



## Cheeseburger Capital Highlights

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Atmos Energy are the 2023 Cook-Off Champions as well as the People's Choice award winners. Awards presented by Miss Friona Kitzy Welch and Little Miss Friona Arribelle Hernandez.



Amy Montana enters the shark tank.



Cheeseburgers in paradise.



Past champion Hilmar Cheese took 2nd Place at the Cookoff. Awards presented by Miss Friona Kitzy Welch and Little Miss Friona Arribelle Hernandez.



Friona Noon Lions Club would like to thank Barrett Potato Farms for donating the "red" potatoes used to make their World Famous french fries at the Cheeseburger Festival. The Lions cooked and sold 650 pounds of potatoes during the festival.



**Best of Show | 1930 Model A Ford Pickup**  
Owner TJ & Donice Strickland of Clovis, NM



**People's Choice Award | 1955 Chevy Pickup**  
Owner Darlene Spears of St. Vanin, NM



**Farthest Distance Traveled | Pontiac Fire Hawk**  
Owner Tim Cox of Amarillo TX

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Friona Weather	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	Precipitation	Burn Ban
July 20-26	 96   65 ESE 10-15	 88   63 ENE 10-15	 89   64 SE 5-10	 96   67 SSW 10-15	 98   70 SSW 10-20	 100   70 SSW 10-20	 100   70 SSW 10-20	July 2.17 Year 14.24	<b>No</b>

**Community Calendar**

Send Calendar information to:  
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- July 20**
  - Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center
- July 21**
  - Jr. High SDW performance at 6:30 p.m. FHS Auditorium
  - High School SDW performance after Jr. High
- July 22**
  - Elementary SDW performance at 3:00 p.m. FHS Auditorium
- July 24**
  - Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center
  - Kidz Building Camp begins at 6:00 p.m. at Boy Scout Hut
- July 26**
  - Library Book Shop at 618 Euclid is open from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
- July 27**
  - Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

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**Texas Senate News**

By Richard Lee



**Legislature Approves Largest Property Tax Cut in State History**

The average Texas homeowner could see annual property tax savings close to \$1,300 if voters approve an increase in the homestead exemption in the upcoming November election. That's part of the sweeping tax cut package passed by both houses of the Legislature on Thursday, ending a months-long impasse on how to distribute \$18 billion in state revenue surplus set aside in this session's budget. "We have a Texas-sized property tax relief package that is unparalleled in the world," said bill author and Houston Senator Paul Bettencourt. As in previous versions, the legislation continues the ongoing reduction of local school property tax rates begun in 2019 and doubles the franchise tax exemption, but the final version sent to the governor includes two new significant provisions.

The first provision would answer the House's demand for a limit to property appraisal growth. Current law caps yearly home value growth to no more than 10 percent of the previous year, but the House passed legislation during the regular session to lower that number to five percent and extend it to all real property. This was one of the major sticking points between the chambers, as Lt. Governor Dan Patrick held that such caps may allow taxing entities to raise rates in a way that they cannot under revenue growth limits passed in Austin in 2019. Ultimately, the chambers agreed on a 20 percent appraisal growth cap for all real properties with a valuation of no more than \$5 million. Homeowners would still be under the 10 percent cap set for homesteads. This provision is set to expire in 2026, allowing legislators to gauge the impact of the new caps over the next three years.

The second provision seeks to add more public input into the appraisal process by adding three elected members to the boards of each appraisal district in counties exceeding a population of 75,000.

The third measure in the tax cut package would cut the number of small and medium businesses on the state's franchise rolls by 40 percent. SB 3, also by Bettencourt, would exempt businesses that bring in less than \$2.47 million in

annual revenue from the franchise tax, double the current exemption. Bettencourt says that will apply to 67,000 additional businesses in Texas. It also removes a requirement that businesses that owe nothing submit a "no taxes due" form to the state or face a \$50 penalty.

Lt. Governor Patrick said this week that face-to-face negotiations between himself and House Speaker Dade Phelan, as well as tireless work by Bettencourt and his House counterpart Representative Will Metcalf resulted in the compromise on this historic tax cut. "When you have \$18 billion you don't decide it in six days, or six weeks, or six months," Patrick said before adjourning the second called session Thursday. "Of all the different variations of bills that [the House] sent us and we sent [them], this was the best bill of them all."

Governor Greg Abbott is expected to sign the measures quickly. He re-

leased a statement following Thursday's passage praising the package. "I thank my partners in the Texas Legislature for coming together to honor the best interests of hard-working Texans who want to own their property—not rent it from the government," he wrote. "I look forward to signing this legislation into law to provide Texans with the largest property tax cut in Texas history."

While the tax compression, changes to the franchise tax, and most other components of the legislation can be enacted by statute, the homestead exemption requires an amendment to the state constitution. Voters must therefore approve the measure in November before it can take effect, but ballot initiatives to raise the homestead exemption in 2015 and 2022 each passed with more than 85 percent support. The bill is structured such that the cuts will apply to the current taxing year.

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**ACROSS**

- 1 album by Texas group "ZZ Top": "\_\_\_ Hombres"
- 5 sharpen
- 6 TXism: "\_\_\_ bien" (good)
- 7 TX Sam Rayburn was a 24-\_\_\_ congressman
- 8 this Moe was TCU basketball coach (1987-94)
- 9 pamper place
- 12 Panna \_\_\_\_, Texas
- 17 "masticates," if you wanna get fancy
- 19 Ector County seat
- 21 in Hidalgo County on highway 107
- 22 TXism: "\_\_\_ a junkyard dog"
- 23 "found \_\_\_ wrote years ago"
- 28 you can \_\_\_ free 72-ounce steak at the "Big Texan"
- 29 this Carter founded the "Fort Worth Star-Telegram"
- 30 Morton Salt is doing this in Grand Saline, Texas
- 31 TXism: "got tumbleweed blood in his veins"
- 35 "don't \_\_\_" (don't annoy)
- 36 TXism: "high \_\_\_" (costly)
- 42 TXism: "\_\_\_ picture"
- 44 Waxahachie is seat of this county

- 46 TXism: "\_\_\_ Catholic?" (yes)
- 48 natural skill, aptitude
- 49 Mule \_\_\_\_, Texas
- 50 do the butterfly or backstroke
- 51 can order it sweet in Texas cafes (2 wds.)
- 52 oil or gas additive
- 53 Vice President, TX John, said his job "\_\_\_ worth a bucket of warm spit"

- 54 TX Janine Turner was in "Cliffhanger" filmed in the \_\_\_
- 56 Water \_\_\_ was city of Austin's first name
- 57 Popeye's girl, Olive
- 58 national anthem writer, Key (init.)

**DOWN**

- 1 Texas-connected Jimmy Webb wrote "By \_\_\_ Phoenix"
- 2 in Falls County on U.S. 77
- 3 front door, e.g.
- 4 where two pieces of fabric are sewn
- 9 TXism: "hobble your lip" (\_\_\_ up)
- 10 San Saba, TX: "The \_\_\_ the World"

**TEXAS CROSSWORD**  
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11 TX Mary Kay \_\_\_ of a cosmetics empire  
12 dad's mate  
13 TXism: "short as \_\_\_ memory"  
14 500 sheets of paper  
15 "there \_\_\_ such thing as a free lunch"  
16 TXism: "tough \_\_\_ old boot"  
18 Texas has 14 of these appellate courts (abbr.)  
20 TXism: "old \_\_\_ sin"  
23 morning time (abbr.)  
24 pen tip  
25 TXism: "mosey \_\_\_ to the trough" (join in)  
26 it runs along the Euphrates  
27 entangle  
32 old Oilers coach: \_\_\_ "Bum" Phillips (abbr.)  
33 \_\_\_ Pleasant, Texas (abbr.)  
34 TXism: drunk \_\_\_ a skunk"  
36 a "yes" vote  
37 foolish or gullible people  
38 TXism: "can't make a silk purse out of \_\_\_ ear"  
39 in Collin County on U.S. 75  
40 a rope is tied to this on a boat  
41 TXism for "relatives"  
43 \_\_\_ Colony, Texas  
45 \_\_\_ Jo, Texas (abbr.)  
47 hires  
48 sole apiary regulator in Texas (abbr.)  
55 Livingston is the seat of this county

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solution on page 3

## COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

### Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from July 6, 2023 to July 13, 2023

(7/7/23) Bate J Bovina LLC — Realty Income Properties 26 — A Portion of Lots 3 and 4, Block 85, Original Town City of Bovina, Parmer County, Texas; More tracts

(7/11/23) Lacinda Nadene Crim Martin — Brandy Lann Green, Brittany Nicole May, Bryce Scott Martin, Baylee Michelle Thimas — All that certain 5.32 Acres out of the East Part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 26, Township 11 South, Range 3 East of a Capitol Syndicate Subdivision of Parmer County, Texas; More tracts on Exhibit on Document

(7/11/23) Nathaniel Shepherd — Juan Carlos Alonzo Chaperon — All of Lot 29, of the Eastview Addition to Bovina, Parmer County, Texas

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

(7/15/23) Joe Cleveland McKinley Jr., 63, of Amarillo was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Possession of Marijuana < 2 oz.

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July 14, 15 ..... Handi Quilter Education Event

July 22 ..... 3 Yard Quilt Class

July 29 ..... Free Accuquilt class

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**Friona Public Library Story Time**  
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**Read and Play Story Time**  
Every Tuesday in June and July  
at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.  
Ages Birth to 6 years old

**Kids Rock Story Time**  
Every Thursday in June and July  
at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.  
Ages 7 to 12 years old

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## TOWN TALK



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**Free Family Fun Day** — The American Quarter Horse Foundation is excited to host a FREE Family Fun Day on Saturday, July 22 at the American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame & Museum in Amarillo. The Museum Family Day hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Attendees are also able to participate in these fun and exciting activities: Storytelling, Crafts, Self-guided museum tours, Free activity books, Meet a real American Quarter Horse in the arena, Special appearance by Two Bits mascot, and Snacks and refreshments.

**Join TEXAS Outdoor Musical for Panhandle Towns Week!** — We invite all of our neighbors in the surrounding Panhandle region to TEXAS. Experience the 57th season under our new artistic director, Stephen Crandall. If you're from any town in the panhandle region, receive 20% off your ticket purchase from July 18th - July 29th. Remember to use promo code: **PTW23**

TEXAS Outdoor Musical 2022 shows Tuesday-Sunday. Park entrance is free with show ticket after 4:00 p.m., Pioneer Amphitheatre opens at 6:00 p.m., Dinner is served from 6:30-8:00 p.m., House opens at 7:45 p.m., and Show starts at 8:15 p.m.

**National Moon Day** — July

20th commemorates the day man first walked on the moon in 1969. NASA reported the moon landing as being "...the single greatest technological achievement of all time."

On July 20, 1969, Apollo 11 carried the first humans to the moon. Six hours after landing on the moon, American Neil Armstrong stepped onto the lunar surface. He spent two and a half hours outside the spacecraft. Buzz Aldrin soon followed, stepping onto the lunar surface. After joining Armstrong, the two men collected 47.5 pounds of lunar material. Their specimens would make the journey back to Earth to be analyzed. In the command module, a third astronaut waited. Pilot, Michael Collins, remained alone in orbit until Armstrong and Aldrin returned.

**Thread the Needle Day** — Here are some of the different meanings of "Thread the Needle." (1) Literal meaning - taking a thread and guiding it through a sewing needle; (2) Metaphorical sense - finding a path through two opposing views (often used by politicians); (3) Game move - a type of billiards move where the ball is shot precisely through a narrow pathway; (4) Yoga pose - also known as para balasana, the pose brings the body to a

kneeling position with both hands on the floor (table pose) then slide the left hand all the way to the right beneath the body and then the head and shoulder should rest comfortably on the floor, creating a slight twist in the spine; (4) Sports metaphor - often employed in sports to describe a tight space in which to move the ball.

**Pun Fun** — Cartoonist found dead in home. Details are sketchy. Source: www.pun.me

**Kidz Camp** — Volunteers are needed for the Kidz Building Camp scheduled for July 24-28 from 6-9 p.m. each evening. Call the Chamber office at 806-250-3491 for more information.

**Training Event Coming Soon** — Volunteers are needed for the Friona First Responders Mass Casualty Incident Training Event to be held on Saturday, July 29th. Call 806-250-2761 for information.

**National Days**

July 20 — Moon Day  
July 21 — Junk Food Day  
July 22 — Hammock Day  
July 23 — Vanilla Ice Cream Day  
July 24 — Cousins Day  
July 25 — Thread The Needle Day  
July 26 — Aunt & Uncle's Day

We are learning about volcanoes.

There are about 1,500 active ones worldwide.

Kids: color stuff in!

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**Volcanoes!**

Do you know that there are about 1,500 active volcanoes worldwide? They remind us that deep beneath the mantle of the Earth is magma, or molten rock. When the magma moves up the vent of a volcano and erupts, we see the steam, gas and ash cloud that it blows into the air. Lava flows out and down the sides of the volcano. The lava is fiery and dangerous. When Hawaii's Kilauea volcano erupted in 2018, it forced thousands of people to flee their homes. Not all volcanoes are the same. A "shield" volcano is flat. A "composite" volcano is tall and thin. Scientists who study the earth's physical structure and what it is made of are called geologists. Volcanologists are geologists who specialize in studying volcanoes and work to uncover the mysteries of volcanoes.

**Read the clues to fill in the puzzle:**

- molten rock, steam, gases exploding from volcano
- mountain or hill with a crater or vent that can allow the magma, gas and steam to escape
- volcanic ash "raining" from the sky; dangerous to people and can even interfere with airplane engines
- ancient Roman god of fire; "volcanoes" named for him
- volcano that has had an eruption somewhat recently
- rocks melted into liquid form, trapped under the surface of the Earth
- sections of the Earth's surface that slide, glide and bump into each other
- circular dip in the Earth's surface caused by a past volcanic eruption
- volcano that scientists think will never erupt again
- area under the Earth between the crust and the core; mostly made of magma
- scientist who studies volcanoes, how they form and behave

*Tiny green crystals called "olivine" may be found in lava rock. (Gem-quality olivine is called "peridot".)*

*It is used for jewelry.*

ashfall eruption lava Ring of Fire magma Vulcan mantle tectonic plates volcano basalt hot spot volcanologist crater dormant extinct active

Steam, gas and ash cloud Crater Lava Flow Vent Magma Chamber

12. this rock is often in slow-moving magma  
13. 25,000 mile area surrounding the Pacific Ocean; home to 90% of world's earthquakes, 75% of the volcanoes  
14. where the space underground is sizzling; perfect area for a number of volcanoes  
15. magma that has reached the surface of the Earth through a volcanic eruption  
16. "sleeping" volcano

**Active or Dormant?**

A volcano is **active** when it's erupting, or if it has erupted within the last 10,000 years. A **dormant** (sleeping) volcano has not erupted in a very long time, but is expected to erupt at some point again. An **extinct** volcano is one that scientists think will never erupt again.

One of the volcanoes in this puzzle is active and erupting right now! The other is dormant.

- Start at the magma chamber. Choose to go right or left. If you get stuck, start again.
- Try to find the path that leads to the active volcano.
- Once you've found it, draw the cloud of steam, gas and ash erupting into the sky and the lava flowing from the volcano.

Tall and narrow volcano (composite) Snow-capped volcano

Magma Chamber Start

**Three Kinds of Volcanic Eruptions**

Volcanoes have different kinds of eruptions. Here are three kinds. Match each description to the drawing of the volcano it describes. Put the letter in the box.

- Volcanian** eruption — a plug of rock at the top of the mountain breaks apart and shoots rocks into the air at speeds of 800 miles per hour.
- Plinian** eruption — the largest kind of eruption. Gases and ash are released up to 35 miles into the air.
- Pelean** eruption — lava and volcanic ash flow down the side of the mountain like an avalanche.

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# Small Town Cookin' *By Jeri Lynn White*

## Corn Fritters

Corn Fritters are a lot like hush puppies or potato cakes, but you use corn instead. As noted below, you can use fresh, canned, or frozen corn. It would be a good use of left over corn on the cob if you end up with extras. This makes a great side dish or an appetizer.

### Quick and Easy Corn Fritters

By Kelly Senyei

#### Ingredients

- 3 cups corn kernels (See Kelly's Note)
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 Tablespoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 2 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 3/4 cup heavy cream
- Vegetable oil, for frying
- Sliced scallions, for serving
- Sour cream or garlic aioli, for serving

#### Instructions

In a large bowl, stir together the corn kernels, flour, sugar, baking powder, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Stir in the eggs and heavy cream until the batter is well-combined.

Line a plate with paper towels. Coat the bottom of

a large sauté pan with vegetable oil and place it over medium-high heat. Once the oil is hot, scoop 2- to 3-tablespoon mounds of the corn batter into the pan, spreading it lightly into a flat, circular shape. Cook the fritters for 2 to 3 minutes, then flip them once and cook them an additional 3 minutes until they're golden brown and cooked through. Transfer the fritters to the paper towel-lined plate, season them immediately with salt and repeat the cooking process with the remaining batter, adding more oil to the pan as needed.

Garnish the corn fritters with scallions and serve them with sour cream or garlic aioli for dipping.

#### KELLY'S NOTE:

Fresh or frozen (thawed) corn kernels will work in this recipe. If you use frozen corn, drain off any excess liquid after it thaws.

## Happy Birthday



### July 20

- Dee Clark
- Chance Lewellen
- Alma Quintana
- Jayce Polk

### July 21

- Lexie Monreal
- Jamie Lewellen
- Miranda (Frye) Wilson
- Gaines Butman
- Lisa McLellan
- Brent Gatlin
- Austin Schlenker
- Gayle Murdock

### July 22

- Johnnie Wiseman
- Amber Hansard
- Jayton Rainey
- Kirk Maberry
- Shelby Silva
- Lee Jesko

### July 23

- Peggy Monroe
- John Ingram
- Hadley White
- Tom Hefner
- Ella Rector
- Troy Talley
- Jason Randall
- Karen Rose
- Bonnie Pope
- Susie Perez

### July 24

- Phila May Weatherly
- Lilah Gay Vars
- Abraham Castanon
- Briana Padilla
- Sara Van Valkenburg
- Ale Gonzales
- Chelsi Bass
- Amy Yosten
- Darlene Case
- Antonia Ramirez
- Ale Rainey

### July 25

- Ruben Castaneda
- Eddie Echevarria

### July 26

- Jo Drummond
- T.J. Randolph
- Faith Carr
- Carolina Camarillo
- Grady Beauchamp
- Sherri Taylor
- Miguel Soto

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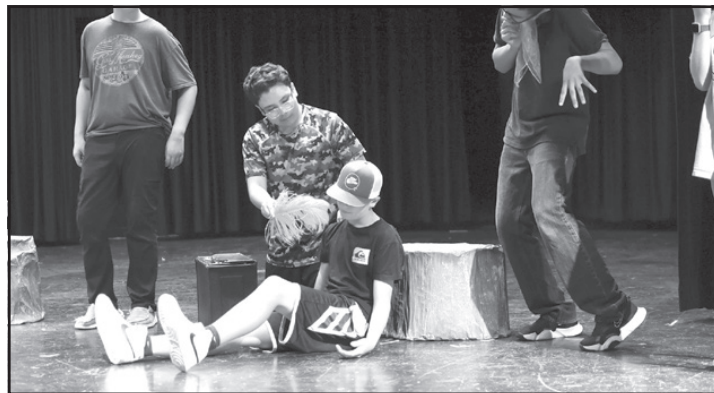
## Summer Drama Workshop

2023 Summer Drama Workshop  
FHS Auditorium

Junior High Performance  
**Once Upon a Clothesline**  
Friday, July 21st @ 6:30 p.m.  
Directed by Amy Montana, Grace Stadler, and Joy Morton

High School Performance  
**Bad Auditions for Bad Actors**  
Friday, July 21st after Jr. High Performance  
Directed by Karlee Osborn

Elementary Performance  
**The Big Bad Musical**  
Saturday, July 22nd @ 3 p.m.  
Directed by Holly Johnston & Brooklynne Johnston



SDW Directors — (l-r) Karlee Osborn, Holly Johnston, Grace Stadler, Brooklynne Johnston, Amy Montana, and Joy Morton

## Oil prices push gas higher

By GasBuddy

Average gasoline prices in Texas rose 3.5 cents last week, averaging \$3.14 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Prices in Texas are 5.3 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 85.9 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas was priced at \$2.62 while the most expensive was \$4.06 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline rose 3.4 cents last week, averaging \$3.53 per gallon. The national average is down 1.6 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 97.5 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel rose 0.1 cent last week and stands at \$3.80 per gallon.

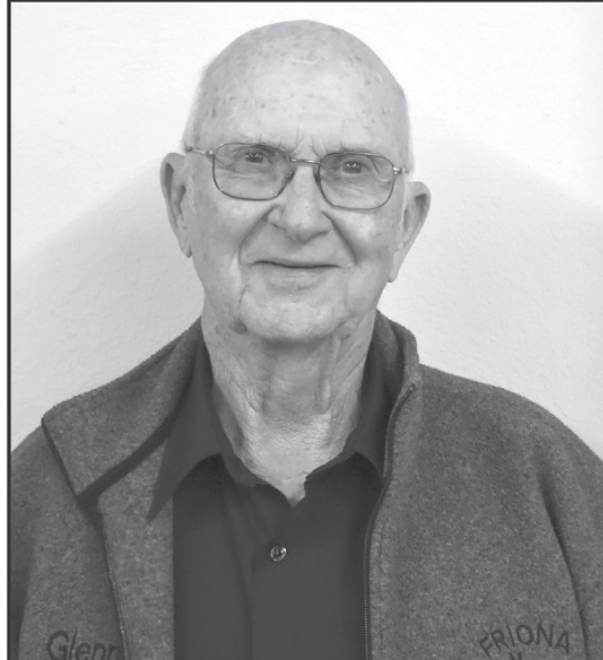
"With oil prices rising to \$75 per barrel last week, the highest level

in months, the national average price of gasoline saw similar upward pressure, with a little over half of the nation's states seeing gas prices rise last week," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

De Haan added, "While the price increases could continue into this week, I would expect them to be fairly mild, with the national average likely staying in the \$3.50-\$3.60 range that we've been stuck in since April for the coming week and likely into next week as well. Economic data has been playing a larger than typical role in putting pressure on gas prices, with OPEC production cuts also a major factor."

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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# Israel's Great Commission

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Jesus' Great Commission to the Church in Matthew 28:18-20 is one of the cornerstone scriptures that gives clear direction to what Churches and Jesus followers are to be doing with their life. "Go and make disciples of all nations," is the clear command of Jesus and any Church or Christian who is not doing this is living in disobedience to Christ's commission. When one hears of the great commission, the natural focus is on the great commission given to the Church, but did you know that Israel's great commission is found in Deuteronomy 4:5-8?

God calls them to know and obey His word as they continue following His direction, which is often repeated in the Torah, but in verse 6-7 there is a clear connection with their obedience and other peoples seeing the greatness of God; "Keep them [the law] and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is to us, whenever we call upon him?"

Ideally, Israel was to walk with God in faith and obedience, and as they did this, other nations would notice and recognize God as the true God. There were glimpses when Israel would do this such as during the united kingdom period of their history, but for the most part Israel was so inwardly and idol focused that they did not live out God's great commission for them. They sacrificed the commission of God for the sake of their own comfort. They chose idols instead of full commitment to almighty God, and they paid dearly for it, eventually being deported as a nation and suffering the loss of their home and their witness.

In a similar manner, the Church will also forfeit the power and work of God when she takes the focus off Christ's commission. The Church exists to "Go and make disciples of all nations," which begins at home and extends afar, yet the lurking temptation is to turn the great commission into the great omission, where the Church begins to function for its own comfort and preferences, instead of faithfully and boldly going and making disciples.

## Panhandle Parables

### Cup Overflows

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

We all know people who often see the world as a cup half empty. Then there are those who see it half full. The half empty crowd we tend to call pessimist, while the half full crowd are the optimists. Now I am not sure how a cup that is at the half way point has been given so much credit in being able to define people based on their view of half a glass of liquid.

We do live in a world that nearly always focuses on the bad and ugly not much on the good. We watch 30 minutes of nightly news all negative hoping for that 30 second feel good story at the end of the news segment to make us somehow feel better?

I have been thinking about the fruit of the Spirit lately. I contend they are by-products of a life that is filled with the Spirit. Let's just take two in no particular order: Joy and Self-Control. Joy does not require a certain circumstance to

be present for it to show up. I have seen folks maintain joy in the toughest of situations. If God's Spirit dwells in you then joy should flow from that life. Self-control likewise a byproduct of the Spirit, should be easily seen in one's life as well. I understand everyone has a bad day or makes a less than stellar decision. Satan wants to rob Joy, and often does by getting us to lose control.

My wandering point is simple. Having the Spirit live in us should be obvious to the world. No one driving through Friona right now wonders if we have had any rain. Why? It's obvious. Everyone's yard is green. Obvious! Our little pond we know as Reeve's lake is giving the folks on Springfield Avenue a better understanding of lake front property. Why? It is obvious. So, don't let your cup be half anything let it overflow because you belong to the King. It should be obvious.

## Worshipping God

By Teena Hughs

I have many faults but one of them is liking to have instructions for everything. I like to be told how something should be done and then I just do it. The latest struggle I have been having is how I should worship God. Just give me the How to Worship guide, and I will do it. But, sometimes there are different ways to worship, so one size doesn't fill all.

So, what started all of this? Well, I have tons of pieces of paper that I have written things on from facebook, things I have heard from people, from sermons, etc. One such piece of paper I recently found said: "What am I lacking to fully worship You?" So, what am I lacking?

I belong to a group of Methodist leaders on my phone. Every Monday, we have a prayer for the week, and these prayers are always awesome!!! I have trouble focusing, so yesterday, Reverend Carl Westbrook's prayer made me realize that I let outside voices interfere with my worshipping God! While Pastor Westbrook mentioned "voices of fear, or frustration, or confusion; not to mention loss or betrayal or abandonment or personal grief, or any one of a number of others," the voice that most often takes my focus off of God is the one that reminds me of all the things I need to be doing. Not only does this voice take my focus off of God, it makes me feel guilty so that I work at doing those things rather than spending time with God.

This is the third time I have written this column. I sent the second copy to Pastor Westbrook, since I was using his prayer. I don't know Pastor Westbrook, but he took the time to respond to what I had written, and he gave me a totally new perspective on worship that freed me. You see, I had written that I need to spend more time with Jesus, reading His Word, discussing it with Him, listening to what He has to

say. To be honest, I just didn't know how I was going to do this. My days are already full with Bible reading and trying to serve God, at least that is what I think.

Pastor Westbrook asked, "Should we be more concerned with the 'mechanics' of worship or the relationship we are wanting to insure and build on? In one sense of the word, it doesn't matter how MUCH or how OFTEN we do the 'mechanics' of worship, as it matters that our relationship with GOD through Jesus the Christ through the acknowledged presence of the Holy Spirit is always being encouraged within the framework of how we live our everyday lives. For me, worship is acknowledging the existence and gift of clouds, the song of the mourning dove on my patio, my finger being clutched in the small hand of our 3-year-old great-granddaughter, or my wife and I experiencing a South Texas sunset with friends out in the country. It is also those alone times with GOD in His Word, or in His creation, or just His Presence within. Worship is not necessarily something we DO, but rather simply experiencing the Presence of GOD in the things we do everyday...The passage of Scripture that often comes to mind is Psalm 46:10, 'Cease striving (be still, relax) and know that I am GOD...' Often, in this cacophonous world in which we live the main thing we need to do is simply be still and acknowledge GOD's holy Presence with us in the moment. In those moments the voices of the surrounding world are indeed drowned out as we draw nearer to our Savior and Lord." And you know what else, all those things my outside voice tells me I need to be doing, they don't matter. Focusing on God, no matter what I am doing is worshipping Him. Take care, and enjoy worshipping God!

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# Milk prices slump despite summer demand bump

By Adam Russell

Summer demand for ice cream and other dairy-based cold treats has historically contributed to higher milk prices for producers, but that has not been the case so far in 2023, according to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service experts.

Rising temperatures typically deliver the one-two price punch of higher demand and reduced production going into the dog days of summer, but dairies are currently producing a glut of milk. As a result, retail prices for an array of dairy-based products, including cheese and ice cream, remain high while producers are seeing low prices for raw milk.

Jennifer Spencer, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension dairy specialist, Stephenville, said milk prices were historically high for producers in 2022. Prices per hundredweight ranged between \$23-\$25 for most of the year and peaked at \$25.87 in June and July last year.

However, prices per hundredweight have steadily declined this year and were \$17.32 per hundredweight in the most recent U.S. Department of Agriculture report, she said. Hundredweight prices for producers were around \$15 in 2020 and \$17 by June 2021 as the pandemic interrupted typical demand, including cheese and butter for restaurants and carton milk for schools. They were around \$19 per hundredweight before the pandemic.

Spencer said lower milk prices put pressure on a dairy operation's ability to turn profits as other production costs, such as feed, fuel and labor continue to rise.

"Breakeven is different for every operation, but these prices may not be good for some produc-



Summertime treats like ice cream typically provide a price bump for dairy producers, but prices continue to stay relatively low. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo by Michael Müller)

ers," she said. "They may have been optimistic in 2022 and expanded, but when prices drop \$5-\$6 per hundredweight, it makes it hard."

Texas continues to add milk cows and production capacity as the number of dairy operations decline, Spencer said. There were 325 dairies in operation during 2021 and 319 dairies in 2022, while those operations added 20,000 cows to the statewide dairy herd.

## Ice cream demand declining, production rising

David Anderson, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension economist, Bryan-College Station, said the lack of a summer price bump could be attributed to a few factors. U.S. dairy production is up, but it appears that overall milk demand is struggling a bit.

"The milk market is complex, and that makes it interesting," he said. "There is a seasonality to the supply side and the demand side that keeps the market constantly moving."

Spring conditions typically provide a flush of new grass and hay, silage and other forages, and ideal weather that pushes milk output by cows higher. Milk output slows as temperatures rise in the summer, while demand for ice cream increases.

In August, the built-in demand for carton milk at schools across the country pushes demand during the heat of summer. The holiday season delivers another level of demand as consumers increase their use of cheese, milk and other dairy products for baking.

In May, creameries produced 2.6% more hard ice cream than at that time last year. Retail prices for ice cream remained relatively high despite the low milk prices, he said. The Consumer Price Index showed May ice cream prices were \$5.80 per half-gallon versus \$5.35 per half-gallon at the same time last year.

Retail prices were showing signs of trending downward, he said. Cheddar cheese was \$5.84 per pound, its lowest price since this time last year when a pound of cheese was \$5.65.

Demand for the range of dairy-based products from protein powder, cheese and ice cream continues to push overall milk demand upward despite falling demand for specific products like liquid milk. It takes roughly 10 pounds of milk to make 1 pound of cheese. The cheese-making process produces whey, which is used in protein products.

Surprisingly, Anderson said ice cream consump-

tion has steadily dipped over the last few decades. The U.S. consumed 18.2 pounds, a little over 4 gallons, of ice cream per capita in 1975 compared to 16.2 pounds in 2002, 13.2 pounds in 2012 and 12 pounds in 2021.

Cheese continues to show consistent demand growth, and processing plants to produce a range of hard and soft cheese products continue to expand to keep pace. Two

new cheese-making facilities in Abilene and Lubbock are expected to be online this fall and in 2024, respectively.

Spencer said that processing capacity will help producers in the Panhandle, the region where 80% of the state's dairy production is located. Some dairies in the No. 2 milk producing state - Wisconsin - were dumping milk because of low prices and processing

capacity, Anderson said.

Dairy producers are thinning their milk herds in response to low prices and market factors to reduce costs and output, he said.

"Milk producers are responding to low prices and higher production and the market will have to adjust to what they are doing," he said. "It's summertime and I like ice cream, so I'm doing my part."

## Letter to business customers

In February, I celebrated my 11th anniversary with West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative and WT Services. I continue to be honored to have been selected to serve as the Chief Executive Officer of our companies. I am proud of the Team we've built and the many accomplishments we have achieved.

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- We have entered into an agreement with our engineering consulting firm who has developed a **Network Operations Center** that assists us in monitoring our network on a **24 X 7 basis**. The NOC personnel become aware of issues impacting our network and services, likely before we do, and they alert us. One incident happened last year, when an impaired driver ran over our equipment (and another provider's equipment) at 3:00 a.m. on a Saturday morning. The NOC alerted our on-call supervisor. After investigating the damage, our Team repaired the equipment before anyone knew we were out of service in that area (around 9:30 a.m. that morning).
- Nearly every component of our network has been updated during the past decade, including, but not limited to:
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  - ▶ Upgrade to our IPTV System
  - ▶ Installation of a backup central office switch in Friona that is a mirror to the central office switch in Hereford.
  - ▶ Partnered with neighboring telephone cooperatives to connect our networks. If our network is compromised (as the fiber cut last May), then the traffic is automatically routed over the neighboring partners networks to Lubbock and vice versa
  - ▶ We have conducted a cybersecurity audit and subsequently rearranged some parts of our network to make it more difficult to hack. We will continue to have these audits in the future because these attacks are increasing.
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To arrange for a meeting or if you have any questions, please contact Raquel Vallejo or one of our Business Solutions Team members: Bennie Gonzales, Julie Brooks, or Ruben Coronado at 364-3331.

Best Regards,

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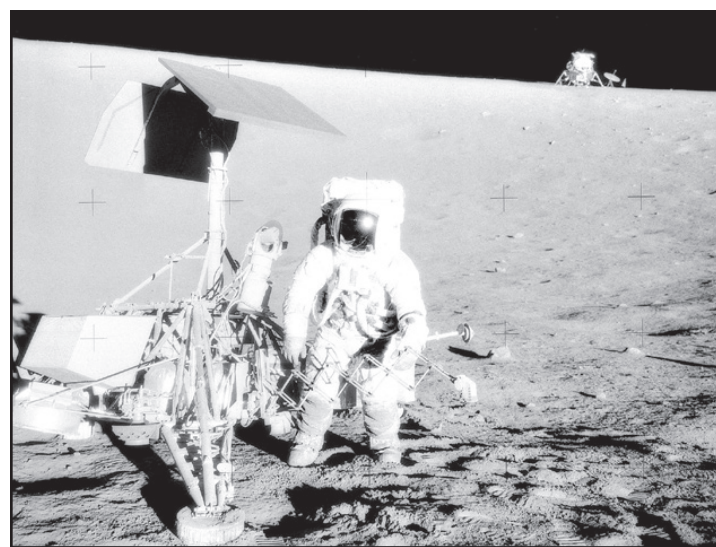
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## Moon Shot

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith

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The achievement was challenging but according to History.com "NASA and its thousands of workers forged ahead, and in October 1968, Apollo 7, the first manned Apollo mission, orbited Earth and successfully tested many of the sophisticated systems needed to conduct a moon journey and landing. In December of the same year, Apollo 8 took three astronauts around the far side of the moon and orbited it 10 times before return-



ing, and in March 1969 Apollo 9 tested the lunar module for the first time while in Earth orbit. Then in May, the three astronauts of Apollo 10 took the first complete Apollo spacecraft in 31 orbits around the moon in a dry run for the scheduled July landing mission." And so, on July 16, "Apollo 11 took off from Kennedy Space Center with astronauts Neil Armstrong, Edwin

Aldrin Jr., and Michael Collins aboard."

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends **Moon Shot: The Inside Story of America's Apollo Moon Landings** by Jay Barbree, Alan Shepard, Deke Slayton, and Neil Armstrong.

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### Dr. Jamie Epperson

Jamie Epperson, D.D.S., 54, passed away on Friday, July 14, 2023, in Wichita Falls.

Jamie was born in Amarillo on November 26, 1968, to Don and LaVon Reeve. She married the love of her life, Casey Epperson on August 21, 2000, at Lake Tahoe, California. She was a devoted wife, a loving and caring mother, a dedicated dentist, a servant to the community, and a steadfast friend to many.

Jamie Epperson graduated Salutatorian from Lamesa High School. She decided that she wanted to become a dentist in high school, after working for one in her hometown. She graduated with honors from West Texas State University in 1991. While at WTSU, Jamie was active in several student organizations including Beta Beta Beta Fraternity, Residence Hall Association, WTSU Student Foundation, Shirley Hall Council, Campus Services, and Mortar Board. She was elected Homecoming Queen in 1990.

Jamie soon began her studies at the University of Texas Health in San Antonio School of Dentistry where she graduated with honors. She was an active member of the American Student Dental Association, Texas Association of Women Dentists, Student Research Group, International Association of Dental Research, and Xsi Psi Phi Fraternity. Jamie received the ADA Certificate of Merit for International Service for traveling as a part of a dental team to Guatemala to provide dental care to the Quiche Indian population, and received awards for excellence in clinical dentistry and excellence and promise in oral diagnosis.



After graduating from dental school, Jamie said, "Graham was my first choice when I was deciding where I wanted to practice. When I was younger, my family and I used to come to Possum Kingdom a lot - almost every summer, and I loved it. I have always thought that Graham was such a friendly, pretty town. And after being in San Antonio, I was ready to get out of the big city and come to a smaller community." In July 1995, she came to Graham and joined Dr. David Scott at the Austin Road Dental Clinic. In 2000, Jamie Epperson bought the practice and in 2007, opened Twelve Oaks Dental Clinic in Graham.

Jamie had her dental practice in Graham, Texas for 28 years. She was a member of the Eastside Church of Christ. She spent her life serving others, never thinking of herself, always looking for ways to share random acts of kindness. Jamie participated in Dental Mission Trips to Guatemala, Haiti, and Ecuador. In 2013, created a running club for Woodland Elementary called "Run For God" to encourage kids to eat healthy and exercise.

Jamie was not an athlete in her youth but grew to love running later for the peace and sense of achievement it gave her, and the camaraderie of running with friends. She ran 5Ks,

half-marathons, and even one marathon. Jamie felt that there was bound to be a way to make the running experience more meaningful. Jamie was the spark plug behind the Spivey Hill Challenge 5K in Graham. Since 2015, the Spivey Hill Challenge 5K has raised \$96,000 and has benefitted countless individuals in need of help. Hundreds of volunteers and runners have participated, and there is no way to calculate the love that has been shared through the seed of Jamie's idea.

She showed by her selfless example how to love one another, how to follow God, how to care for our neighbors, and how to raise a family. She will be missed but never forgotten.

She was a gift to us all and will be sadly missed by her husband, Casey Epperson of Graham; daughter, Emily Epperson; son, Cody Epperson, both of Graham; her parents, Don, and LaVon Reeve of Graham; brother, Jay Don Reeve and wife Rhonda of Athens, TX; sister, Julie Banfield, and husband Kirk of Plano; four nieces, Brittany Hopkins, Ashley Bassett, Macy Tinree, Taryn Banfield; and one nephew, Parker Banfield. She is also survived by five great-nieces and nephews, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Visitation will be Thursday, July 20, 2023, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Morrison Funeral Home Chapel. The funeral will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, July 21, 2023, at Eastside Church of Christ. Burial will follow in Pioneer Cemetery.

Instead of flowers, donations are being accepted for the Spivey Hill Challenge, P.O. Box 805, Graham, TX 76450 in Jamie's memory.

### Roscoe William Parr Jr.

Roscoe William Parr Jr., 76 of Friona passed away July 15, 2023 in Friona. There will be no services. Cremation arrangements by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Roscoe was born January 10, 1947 in Clovis, New Mexico to Roscoe William and Katharine Dodson Beazley Parr. After graduating from Friona High School he attended South Plains Community College and then West Texas State University where received several Master's Degrees in Education. He was a Special Education teacher in Bovina and Killeen. After retiring from education, he worked for NAPA Auto Parts.

He loved time with his



family, camping at lake and mountain areas, fishing, motorcycle rallies, and basically anything outdoors. He was very musically inclined playing several instruments and had a love for gospel music especially.

Roscoe is preceded in death by his parents Roscoe Sr. and Katharine, 1 daughter-Piper Dawn Parr-Ferch, and 1

sister-Katharyn Cordelia Parr Eddins.

Those to mourn his passing include a son-Roscoe William Parr III, 5 grandchildren-John Wesley Parr, Michael Ferch and wife Faith, Raphael Ferch, Angel Ferch and Ariel Ferch, all of Killeen, 2 nieces Belinda Anthony and husband Mark, Katie Parker and husband Damon, 1 nephew- Will Eddins, all of Friona, and a number of great-nieces and nephews.

You may send blessings to the family and sign the online guest book exclusively at: [hansardfamily.com](http://hansardfamily.com)

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Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) trooper Kyle Grimsley was the guest speaker at the Friona Noon Lions Club meeting last Monday at the Farmwife Kitchen restaurant. State troopers have been tasked with providing support for enforcing border security for the past few years. Trooper Grimsley talked about his responsibilities and experiences while serving with other law enforcement personnel at the Texas-Mexico border. In the photo — (l-r) current Lions Club Sweetheart Emma Schueler, 2023-24 Club Sweetheart Amy Montana, and DPS Trooper Kyle Grimsley.

### Comptroller to distribute \$1.1 Billion in Monthly Sales Tax Revenue

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced that he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts \$1.1 billion in local sales tax allocations for July. This monthly disbursement amount is 7.5 percent higher than the one made in July 2022.

Cities will receive \$697.5 million, transit systems will get \$236.4

million, counties will get \$68.5 million, and special purpose districts will receive \$105.4 million. These allocations are based on sales made in May by businesses that report tax monthly.

The City of Friona will receive \$58,419.36 in sales tax allocation for the month of July. This payment is a 17.18 percent increase over the

\$49,852.04 received in July of 2022. For year-to-date 2023, Friona has received \$384,086.73 which is a 14.34 percent decrease from the YTD amount of \$448,427.79 received in 2022. The Friona Economic Development Corporation (FEDC) will receive \$14,604.84 of the allocation for its operating budget.

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# Brazos Headwaters Food Summit is July 25-26

A two-day Brazos River Headwaters Local Food Summit will be held July 25-26 at the Clovis Community College Main Building, Room #101, 417 Schepps Boulevard in Clovis, 10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. July 25 and 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. July 26.

The Food Summit will provide information, ideas, and inspiration for food producers/crafters working in Curry and Roosevelt counties, as well as across the Eastern New Mexico/West Texas region, plus a morning Field Tour July 26 and networking opportunities to support successful growing and marketing this season.

Ogallala Commons, a nonprofit education and leadership organization

(www.ogallalacommons.org), is collaborating with the Small Business Development Center at Clovis Community College in Curry and Roosevelt counties, Clovis Curry County Chamber of Commerce, Clovis Economic Development, and the Roosevelt County Chamber of Commerce to conduct the event.

“At this Summit, we will hear the voices and stories of those who provide us with nutrient-dense, fresh food, while stewarding lands in eastern New Mexico—places drained by the Brazos River headwaters,” notes Berlin Arellano, Ogallala Commons Regional Coordinator for New Mexico.

“We invited anyone interested in food resources to join with us

for peer-to-peer learning opportunities, and to inspire networking and new connections between agricultural producers and consumers.”

Doors open at 10: a.m. (MST). A welcome and summit overview will be presented at 10:30 a.m. by Dr. Robin Jones, Clovis Community College Interim President, Blaze Diamond, Ogallala Commons and Local Food Systems Program Coordinator, El Prado, NM Berlin Arellano, Ogallala Commons New Mexico Regional Coordinator, Tucumcari, NM.

At 11 a.m. Mountain Time there will be an historic presentation on the Proto-Brazos: An Ancient Food Mecca.

At 11:30 a.m. “Getting Started in Food Production” will be touched on by Amiah Robinson, Director, Clovis Community College Garden & Food Pantry, Clovis, NM | Mark & Tomie Anthony, MTA Farms, Clovis, NM, and Zachary & Rachel Cordel, Deeply Rooted Farms, Clovis, NM.

At 12:15 those gathered will hear about Connecting Fresh Food to Health: NM Fresh RX.

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Lunch catered by AJ’s Wings will be served at 12:45.

At 1:30 p.m. Mountain Time a Local Meat Production/Marketing Panel Presentation will include discussion by Toby & Kimberly Bostwick, Barnhouse Farms, Melrose, NM, Megan Foote, Foote Family Meats, Clovis, NM, and Mimi Sidwell, JX Ranch Natural Beef, Tucumcari, NM.

“Feeding the Community through Farmers Markets,” will be presented at 2:20 by Margie Plummer, Veggie Shack, Portales, NM, and Sally Brown, Santa Rosa Farmers Market Director, Santa Rosa, NM.

Following a break at 3 p.m. Planning for Your Business Success will be presented by Dominique Chairez, SBDC, Clovis, NM.

At 3:30 p.m. New Opportunities for Feeding People will be covered by Blaze Diamond, OC Local Food Systems Program Coordinator, El Prado, NM.

There is an early morning start for the day two session at 8:30 a.m., with a panel presentation on “Options for Diversifying Your Markets” from Susann Mikkelsen, NMSU Gua-



dalupe County Extension, Santa Rosa, NM, Berlin Arellano, Ogallala Commons New Mexico Regional Coordinator, Tucumcari, NM and Beth Fair, Elida Municipal Schools, Elida, NM.

A Field Tour is to follow at 9:30 a.m. with a visit to MTA Farms and the Community Garden and Food Pantry at Clovis Community College.

A lunch at the Clovis Community College Main Building catered by Leal’s Mexican Food Restaurant will be

served at 11:30 a.m., followed by a Chile Round Table at 12:30 p.m.

The wrap-up presentation at 1:30 p.m. Mountain Time is on Rebuilding Soil Health: Hopes for the Future By Marie Nava, Rancho Alma Linda, Tucumcari, NM

Registration fee for the Summit is \$30 for one day or \$50 for both days.

Those interested can register online by using this link: <https://bit.ly/3Xp5rLb>

Payment may be made by check made to

Ogallala Commons and mailed to P.O. Box 346, Nazareth, TX 79063 by July 19.

Registration at the door will be \$35 per person per day.

The Summit is presented by Ogallala Commons with grant support from the Thornburg Foundation.

For more information, contact Berlin Arellano, Ogallala Commons New Mexico Regional Coordinator at (505)795-9848 or [berlin@ogallalacommons.org](mailto:berlin@ogallalacommons.org).

## Jarecki attends first school board meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Friona ISD was held on Monday, July 17, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room of the FIRD Administration Building located at 909 E. 11th Street in Friona, Texas.

Recently elected board member John Jarecki, who was sworn in earlier, was welcomed to his first meeting as a trustee.

Business Manager Dianna Wright told the board that 98 percent of school taxes had been collected for the year. She also reported that all of the accounts were in good standing as the fiscal year is winding down and a budget is being developed for the new school year.

Curriculum Director Dalene Burns presented the board with a review of all the federal



John Jarecki

and state programs that were implemented during the past year including SHAC, PFE, ESSER, Safety Programs, and District Improvement Plans.

Antonia Rocha is the

board president, Jason Rector is the vice president and Jeri Lynn White is the secretary. Other members are Wade Schueler, Marla Hart, Dustin Thompson, and John Jarecki.

## Hall of Fame Inductee



Long-time Hereford journalist and contributing writer to the Hereford Brand Jim Steiert, left, was named to the Panhandle Press Association Hall of Fame at the 114th annual PPA convention July 14 in Canyon. Steiert’s journalism career is now in its 51st year. Sharing the moment is Hereford Brand Publisher and Panhandle Press Association President Jeff Blackmon of Hereford. The HOF

recognition cites recipients “for extraordinary leadership, courage, and dedicated commitment to the newspaper industry in the Texas Panhandle area.” Congratulations to Jim!

*Editor’s Note: Jim wrote a great article about Buffalo Lake that we published in the Friona Star a couple of weeks ago. Check out the article and go see the lake for yourself.*



## FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



Work continues on the gym/activity center at the high school. Workers were hanging 12 basketball goals, building a batting cage, and installing posts for volleyball nets this week. The overhead door at left is on the west side of the building. The work crew was here from the Waco area and said they would be here about three weeks completing their part of the construction. Ron Carr photo (Friona Star, Thursday, July 18, 2023)



# Sports



## Cheeseburger tourney is a big hit

The Frióna Youth Sports organization would like to express its heartfelt gratitude to all the athletes, coaches, parents, officials, volunteers, and sponsors who contributed to the resounding success of the Frióna Cheeseburger Festival Basketball Tournament, held this past weekend in our vibrant community.

The tournament, which showcased the remarkable skills and dedication of young athletes from across the region, would not have been possible without the unwavering support and cooperation of numerous individuals and organizations. Frióna Youth Sports would like

to extend its sincerest thanks to each and every one of you.

Frióna ISD played a pivotal role in the tournament's success by graciously providing the use of their state-of-the-art facilities. We express our deepest gratitude to the Frióna ISD administration, staff, and faculty for their invaluable support and for creating an environment that fostered competition and sportsmanship.

The custodians of Frióna ISD deserve special recognition for their diligent efforts in ensuring that the facilities were impeccably maintained throughout the tournament. Their hard work behind the scenes en-



sured a clean and welcoming environment for all participants and spectators.

We would also like to acknowledge the exceptional efforts of the parents and athletes who selflessly managed the concession stands and entry gates. Your commitment and dedication in fulfilling these crucial roles were instrumental in enhancing the overall experience for everyone involved.

The Frióna Police Department played a vital role in maintaining the safety and security of all participants and attendees. We extend a huge thank you to the officers who dedicated their time and expertise to ensure a smooth and secure event. Your presence and vigilance were greatly appreciated.

Furthermore, Frióna Youth Sports is deeply grateful to the numerous business sponsors,

as well as the family and individual sponsors, whose ongoing support made this tournament possible. Your generosity and commitment to our organization are invaluable, and we are truly grateful for your partnership. Your contributions enable us to continue providing meaningful sporting opportunities for our youth and fostering a sense of community within Frióna.

The Frióna Cheeseburger Festival Basketball Tournament not only showcased the athletic abilities of our young athletes but also highlighted the incredible spirit of unity and collaboration within

our community. Frióna Youth Sports is immensely proud of the exceptional achievements and positive attitudes displayed by all participants.

Once again, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the athletes, coaches, parents, officials, volunteers, and sponsors who played an integral role in the success of the Frióna Cheeseburger Festival Basketball Tournament. Your support and dedication are deeply appreciated, and we look forward to many more successful sporting events in the future.

Together, we continue to build a stronger, more vibrant Frióna.

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1st & 2nd Grade Boys | 1st Place | Lil Chiefs



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3rd & 4th Grade Boys | 2nd Place | Mustangs



5th & 6th Grade Boys | 1st Place | WTX Crush



5th & 6th Grade Boys | 2nd Place | Herd Elite



5th & 6th Grade Girls | 1st Place | Friona



5th & 6th Grade Girls | 2nd Place | B-Town Elite



7th & 8th Grade Boys | 1st Place | Amarillo Irish



7th & 8th Grade Boys | 2nd Place | Young Gunz



7th & 8th Grade Girls | 1st Place | Hoop 10 Blaze



7th & 8th Grade Girls | 2nd Place | Lady Gators



High School Boys | 1st Place | Team



High School Boys | 2nd Place | B.O.P.



Oscar Ostos, an engineer with Hi-Plains Civil Engineers, climbed the north water tower on Wednesday to perform a structural inspection and take paint samples. Oscar is the engineer for the City of Friona. Plans are to repaint the tower as a cheeseburger. More details next week.



The FHS class of 1988, along with other friends and family, donated the funds to have this new Prairie Acres sign made "In Memory and Honor" of their classmate Jennifer Brockman Baize, LVN, ADON. She was a nurse at Prairie Acres for 25 years.

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