time and resources on a broken foster care system and the needs of severely disabled children who need special educational settings?

2) Why don't we start with protecting children from bullets rather than books?

I could care less what pronoun a student or a person asks me to use. I do care that every student knows in my room they can be heard, they are safe, and that they understand my expectations for learning. Most of all, I try to protect them from ignorance--the hardest job of all.

Happy Birthday

May 11

Camry Kendrick
Jesus Mendoza
Robert Jones
Reese Fleming
Butch Preston
Renee Downey
Rayce Gatlin
Lacretia Carranza

May 14

Andy Montana
Robin Houlette
Owen Drake
Amy Blankenship
Daniel Padilla
Kristie (Jack) Moore
Rene Hough
Casey Sharrock
Kayla Alger
Kalli Randall

May 12

Richard Turner
Joel Cramer
Becky Reeve
Susie Spring
Lynn Gowens
Martin Godinez
Kimberly Jones

May 15

Brittany Berend
Kinsey (Reeve) Gilter
Cooper Gilter
Denny Young
Avery Kendrick
John Wyatt Lambert
Jasmin Salas

May 13

Trey Hurst
Mike Madrigal
David Hough
Sharla Trimm
Becky Burrell
Lillie Baxter
Vanessa Chavez

May 16

Mariana Pina
Ruthie Hardin
Ron Procter
Lisa Lane
Deirdre (Johnston) Long
Gloria Reyes
Shirley Prokop

May 17

Glen Herring
Kristen (Holland) Bailey
Dario Hernandez
Tom Alger



Drivers saving at the pump

By GasBuddy

Average gasoline prices in Texas fell 11.9 cents last week, averaging \$3.02 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Prices in Texas are 20.7 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 95.4 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas was priced at \$2.63 while the most expensive was \$4.29 per gallon.

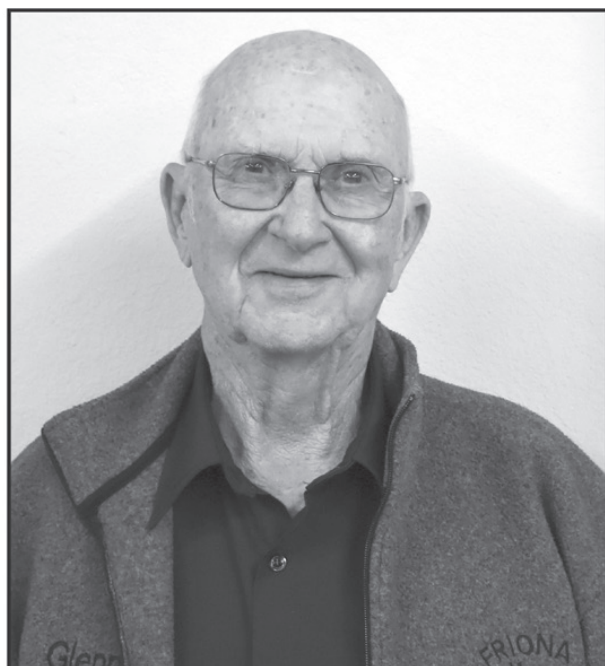
The national average price of gasoline fell 7.5 cents last week, averaging \$3.50 per gallon. The national average is down 7.5 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 80.7 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has fallen 6.3 cents in the last week and stands at \$4.01 per gallon.

"For the third straight week, consumers have been greeted by falling gasoline prices across a majority of the coun-

try, thanks to oil prices holding near recent lows and the transition to summer gasoline being essentially complete. While there have been a few pockets of rising prices, those have been the needle in the haystack, with nearly every single state seeing gas prices fall," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

De Haan continued, "In addition to gasoline prices declining, the average price of a gallon of diesel will join gasoline in the days ahead, falling below \$4 per gallon, a sign of how far we've come. Americans are spending hundreds of millions less on fuel every week compared to a year ago, and that's a number that could rise further as prices are poised to continue trending lower this week."

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



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“not in your midst”

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Deuteronomy 1:41-46 retells of when the Israelites defy God and decide to enter the promised land on their strength and not the Lord's. This happens shortly after the twelve spies returned from the land, and ten of the spies brought back a bad report that discouraged the people from entering the land God promised to give them. Sometime after the people freaked out, then threatened to stone Moses, God slew the spies who brought the bad report. This caused the people to show regret over the consequence of their sin, and then they decided they were ready to go in and take the promised land. They put on their gear and declared they were headed to victory to go in and take the land God had promised.

According to their pundits, experts and strategists, their mission was a slam dunk because they were using God's name to endorse their endeavors. In reality, though, they had missed their God given opportunity and were now seeking to manufacture a similar chance with an awesome result. The big problem was that by this point, God had said they would have to wander in the wilderness for forty years, because of their rebellion. After hearing the consequences of their

sin, they were now ready to obey the Lord, but things don't work that way in God's kingdom.

In God's world, our sin has consequences, and you cannot leisurely erase the consequences of your sin. In sin, you get to choose when and how you sin, but the consequences are out of your control. Instead of submitting to God and going back into the wilderness, the Israelites went up to invade the land, and in Deuteronomy 1:42 God says "Do not go up or fight, for I am not in your midst, lest you be defeated before your enemies." After hearing God's clear Word to quit, guess what they did? They did exactly what God told them not to do, and suffered even more humiliating consequences.

In a similar way, when you do your will and try to slap God's name on it, things will end in disaster because God is "not in your midst." God will not be mocked, he will not endorse your sin, nor will He go along with it. When you plow ahead in sin, it will not go any better than it did for those Israelites who were defeated. So, when you do fail, be quick to repent and move forward trusting God even when the consequences of your sin seem unbearable.

Panhandle Parables

Prayer for Moms

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

Father God, what a great and merciful God you are. We thank you for the many blessings that you have graciously given through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Lord today as we praise You we ask a special prayer of care for mothers. We thank You, that You gave them hearts to love us, nurture and teach us. We thank You that they are a source of Your encouragement and love.

Father, we pray for the moms-to-be in our community. We pray for their pregnancies and their unborn children's health. Give them strength for the upcoming delivery. Help them to know You are there.

Father, we pray for the mothers of toddlers. We

pray You give them the energy and patience to lead these little ones through the everyday discoveries they are making as they grow and change from babies to little ones.

Father, we pray for the moms of our elementary and pre-teen kids. Help them to stay close enough to help, but far enough for these youngsters to begin to grow in their independence. Give them wisdom and gentleness with enough firmness to teach respect for others.

Father, we pray for the moms of our teenagers. Give them the tools to provide for the many needs facing our teens. Help those relationships that are strained by the independence and self-reliance that comes with

being a teenager. Give them the energy to keep pace with the many activities their teens pursue.

Father, we pray for the moms who are sending their last off to college. Help them adjust to the silence. Give them peace in knowing they have done all they can do and it is time for their child to fly.

Father, we pray for those who find Mother's Day painful. For those who could not have children, for those whose mothers were not as You would have intended. Comfort them.

Lord, thank You again for moms for without You and without them we would not be. In Jesus we pray, Amen Happy Mother's Day 2023

What Are You Doing to Prepare?

By Teena Hughs

We have come to the end of another year at Community Bible Study. I am glad and sad at the same time. Revelation has been an awesome, but intense, study.

Over time, I have heard many people ask Jesus to come back. But, when I started the study, I was hesitant to ask Jesus to come back. I know that when He does, it is over for many people. There are no more second chances or do-overs. It's the end, and I want people to have more time to become a believer and accept Him as their Lord and Savior. I also feared that when He comes back, I won't have the courage and strength to stay faithful to Him. I fear being deceived and giving into evil. However, study changed my thinking and my feelings!

I know I repeat too often that we have to study; we have to serve God; we have to have a relationship with Jesus; we have to surround ourselves with like-minded believers, but we do. These are the things that make us more like Jesus; these are the things that strengthen us, give us confidence, embolden us and give us courage to say and do what God's Word tells us is right; these are the things that help us get to spend eternal life with Jesus.

One day, my group and I were talking about the fear some of us have about giving in and turning our backs on Jesus in the end times. It had to be the Holy Spirit

that made me say I believe all of us are going to be surprised at how strong we are in God; how we will depend on what we have learned through study and service; how we will love Jesus so much, and that our relationship will be so strong with Him, that there is no way we will turn our backs on Him.

After reading and studying about the peace and joy we will experience with Jesus, I have to tell you, I am ready for Him to come! I look forward to peace and calm; I look forward to no more sickness; I look forward to Satan being bound up for 1000 years. So, God, if it is time for Jesus to come back, let Him.

One week, we were asked what we are doing to prepare ourselves for Jesus' return. I am going to continue to study His Word so I will know the difference between truth and lies. I am going to continue to work on my relationship with Jesus. I am going to listen to the Holy Spirit more. I am going to ask for forgiveness and repent. I am going to try to live the life Jesus wants me to live, and hopefully that life will attract people to Jesus. If I do that, I am going to be just fine, and so will you.

What are you doing to prepare for Jesus when He returns? What do you need to work on, change, or improve? If you don't know, Jesus is always willing to tell you! All you have to do is ask! Take care and have a great week!

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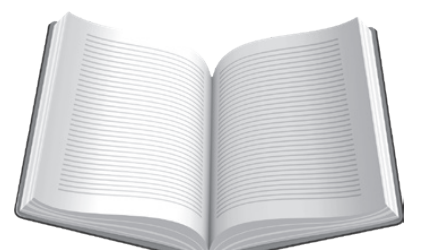
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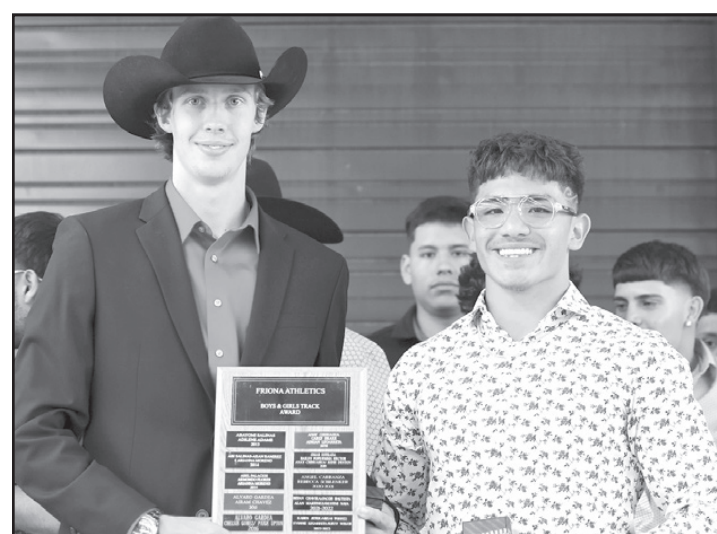
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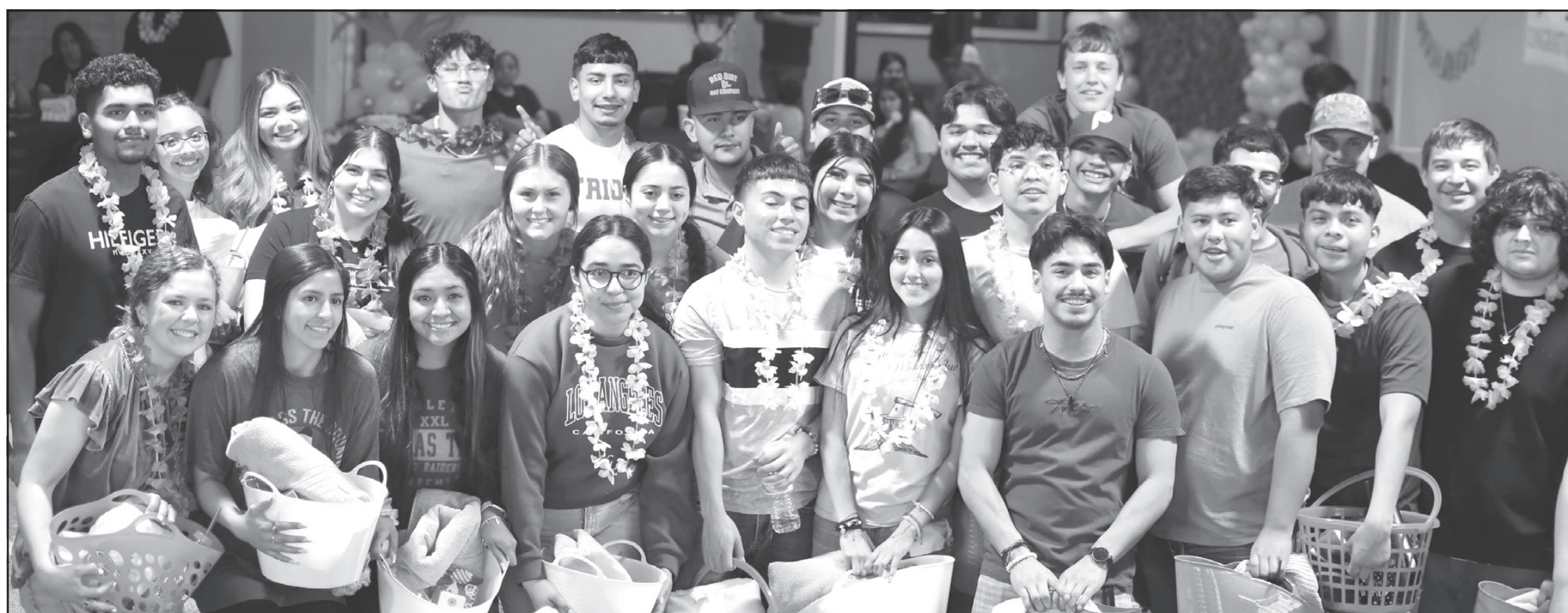
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Conexiones Divinas hosted the fifth FHS Senior banquet of the season last Monday evening. The Class of '23 dined on hamburgers and then cake for dessert. Seniors enjoyed balloon pop, musical chairs, and a limbo contest. All attendees received a gift basket and there was a drawing for door prizes. Thanks to all the volunteers for making it a fun evening. Temple of Adoration will host the last banquet on Monday, May 15th. See photos from the banquet tour at www.frienaonline.com

FRIONA FLASHBACKS
From the Friena Star Archives



ELLIS RECEPTION ... Bill and Carol Ellis, long-time publishers of the Friena Star & Bovina Blade, admire the cake at their retirement reception last Sunday afternoon at the Senior Citizens House. Over 160 people attended the reception. (Friena Star, Friday, May 23, 2003)

Portales Public Library to host Double-Author Event

Novelists **Teddy Jones** of Friena, Texas, and **Kathleen M. Rodgers**, formerly of Clovis and currently of Colleyville, Texas, are scheduled to appear at a double author event from 5:30 to 7 p.m. (Mountain time) on Thursday, May 18 at the Portales Public Library, 218 S. Ave. B, Portales.

Jones is the award-winning author of several novels and short stories. Her book, "Jackson's Pond, Texas," was a finalist in the Women Writing the West Willa Award for contemporary fiction in 2014, and one of her short stories won the Faulkner-Wisdom Creative Writing Competition first prize medal in 2015.

Rodgers' work has appeared in Family Circle Magazine, Military Times, and several anthologies. Her fourth novel, "The Flying Cutterbacks" was named a 2022 New Mexico Press Women Zia Book Award



Teddy Jones



Kathleen M. Rodgers

first runner-up and a 2021 WILLA Literary Award finalist in contemporary fiction from Women Writing the West.

The event, sponsored by the Friends of the Portales Public Library, will include readings by both authors, followed by a question-and-answer session. Books will be

available for purchase and signing, and refreshments will be served. The presentation is open to all.

For more information, contact the Portales Public Library at 575-356-3940, or visit Jones' website at <https://tjoneswrites.net/> and Rodgers' website at <https://kathleenmrogers.com/>.

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Obituary



Myrna Lunell McFarland Horton

Myrna Lunell McFarland Horton, 92 of Friona passed away May 7, 2023 in Amarillo after complications from a fall. Friends paid their respects on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM and a family visitation was held at 7:00 PM in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY. Celebration of Life Services were held at 10:30 AM Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at the Friona Methodist Church with Rev. David McGaughy, officiating. Burial followed in the Friona Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.



Denver, Colorado, they moved to Friona. They raised four children there - Kathryn Horton Gurley, Henry Hollis "Trip" Horton, III, Tracy Horton Bowden, and Sunny Horton Ratliff.

Lunell was born at the McFarland farm home in Parmer County, Texas, on October 28, 1930. She was the eldest daughter of Irene and J.G. "Red" McFarland. Lunell had three sisters - Janice McFarland, Gay McFarland Jordan Cranfill Clark, Doris McFarland Barnett - and two brothers - John Bill McFarland and Dr. David McFarland.

Lunell was active in the community, spending hours on Progressive Study Club projects, teaching Sunday School, working to establish the Friona Public Library, and enjoying a bridge club with her life-long friends. She supported the local arts. For many years, she hosted her grandchildren for summer drama workshop, where she delighted in filling all of her bedrooms and feeding crowds of young actors. She was an avid reader of fiction and nonfiction, and in the past few years enjoyed Audiobooks. She listened to many Great Courses, where she studied the history of classical music and composers, Broadway musicals, and philosophy. She was a great conversationalist and a great cook, and she published two Friends and Family cookbooks. She is a member of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Lunell graduated from Friona High School as valedictorian of her class. She attended Stephens College and Southern Methodist University, where she was a member of the Pi Phi sorority, and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education. While at SMU, Lunell met a tall, slim young man from Rome, Georgia, named Hollis Horton. They married on June 20, 1953, at the Friona United Methodist Church, and they were to celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary this year. After living in San Antonio, Texas, and

her husband, Hollis Horton, and her children and their spouses, Kathryn and John Gurley, Hollis and Courtney Horton, Tracy and Barry Bowden, and Sunny and Franklin Ratliff, as well as her two brothers, John Bill McFarland and wife, Jill, and Dr. David McFarland and wife, Ann. Grandchildren surviving her are Hollis Gurley, Alex Gurley and wife Lindsey, J. Gurley, Marriott Horton Miller and husband Jimmy, Robert Horton and wife Casey, Weston Bowden and wife Liles, Emma Bowden Armistead and husband Howard, Sunny Bowden, Casey Lunell Bowden (her namesake), Kallie Ratliff Bennett and husband Kameron, Matthew Ratliff and wife Haley, Hollee Ratliff Heim and husband Andrew, and Mary Kate Ratliff. Also surviving are fourteen great-grandchildren and many beloved nieces and nephews.

The family would like to express their appreciation for the BSA nurses that provided exceptional care for our mother and showed us such kindness. Also, Lunell was not fond of black, so in respect of her wishes, please feel free to wear happy colors to her service. In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to Friona Public Library or a charity of your choice.

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A House, but not a Home

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith

America's second President John Adams, and his First Lady, Abigail, were the first inhabitants of the White House. Although President Adams demanded that federal employees relocate from Philadelphia to Washington D.C. by May 15, 1800, he and Abigail didn't occupy the presidential mansion until November; they stayed four months—through the inauguration of Thomas Jefferson in March of 1801.



In a November 21, 1800, letter to her daughter, "Nabby," Abigail wrote: "You must keep all this to yourself, and, when asked how I like it, say that I write you the situation is beautiful, which is true. The house is made habitable, but there is not a single apartment finished, and all with-

inside, except the plastering, has been done since [White House steward John] Briesler came. We have not the least fence, yard, or other convenience, without, and the great unfinished audience room I made a drying room of, to hang up the clothes in...Upstairs there is the oval room, which is designed for the drawing room, and has the crimson furniture in it. It is a very handsome room now; but, when completed, it will be beautiful. If the twelve years, in which this place has been con-

sidered as the future seat of government, had been improved, as they would have been if in New England, very many of the present inconveniences would have been removed."

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends **John & Abigail Adams: America's First Political Couple** by Charles River Editors.

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

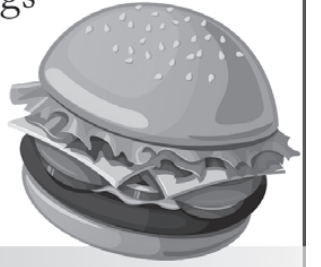
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By order of the Parmer County Commissioner's Court.

Isabel Carrasco
Parmer County Judge

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D. title given to mother of the king or queen
E. homeland to the people of a country
F. main supply as for gold or silver
G. the first language someone learns
H. the biggest and best

Texas corn acres decline as national crop grows

By Adam Russell

Corn acres are expected to increase nationally this season, while planted acres in Texas are expected to decline, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

Much of Texas continues to experience significant drought conditions, which may be impacting planting decisions. Texas corn acres are expected to be 100,000 acres below last year's total of 2.15 million acres, said Mark Welch, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension grain economist, Bryan-College Station.

Welch said the U.S. Department of Agriculture prospective plantings

survey estimated growers nationwide would plant 92 million acres of corn. That number is 3.4 million above last year's planted corn acres.

The additional prospective corn acres are spread across the country with an increase of 865,000 across the South, 950,000 acres in the Dakotas, 650,000 acres in Iowa, Illinois and Indiana, and another 550,000 acres in other Corn Belt states.

In some areas, there are questions surrounding final planting decisions due to weather, Welch said. Corn plantings in some parts of the Corn Belt states are still

in doubt due to drought, and the near 1 million acres in North Dakota and South Dakota may be delayed due to a cold, wet spring.

Corn Belt states like Nebraska and Kansas that have been locked in exceptional and extreme drought received rainfall recently, and planting conditions were expected to improve if El Niño weather patterns deliver more rain. Growers in the Dakotas can typically plant corn into June, but a late spring snow melt and subsequent soggy conditions could push farmers to other crops like soybeans.

"As we get into May,

the grain markets will be paying attention to the areas where there are questions about whether they actually get significant corn acreage planted," Welch said.

Good prices push U.S. corn acres upward



Corn plantings continue around the state and many fields are emerged and progressing, but many producers are switching from corn due to drought conditions. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo by Laura McKenzie)

The drought may keep Texas acres down, but the price incentive to plant corn is driving the increase in acres nationally, Welch said. However, there is a concern that good yields across the nation could drive prices down.

All grain prices have fallen in recent weeks, Welch said. But the fall is not confined to the grain markets. Other commodities like crude oil and copper are down as well, reflecting weakness in the overall outlook for the economy.

Corn futures prices remain relatively strong at \$5.25 per bushel, but that is down from \$5.75 a bushel a month ago and \$7.45 a bushel at this time last year, he said. El Niño weather patterns are generally associated with good growing conditions in the Corn Belt, and Welch expects growers to realize 179 bushels per acre or better, which would mean record yields.

"Grain prices have really been under pressure the last 10 days or so," Welch said. "Overall, yield outlooks are very positive, but the impact of a slowing economy and higher interest rates are playing into commodity markets. The use side is where the challenge will be if yields create a glut of corn."

Welch said there is still good demand for grains now, and stored corn supplies are tightening. That could mean good cash prices for Texas producers who get their crop to harvest in July and August because they are typically among the first to enter the grain market each season.

However, Brazil has a big corn crop that will be harvested around the same time and could counter-balance that advantage on a global scale, especially with exports to China, he said.

"It seems like there is a lot of last-second decision-making around the state and in some areas of the country with significant acres that could go to one crop or the other," he said. "It will be interesting to see which way everything goes and how the season plays out from now to harvest."

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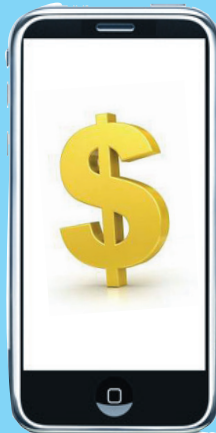
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