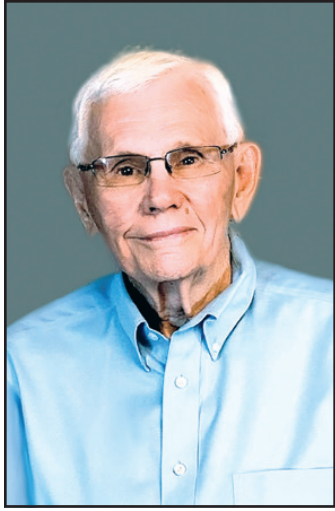




Services held for former mayor

Funeral services were held last Saturday for former Friona mayor Clarence Monroe, who passed away on Monday, August 21, 2023. Brett Hoyle, pastor of Friona First Baptist Church, officiated the service. Interment at the Friona Cemetery was conducted by Hansard Family Funeral Home.



Friona Mayor Clarence Monroe served from 1983 until 2002. His 19 years of service is the longest tenure of any mayor in Friona history. Before becoming mayor, he served on the city council for six years. He was also a member of the regional review committee for the Texas community development program, president of the Region 2 Texas Municipal League, chairman of the Panhandle Conference of Mayors, and member of the board of directors of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission for six years.

the board of directors of the Parmer County Farm Bureau for 28 years, the Friona Farmers Co-Op Gin board of directors for 7 years, the Friona Wheat Growers board of directors, and the Friona Junior Livestock Show board of directors. In 2019, he received the "Pioneer Award" from the Texas Farm Bureau.

Monroe was also a past president of the Friona Baseball board of directors, an officer in the Booster Club, and was active in his local church. In recognition of devotion to his community, he was honored as the 2002 "Man of the Year" by the Friona Chamber of Commerce.

Monroe was a farmer most of his life and raised cotton, wheat, and corn. He served on

Commissioners discuss jury duty compensation

Parmer County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, August 21, 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.

A resolution calling for the closing of the railroad crossings at CR 15 and near CR 14 was approved. The CR 15 railroad crossing will be closed at the start of construction on the new overpass west of the Cargill plant. It will be closed permanently. The current railroad crossing west of CR 14 will also be closed sometime during the overpass construction. Eventually it will be moved east to align with CR 14.

Commissioners discussed the pay increase for jurors and jury service mandated by House Bill 3474. Compensation for Day 1 of Jury Duty was increased from \$10 to \$20 and the pay for each subsequent day thereafter was increased from \$40 per day to \$60 per day.

A motion to approve continuing education hours for Justice of the Peace Pct. 1 Rhonda Wilkins was passed.

Sheriff Geske reported to the Court that the Parmer County Law Enforcement Center is currently housing 39 inmates of which 24 are paying customers from Lubbock County. Since January 1st, Parmer County has received \$168,610 in compensation for housing Lubbock County inmates.

There were no comments from the public during the open forum. Minutes from the August 21st 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, September 11th.

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



Empire Academy Ribbon Cutting — On Monday, the Friona Chamber of Commerce and Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce conducted a joint Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Empire Academy located at 609 Main St. in Friona. Classes will start September 5th with instruction for students who wish to become a Class A Barber, Nail Tech, Cosmetologist to Barber Crossover, or Cosmetologist. **In the photo** — (l-r) Emma Rector, Junie Wagner, Esmerelda Mills, Hilda Valdez, Julie Brooks, Chuck Mills, Bennie Gonzales, Sandra Busch, Adrienne Vazquez, Sherri Alger, Greg Lewellen, Yvette Williams, Mari Martinez, Varla Wilcox, Sawyer Osborn

Farmers Co-Op conducts annual meeting

Friona Farmers Co-Op Gin held its 60th Annual Stockholders Meeting on Tuesday, August 29, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Friona Jr. High Cafeteria. Danny's Fins & Hens catered the meal which was followed by the audit report, manager's report, and door prizes.

Only 10,274 cotton bales were ginned last year and poor weather conditions this year present a very unfavorable outlook for the current season. However, the auditor, from D. Williams & Co, Inc. CPA's of Lubbock, told the attendees that many of the other gins in the area were in a lot worse shape financially. In his report, gin manager Jeff Watkins pointed out that the gin still has a large seed inventory on hand which could prove to be very useful in a "down" year.

Board members Ricky Barnett and Cris Ingram were reelected by acclamation. The Board of Directors for 2023-24 includes: Mitchell Wiseman, President; Cris Ingram, VP; John Jarecki, Secretary-Treasurer; Ricky Barnett, Director; Davy Carthel, Director; Garret Clark, Director; Russell Harkins, and Jeff Watkins, Gin Manager.



Special guests at the Co-Op Gin meeting were (l-r) Matt McDonald, Manager of the Levelland/Sudan facilities of the Farmers Cooperative Compress; Aubrey Heinrich, Area Manager for Member Communications for the Plains Cotton Cooperative Association (PCCA); and Susan Everett, Member Service Representative for the National Cotton Council of America.



Board members Cris Ingram and Davy Carthel receive assistance in drawing for door prizes at the end of the stockholders meeting.

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Community Calendar

Send Calendar information to:
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August 31

- Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center
- Border Bash Volleyball Tournament at FHS Activities Center

September 2

- Border Bash Volleyball Tournament at FHS Activities Center

September 4

- Labor Day / No School
- Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center
- Friona Noon Lions meeting at The Farmwife Kitchen

September 5

- Packing for Snack Pak 4 Kids at Methodist Church north entrance @ 2:30 p.m.

September 6

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

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Top Wheat Picks announced

As producers try to put the weather-plagued 2022-2023 wheat crop behind them and prepare for the next season, Texas A&M AgriLife agronomists from the High Plains and Rolling Plains are releasing their annual list of top-performing wheat varieties.

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and Texas A&M AgriLife Research annual "Top Wheat Picks" list for top-performing varieties is based on a three-year running average and not a single year, taking into account the harsh drought conditions of the past two years.

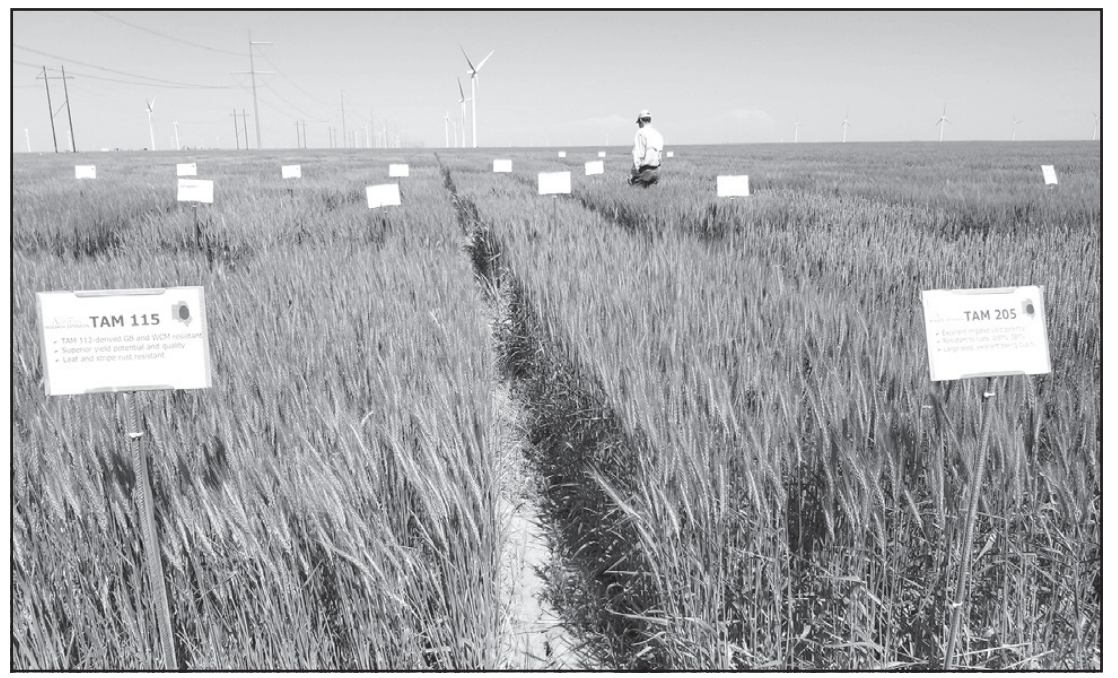
2022-2023 was tough weather-wise

The 2022-2023 wheat season was hampered by extreme weather events, said AgriLife Extension agronomists Jourdan Bell, Ph.D., Amarillo; Calvin Trostle, Ph.D., Lubbock; and Emi Kimura, Ph.D., Vernon.

Continued drought conditions in fall 2022 resulted in poor planting conditions. While some timely planted fields benefited from late September and early October rainfall, fields quickly dried out. Fields dusted-in, or dry planted, in late October and November, had poor to no stands, and that was followed by another dry winter.

Adding to the injury were sub-zero temperatures in December, resulting in winterkill in most dryland wheat areas. High winds throughout the spring of 2023 resulted in the loss of other wheat fields.

The drought and above-average spring temperatures resulted in a regional forage deficit and strong forage prices. As a result, much of the wheat not lost to drought and wind injury was either grazed or harvested



TAM 115 and TAM 205 are among the "Top Wheat Picks" for the High Plains. Picks are made based on performance trials like these at the Texas A&M AgriLife research fields near Bushland. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo by Kay Ledbetter)

for hay or silage.

Adding to the barrage of weather damage were heavy wheat streak mosaic and barley yellow dwarf virus. Russian wheat aphid pressure also prevailed across much of the Texas High Plains, with reports from north of Lubbock to the Oklahoma line.

Testing for top varieties under stressful situations

Texas A&M AgriLife experts annually evaluate how wheat varieties grow under adversity and select top performers. Trostle said they examine data from the past years' wheat variety trials coordinated by the Texas A&M AgriLife Wheat Improvement programs in Amarillo and Bryan-College Station. Variety trial entry fees and the Texas Wheat Producers Board fund these studies.

The agronomists said all "Wheat Picks List" varieties must show stability within their target regions over three years.

This allows for variable growing conditions such as lack of soil moisture at planting, freezing temperatures during early growth and near the onset of the reproductive stage, terminal drought,

excessive moisture during the grain-fill stage, and disease and insect pressure, which can affect performance in any growing season. The three-year average provides a more accurate picture of performance, they said.

Also, picks are not necessarily the numerical top yielders. The team considers end-use quality, important disease resistance traits, insect tolerance and standability. This important varietal trait information enables a producer to better manage potential risk.

High Plains, South Plains wheat 'Picks List'

Wheat grain variety picks are based on the performance of varieties in 18 different trials conducted in 2020-2023 under irrigated and dryland conditions.

Full Irrigation Picks - TAM 114, TAM 116, TAM 205, WB 4792, CP 7017AX and SY Wolverine.

Limited Irrigation Picks - TAM 114, TAM 115, TAM 116, TAM 205, WB4792 and CP7017AX.

Dryland Picks - TAM 113, TAM 116, TAM 205, Canvas and WB4792.

TAM 116 was added to each list this year, but seed availability is extremely limited for the 2023-2024 season, Bell said.

TAM 112 was removed from the 2021-2022 wheat crop list, but it remains a good option for tough dryland conditions. TAM 115 is similar in pedigree and traits to TAM 112, but it does not fare well on tough dryland acres. TAM 115 was removed from the fully irrigated list, but it remains a good option for limited irrigation because it is less susceptible to injury from late spring freezes.

Croplan CP7869 was removed from the current picks list because it was not evaluated in the 2022-2023 trials. Croplan CP7017AX is a new addition to the 2023-2024 irrigated list. It has a strong four-year production history in the High Plains Uniform Variety Trials.

The agronomists also add varieties starting to show promise to a "watch list." This year, the watch list includes Monarch on the full irrigation and limited irrigation lists and Kivari AX on the limited irrigation and dryland lists.

ACROSS

1 TX JoBeth Williams 1980 comedy "___ Crazy"

5 poetic sea eagle

6 simplified "night"

7 TXism: "___ hombre" (mean)

8 ___ of war

9 TXism: "fits like ugly on an ___"

12 apron, e.g.

17 spice up

19 TXism: "___ hat and no cattle" (pretentious)

21 Fort Worth money plant uses magnetic 3-down inks to foil counter___

22 the Alsatian ___ group founded Castroville, Texas

23 1924 slogan: "Me for ___ Ain't Got a Durned Thing Against Pa"

28 TXism: "he ain't got both ___ in the water" (slow witted)

29 cowboy headgears

30 it was once Formosa

31 TXism: "___ pope Catholic?" (yes)

35 This Porter was in "True Blood" with TX Jim Parrack

36 1976 film starring TX Kristofferson and Streisand (4 wds.)

42 TXism: "___ the wall and see if it sticks" (try it out)

44 "got ___ in the door"

46 Diego ___ is often credited with leading an early Spanish expedition

48 TXism: "in ___ age" (long time)

49 "don't have a ___ to stand on" (can't prove it)

50 "t" letters in 38-down

51 TX Martha Hyer film: "The ___ of Katie Elder"

52 pianist, TX Cliburn (init.)

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DOWN

1 TX John Cornyn is on the ___ committee

2 "Jackson County Herald-___" (newspaper)

3 see 21-across

4 Texas film critic, Rex

9 to state or assert

10 TX George H.W.'s "Operations Desert Storm" (3 wds.)

11 TX Perot's first naval rank (abbr.)

12 TXism: "___ could talk the legs off an iron stove"

13 TXism: "give ___ without the sizzle" (be brief)

14 workplace safety agcy.

15 TX Pride's "I ___ Believe That You've Stopped Loving Me"

16 Frankston's KOYE, at its beginning

18 "give ___ rest"

20 TX Chiles (init.)

23 ___ Pleasant (abbr.)

24 Friona High class

25 HIV disease

26 "Wet ' ___" in Anthony, Texas

27 TX Wise, DT of the Kansas City Chiefs

32 a graduating high schooler (abbr.)

33 Texas semiconductor co.

34 Baptist university in Abilene (abbr. without the "U")

36 "I ___ to" (intend)

37 RBI for an Astro, e.g.

38 Hebrew bible

39 Baylor grad Clu Gulager 1979 film: "A Force ___"

40 "rules the ___"

41 "not" prefix

43 TXism: "would ___ a maggot" (tastes bad)

45 TXism: "dot the i's and cross the ___"

47 in Hill County on highway 171

48 TXism: "tear jerker" (___ movie)

55 military subdivision

COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from August 17, 2023 to August 24, 2023

(8/17/23) Rocky Gingg, Friona Land Holding LLC — Jaime De Jesus Lucatero Hernandez, Jaime Lucatero Pedroza — Lot 11, Block 2, Welch Acres Addition, Unit 1, City of Friona, Parmer County, Texas

(8/17/23) Alejandro Godinez — Jessica Godinez — See Document

(8/21/23) Esmundo Vasquez — Vasquez — All of Lot 1 and the North Half of Lot 2 of Block 31 of the Original Town of Friona, Parmer County, Texas

(8/21/23) Sandra Richards — Nicholas Richards — All of the West One Half of Section 17, in Block "B" of a Capitol Syndicate Subdivision of Parmer County, Texas; A Tract of Land consisting of approximately 28.76 Acres out of Section 9, Block E, Capitol Syndicate Subdivision of Capitol League 506, Parmer County, Texas

(8/22/23) Glen L. Schueler — John Schueler, Reagan Schueler — All That Certain 79.86 Acres More or Less Southwest Quarter of Section 27, Township 2 North, Range One East of a Capitol Syndicate Subdivision

(8/22/23) Christopher Antillon, Gina Antillon — Luis Carlos Munoz Vela — A Tract of Land out of the Capital League 521 described as the West 85 Feet of Lot 5 of the Gardner Industrial Addition to the Town of Bovina, Parmer County

SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

(8/22/23) Geovin Barrera Hernandez, 29, of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of DWI Duty on Striking Unattended Vehicle

(8/25/23) Rico Martinez, 21, of Littlefield was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of Possession of Marijuana < 2 oz.

(8/27/23) Cesar Arturo Prieto, 35, of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of Disorderly Conduct Discharge/Display of Firearm

(8/27/23) Misty Villanueva, 25, of Friona was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Interference with Public Duties



Vehicle Inspection System Now Fully Operational

The Texas Department of Public Safety's (DPS) Vehicle Inspection System is now fully operational after an outage due to a hardware failure late last week. DPS personnel was able to replace the damaged hardware over the weekend and finalize testing overnight on Sunday in order to allow inspections to resume on Monday morning.

The outage began on Aug. 23 and would not allow stations in safety-only counties to conduct proper vehicle inspections. Station license renewal applications were also unavailable. The issue did not impact emission inspections. Again, the system has been restored and there is no longer an interruption to service at this time.

We thank everyone for their patience and apologize for the disruption and the inconvenience this outage has caused.

Come have Fun with us at Malouf's Fabric
These are the classes scheduled this summer

September 9:
Free Motion Quilting on Domestic Machines

September 23:
Binding Class

October 21:
10-4 - Working with Cork Fabrics and Projects

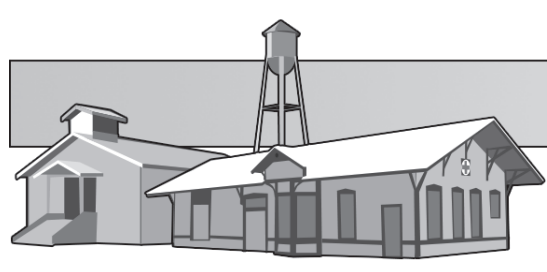
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Blood Drive Results — The Community Blood Drive on August 17th was another huge success. There were 43 total donors and 9 gave "doubles" for a grand total of 52 units of blood. This was the largest amount donated since January 2021 when 55 total units were donated. Custom long-sleeved T-shirts will be available at the next drive in November. More details later. A big Thank You to everyone who volunteered and to those who donated.

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In the News — Friona First Baptist Church was featured in an August 28th article written by Erin Roach for the online magazine *Southern Baptist Texan*. The story highlights the outreach endeavors of the church including mission work in Africa and India as well disaster relief work in New Mexico. You can find the article online at <https://www.texanonline.net/>

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Sate the Date — The Friona High School Class of 1968 is celebrating their 55th class reunion on Sat-

urday, September 30, 2023 from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. The event will take place at the Women's Federated Club House located at 9th Street and Pierce Avenue. The building, which is just north of the Methodist church, has been completely remodeled in order to host an event such as this. All Friona alumni are invited to join in on the fun at the "Come & Go" reception and enjoy a time to visit and catch up. Refreshments will be served. You can contact Peggy Stowers at 972-841-8435 for more information.

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Border Bash Reminder — Friona will host the annual Border Bash Volleyball Tournament which features 7th, 8th, C, and JV teams from area towns. The event will be held on Thursday, August 31st and Saturday, September 2nd at the FHS Activities Center. Go to https://hs.frionaisd.com/558533_3 to find the schedule of events.

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A League of Their Own — September 3rd is National Bowling

League Day. To celebrate, make sure you are in the right frame of mind. There is no need to be on pins and needles. Just get your mind out of the gutter, follow the arrows, and stay in your lane. Remember, everyone puts on their bowling ball one finger at a time. Just stay in the pocket and you won't have to reset after a split. If you are an alley cat and have some time to spare, celebrate Bowling League Day this Sunday. It's not Thanksgiving but if you roll three strikes in a row you'll get a turkey.

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Pun Fun — Thanks for explaining the word "many", it means a lot to me. Source: www.pun.me

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National Days
August 31: Eat Outside Day
September 1: College Colors Day
September 2: Bacon Day
September 3: Bowling League Day
September 4: Labor Day
September 5: Cheese Pizza Day
September 6: Read A Book Day

67th Annual
Miss & Little Miss Friona Pageant
September 17th, 2023

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There's No Place Like Home

I think I'd like to be a park ranger. What would you like to do some day?
Kids: color stuff in!

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Working With Animals and Pets

Celebrating Labor Day

I'm crazy about my vet!
I'm just crazy about my job. As a veterinarian I get to work with many different animals. It took a lot of education and hard work to become a vet, but it was worth it! Would you like to have a career working with animals? There are lots of jobs in which you can care for or train animals!

Read the clues below to fill in the puzzle with jobs in which people work with animals:

- pet _____ - cares for your pets and walks them while you're away
- shampoos, trims and shapes fur, and clips animal's nails
- cares for sea life; jumps into tanks to clean them; keeps the water safe
- _____ therapist - helps to get animals up and moving after surgery
- cares for a wide variety of land animals for our entertainment and education; cleans cages; feeds any animals within his or her care
- doctor who specializes in medicine and care for animals
- _____ biologist - works in the lab and on the ocean; names and classifies the animals in the seas
- _____ worker - rescues animals that are sick or abandoned; helps to find them new, loving homes
- helps animals have babies safely; keeps the whole family healthy; sells the babies to people looking for pets
- uses praise and treats to teach animals behaviors
- maintains land for livestock to graze; uses herding dogs to make sure livestock is guided and kept safe
- park _____ - watches over the wildlife in parks; enforces the laws in the parks; watches for forest fires
- K-9 _____ - trains police dogs to help sniff out trouble
- has lots of animals to help keep the property running smoothly: roosters and hens, cows, horses, others

Grab your colored pencils. Follow the color code to see who is hidden in my puzzle. This is a very cool job!

Who Am I?

B = Blue O = Orange
G = Gray R = Red
K = Black W = White
P = Peach Y = Yellow

How Do Animals Help Us At Work?

- Some dogs are trained to help blind people cross busy streets.
- Sheepdogs are trained to keep sheep in fields or where they need to be.
- In Thailand, trained monkeys climb high into trees to gather coconuts.
- People in the Middle East may ride camels in the desert.
- Dolphins and seals have been trained to do flips and tricks.
- Greyhounds bolt around a track. Pigeons fly on a set path and return home quickly.
- Dogs trained to guard homes can scare away intruders with loud barking.
- Mules help people bring all their goods to market.
- St. Bernard dogs are herding dogs. They are able to help find people lost in the snow.

- Search and Rescue
- Transportation
- Herding and Hunting
- Racing
- Guarding and Security
- Guides and Helpers
- Entertainment
- Load Carrying
- Farming and Harvesting

Small Town Cookin' *By Jeri Lynn White*

Air Fryer Asian Green Beans

Fresh green beans are popping up in gardens everywhere or you can pick up a few at the grocery store. This looks like a simple and easy way to prepare your green beans. You can decide how crispy or soft you want your green beans and adjust the cooking time as desired.

Air Fryer Asian Green Beans
www.everydayfamilycooking.com

INGREDIENTS

1 lb fresh green beans, washed and trimmed
2 teaspoons sesame oil
1 teaspoon garlic salt
pepper to taste

INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat your air fryer to 400oF. Place the trimmed green beans, sesame oil, garlic salt, and pepper into a bowl and mix to evenly coat green beans. Put green beans into your pre-heated air fryer for 5-7 minutes shaking the basket halfway through. You can check the tenderness with a fork to test if the green beans are done. Remove green beans from the air fryer and enjoy!

State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



Wildfire danger remains high in Texas

The Texas A&M Forest Service continues to respond to requests for assistance on wildfires across the state as dry weather continues. Currently there are four active fires, the largest being the Shearwood Creek Fire in Jasper County. As of Sunday it had burned 3,000 acres and was 70% contained.

As of Sunday 208 counties had burn bans in place. Meanwhile, a helicopter delivering water to the 150-acre Barth Fire in Caldwell County almost collided with a drone being flown by someone not with the agency. It came within feet of the helicopter.

"Pilots have no way to detect a drone or know there is one present in the airspace until they see it," said Jared Karns with the forest service. "Suppression aircraft can respond to wildfires quickly, increasing the likelihood that a new ignition remains a small, manageable wildfire. Utilizing aircraft greatly enhances the state's firefighting efforts, but they have to be able to fly in a safe environment."

Under Federal Aviation Administration rules, all aircraft, including drones, are prohibited from flying over wildfire areas. More than 1,350 wildfires have occurred in the state in July and August to date.

TPWD trying to buy property containing state park

The commissioners overseeing Texas Parks and Wildlife Department voted unanimously last week to negotiate acquiring the roughly 500 acres that contains Lake Colorado City State Park in Mitchell County. The state has been leasing it from Vistra Corp. for more than 50 years.

Earlier this year, the energy company sold a piece of property that contained Fairfield State Park to a developer, forcing the park's closure.

"This makes all the sense in the world," outgoing commission chairman Arch "Beaver" Alpin III said about the purchase, according to The Dallas Morning News. "I believe we've had a meeting of the minds on being able to do it. This will allow us to secure one of our parks for the long term and be able to own it."

The park is located off Interstate 20 about halfway between Sweetwater and Big Spring and offers opportunities for water recreation and outdoor activities for nearly 30,000 visitors annually.

Judge rejects 'invasion' defense in buoy suit

A federal judge in Austin rejected the state's assertion that it has the right to install buoys in the Rio Grande because of a "migrant invasion," The News reported.

"We are here for purposes of determining whether this is a barrier to navigation, whether this is a navigable waterway," U.S. District Judge Ezra said.

The U.S. Justice Department has sued the state over the buoys, saying their placement ignored the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, which established that the federal government controls navigable waterways. The state's defense claims the Rio Grande is not navigable in the section where the buoys were installed, near Eagle Pass.

Counties can't ban solar farms, AG rules

An attempt by Franklin County officials to ban solar farms has failed after provisional Attorney General Angela Colmenero ruled

that counties don't have specific authority to do so, the Texas Standard reported.

Commissioners in that county voted last year to impose a 180-day moratorium on commercial solar development. They later rescinded it, but the Franklin County attorney asked for an attorney general's ruling.

As elsewhere, some Franklin County residents opposed the solar farms on grounds that trees would be cut down, grasslands destroyed, and wildlife blocked by fences.

WWI naval shipwreck found in Neches River

The Texas Historical Commission has confirmed a shipwreck found in the Neches River dates to World War I. The wooden-hulled vessel was one of nearly 40 built in Beaumont by the U.S. Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corporation and abandoned when the war ended.

Many of the 40 vessels were unfinished and often converted to barges or sold for scrap. Designed as steamships, they were nearly 282 feet long.

Many were eventually abandoned in the Neches and Sabine rivers near Orange in the 1920s.

THC said the shipwreck sites are protected under state and federal laws. The latest one became visible as a result of low water levels in the Neches due to drought and the summer heat.

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Happy Birthday

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Gas prices lower

By GasBuddy

Average gasoline prices in Texas fell 9.0 cents last week, averaging \$3.36 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Prices in Texas are 5.0 cents lower than a month ago and stand 2.4 cents higher than a year ago. According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas was priced at \$2.99 while the most expensive was \$4.29 per gallon.

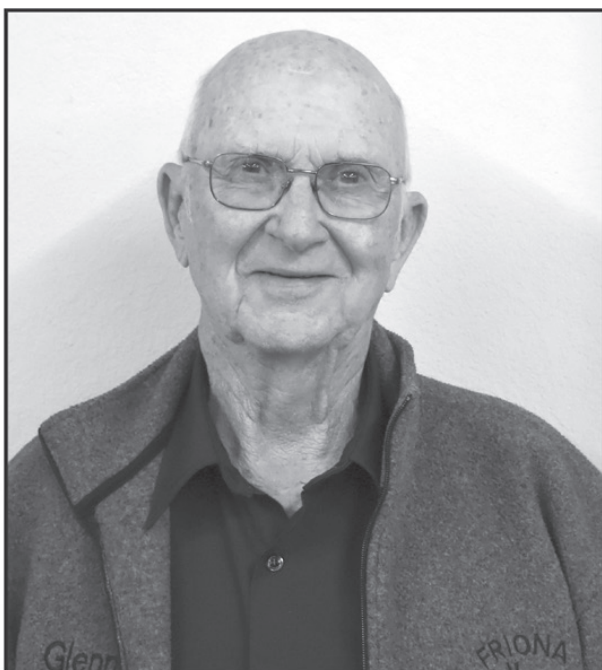
The national average price of gasoline fell 4.0 cents last week, averaging \$3.78 per gallon. The national average is up 5.8 cents from a month ago and stands 3.5 cents lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel rose 3.3 cents last week and stands at \$4.333 per gallon.

"For the first time in weeks, the national average price of gasoline has fallen over the last week as the wholesale price of gasoline had been under seasonal pressure as we near the end of the summer driving season. However, the drop may be short-lived, as one of the nation's largest refineries partially shut last week after a fire at a storage tank, and as we see more tropical activity that could lead to further disruption," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

De Haan added, "While GasBuddy is closely monitoring Florida for challenges related to Idalia and is prepared to activate the fuel availability tracker, the rest of the nation could see gas price declines reversing, pending the outcome of refinery issues that continue to put upward pressure on wholesale gasoline prices."

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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#3, Words Matter

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

The Ten Commandments are one of the most well known biblical truths, which were a huge influence on the founding of our country, forming our legal code and are essential if a society will flourish under a rule of law that discerns what is right and wrong. The Bible records the Ten Commandments in Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5. The first four commandments deal with one's relationship toward God and the last six focus on relating to others.

'Don't take the Lord's name in vain' is the 3rd commandment, which means way more than not letting a cuss word

slip out. In fact, this command doesn't address cussing particularly, but something much more serious, how you use the Lord's name. If you use the Lord's name as a swear word, in conjunction with a four letter word, or in a way to heap derogatives, then you are guilty of breaking it. Unfortunately, the command goes deeper than that, because in your use of the Lord's name, it is not to be used in a way that is vain, which would be in a careless manner. Your attitude toward God will be revealed in your words, whether good or bad, therefore, you must watch your words and your heart.

The positive direction of this commandment is that your words matter. Proverbs 18:21 says, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits." Your words can either dish out truth, life and encouragement, or negativity and condemnation. In the words you use that pertain to the Lord, you better make sure that you are not vainly talking and misusing the Lord's name. The Lord gave you life, a brain to think, a vocal cords to talk, and a command to not misuse His name, so when you speak His name, do so with utmost reverence, love and honor.

Panhandle Parables

Walking in the Light!

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

I suspect that there are untold hundreds of stories like the one I am about to share. The variations are endless, but there is one common thread. You'll understand hopefully by the end of this little story.

It seemed innocent enough, a dad goes to bed and sleeps soundly until about 2 a.m. He wakes from his slumber in need of a drink of water. Being the gentleman he is, he doesn't turn on any lights so as to not wake his wife who sleeps soundly next to him or the kids down the hall. So he makes his way out of bed in the darkest of rooms as he rounds the corner of the bed his little toe finds the bedpost. It creates an immediate response,

but with all his strength he contains any noise and limps on into the darkness of the hall. In pain only a pinky toe can provide, he continues to make his way in the dark of the night. He had a moment of sanity and thought, "I should turn on the hall light," but that moment passes and he continues in his newly found stagger towards the kitchen. It is at this point that he begins to feel better as the endorphins kick in and with a step of confidence he strides into a Lego convention. Now hopping like a man on hot coals he advances barely able to contain the yell that wells within his throat. He reaches the kitchen and as he fumbles for a glass

he knocks off a cookie sheet that explodes with sound as it hits the floor causing him to drop the glass and slip on the rug that decoratively lies in front of the sink. The yell comes forth and the light comes on. He thinks for a moment that he is dead and the light is beaconing him home from the kitchen floor. He opens his eyes to see his wife and kids standing bug eyed at the scene in the kitchen.

In his relief that he is still alive, he reminds his kids and all of us. "You should walk in the light as He is in the light."

The moral of this little tale. Don't be that guy. Walk in the light and go read 1 John 1:5-10. Have a great week.

Make Room for God

By Teena Hughs

I attended Clovis Community Bible Study leadership training last week. One of the songs we sang was "Make Room". Here are just some of the lines of that song: "Here is where I lay it down | Every burden, every crown | This is my surrender | Every lie and every doubt | This is my surrender." | Chorus: "And I will make room for You | To do whatever You want to."

While listening to the entire song, I had a vision where my heart is a black puzzle. As I sur-

rendered a puzzle piece, like pride, I replaced it with something of God, like humility. When I surrendered, not taking the time to spend with someone, I took out that puzzle piece and replaced it with stopping, being still, spending time and listening to that person. When I surrendered my worry and fears, I threw away that puzzle piece and replaced it with letting God handle my worry and fears.

By the time I finished getting rid of all of those black puzzle pieces, I

had a new heart filled with only Jesus, and it was a beautiful picture to be sure!

The thought that came to my mind was that I had to get rid of those black puzzle pieces, also known as sin, to make room for God; to make room for Him to be able to do a necessary work within me; to make room so that God can make me into the person He desires me to be. As long as I am not willing to surrender sin, I am not giving Him the room He needs to make me His Masterpiece.

To surrender our burdens and sins to God is our choice. If you want to be the person God created you to be, the best choice you will ever make is to surrender ALL of your puzzle pieces! Let your desire be for God to do whatever He wants in your heart. He wants the very best for you, and He won't ever steer you wrong. Let Him create a new heart in you.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PARMER COUNTY 2024 PROPOSED BUDGET/TAX RATE

The 2024 proposed budget and proposed tax rate are available for inspection in the County Clerk's office, Room 102, at the Parmer County Courthouse, 401 3rd St. Farwell, TX. The County Clerk's Office is open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, and Friday from 8:30am to 3:00pm.

The Parmer County Commissioners Court will hold a public hearing on the 2024 proposed budget, proposed tax rate and salary increase at 9:30am on September 11th 2024. The hearing will take place in the Parmer County Courtroom, at the Parmer County Courthouse, 401 3rd St, Farwell, TX.

There being no objections, the Parmer County Commissioners Court will then plan to adopt the 2024 proposed budget and proposed 2023 tax rate in its regularly scheduled meeting on that same date.

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NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON TAX RATE

A tax rate of \$ 0.3990 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of PARMER COUNTY.

PROPOSED TAX RATE \$ 0.3990 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE \$ 0.4026 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE \$ 0.3990 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2023 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for PARMER COUNTY from the same properties in both the 2022 tax year and the 2023 tax year.

The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that PARMER COUNTY may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that PARMER COUNTY is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2023 tax year.

A PUBLIC MEETING TO VOTE ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON 09/11/2023 09:30 AM at Parmer County Court Room, First Floor, 401 3rd Street, Farwell, TX

The proposed tax rate is also not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, PARMER COUNTY is not required to hold an election to seek voter approval of the rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the Parmer County of PARMER COUNTY at their offices or by attending the public meeting mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE TAX RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

Property tax amount = (tax rate) x (taxable value of your property) / 100

(List names of all members of the governing body below, showing how each voted on the proposed tax rate or, if one or more were absent, indicating absences.)

FOR the proposal: Isabel Carrasco, Charles Wilkins, Kenny White, Kirk Frye, Casey Russell

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

Visit Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by PARMER COUNTY last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by PARMER COUNTY this year.

Table with 4 columns: Category, 2022, 2023, Change. Rows include Total tax rate (per \$100 of value), Average homestead taxable value, Tax on average homestead, and Total tax levy on all properties.

(Include the following text if these no-new-revenue rate adjustments apply for the taxing unit)

No-New Revenue Maintenance and Operations Rate Adjustments

State Criminal Justice Mandate (counties)

The Parmer County Auditor certifies that Parmer County has spent \$ 15,525 in the previous 12 months for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Parmer County Sheriff has provided Parmer information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for the reimbursement of such costs.

This increased the no-new revenue maintenance and operations rate by 0.0000 /\$100.

Indigent Health Care Compensation Expenditures (counties)

The spent \$ from July 1 to June 30 on indigent health care compensation procedures at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance.

For current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is \$.

This increased the no-new revenue maintenance and operations rate by /\$100.

Indigent Defense Compensation Expenditures (counties)

The PARMER COUNTY spent \$ 41,274 from July 1 2022 to June 30 2023 to provide appointed counsel for indigent individuals in criminal or civil proceedings in accordance with the schedule of fees adopted under Article 26.05, Code of Criminal Procedure, and to fund the operations of a public defender's office under Article 26.044, Code of Criminal Procedure, less the amount of any state grants received. For current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent defense compensation expenditures is \$ 1,827.

This increased the no-new revenue maintenance and operations rate by 0.0001 /\$100.

Eligible County Hospital Expenditures (cities and counties)

The spent \$ from July 1 to June 30 on expenditures to maintain and operate an eligible county hospital.

For current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's eligible county hospital expenditures is \$.

This increased the no-new revenue maintenance and operations rate by /\$100.

(If the tax assessor for the taxing unit maintains an internet website)

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

This notice only applies to a taxing unit other than a special taxing unit or municipality with a population of less than 30,000, regardless of whether it is a special taxing unit.

PROPOSED TAX RATE \$ 0.1773 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE \$ 0.1579 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE \$ 0.1773 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2023 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for PARMER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT from the same properties in both the 2022 tax year and the 2023 tax year.

The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that PARMER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that PARMER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2023 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON 09/11/2023 12:00 PM at Parmer County Hospital District Conference Room, 1307 Cleveland, Friona, TX

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, PARMER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the Parmer County Hospital District of PARMER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE TAX RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

Property tax amount = (tax rate) x (taxable value of your property) / 100

(List names of all members of the governing body below, showing how each voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase or, if one or more were absent, indicating absences.)

FOR the proposal: Brett Whitten, Dennis Anthony, Ricky Barnett

AGAINST the proposal: None

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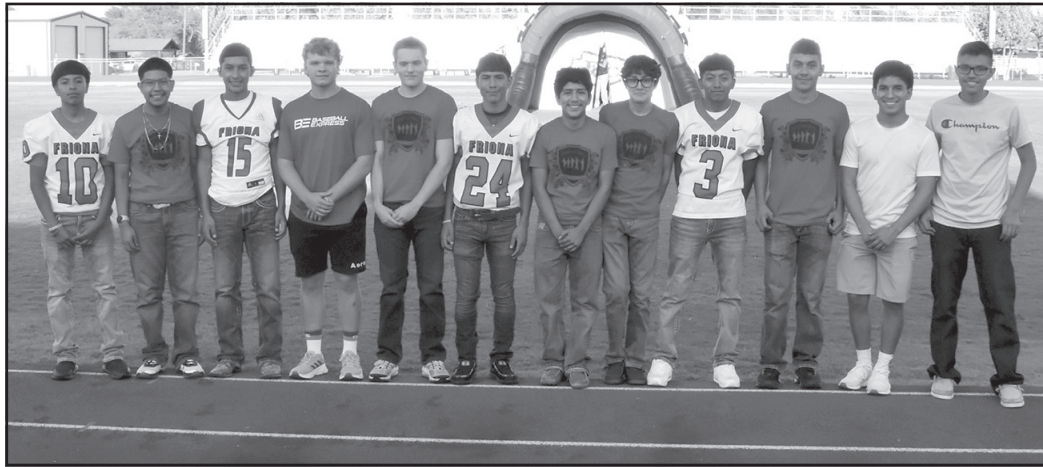
I'm just crazy about my job. As a veterinarian I get to work with lots of different animals. It took a lot of education and hard work to be able to be a vet, but it was worth it! Would you like have a career working with animals? There are lots of jobs in caring for or training animals!

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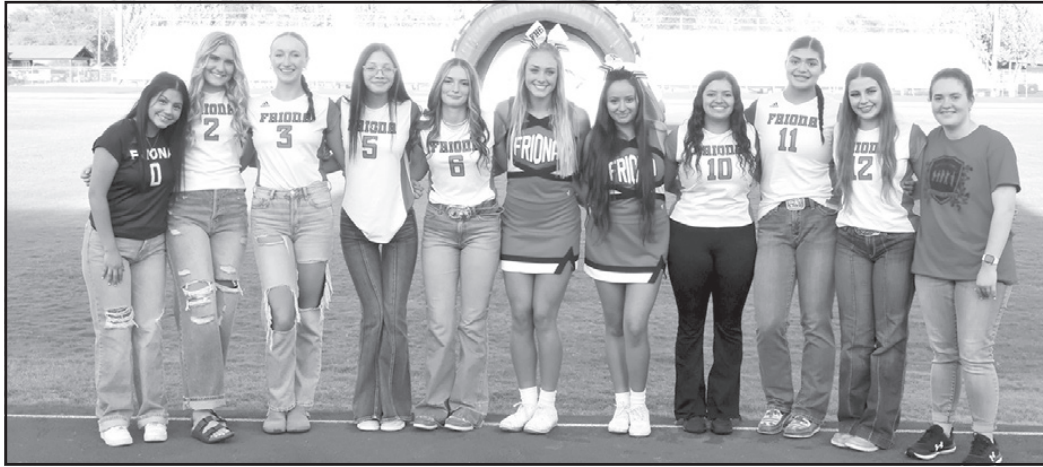
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Boys Cross Country



Girls Cross Country



Varsity Volleyball



JV Volleyball



C Volleyball



Cheerleaders and Mascot



JV Football



Varsity Football

MEET THE CHIEFS SQUAWS



Friona School Calendar for September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 -Chieftain Football @ Panhandle	2 -JH Border Bash Tourney -Cross Country @ Dimmitt
3	4 *Labor Day / No School	5 -HS Volleyball @ Denver City 5:00	6	7 -JH Football vs. Muleshoe -JV Football @ Muleshoe	8 -Chieftain Football vs. Muleshoe	9 -HS Volleyball vs. Highland Park 11:00 -Cross Country @ Amarillo
10 -JH Volleyball vs. Highland Park 5:00	11 -HS Volleyball @ Wildorado 5:00	12	13	14 -JH Football @ Dalhart -JV Football vs. Dalhart	15 *Early Release for Students and Staff -Chieftain Football @ Dalhart	16 *Friona Maize Days Parade -HS Volleyball @ All Saints
17 *Little/Miss Friona Pageant	18 -JH Volleyball @ Perryton 5:00 *FISD Board Meeting 7:00	19 -HS Volleyball vs. Tahoka 5:00	20	21 -JH Football vs. Farwell -JV Football @ Farwell	22 *Early Release for Students ONLY *Homecoming Chieftain Football vs. Farwell	23 -HS Volleyball @ Bushland 11:00 -Cross Country @ Lubbock
24 -JH Volleyball vs. Dimmitt 5:00	25 -HS Volleyball vs. Dalhart 5:00	26	27	28 -JH Football @ Slaton -JV Football vs. Slaton	29 -Chieftain Football @ Slaton	30 -HS Volleyball @ Dimmitt 11:00 -Cross Country @ Canyon

A Justice for Justice

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith

As a lawyer for the “little man,” as History.com puts it, Thurgood Marshall, was an extraordinary attorney. He attended Howard University Law School and graduated magna cum laude in 1933. A year later he was working for the Baltimore NAACP, and by the time he was 32, in 1940, Marshall was the organization’s chief counsel.



“Over the next two decades, Marshall distinguished himself as one of the country’s leading advocates for individual rights, winning 29 of the 32 cases he argued in front of the Supreme Court.” In 1954, he protested the landmark case of Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka before the Supreme Court upending the so-called “separate but equal” principal of “laws designed to achieve racial segregation by means of separate and equal public facilities and services for African Americans and whites.”

On August 30, 1967, Thurgood Marshall became the first African American confirmed as

a Supreme Court justice. The Grateful American Book Prize recommends Thurgood Marshall: American Revolutionary by Juan Williams. Source: History Matters: Showing our children that their past is prelude to their future at the gratefulamericanbookprize.com website.

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FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



NEW MANAGER of the Parmer County Farm Bureau agency is Mitchell Smiley. Mitch has been with Parmer County Farm Bureau since 1997. He replaces former manager Glen Morton who transferred to the Lamb County Farm Bureau agency. The Farm Bureau office is located at Highway 60 and Cleveland in Friona. (Friona Star, Thursday, August 28, 2003)



Obituary



Jesse Wayne Cobb

Jesse Wayne Cobb born June 5th, 1934, in Clovis, New Mexico to Thomas (Giles) Cobb and Opal Cobb passed away peacefully in Kirkland, Washington on July 24th, 2023. Jay, as he was fondly called, graduated from Friona High School in 1952, where he played various sports, was voted High School Favorite, and was an accomplished bull rider. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy after High School. Stationed in Bremerton, Washington he fought alongside the Second Infantry Division in the Korean War until his service fulfillment and honorable discharge.



In 1957 Jesse began working for Boeing in Seattle, Washington where he met and married Sharon Beadle in 1958. Jesse was transferred to Huntsville, Alabama and later New Orleans, Louisiana to work for NASA and Boeing in the Engineering Department on the Saturn 5 Apollo Space Program. After his divorce, while working in New Orleans, Jesse met and married Ann Capel in 1966 and moved back to Seattle in 1968. Jesse left Boeing after 1969 and began commercial fishing in Alaska and Washington in 1970. He continued commercial fishing until the early 90s as co-owner and captain of multiple fishing vessels.

He is survived by son Giles (Lisa) Cobb of Port Angeles, Washington and daughter Amanda (Eddie) Riviera of Snohomish, Washington. Grandchildren Ayla (Dane) Kosel of Bermuda, Skyler and Chase Cobb of Port Angeles, Washington. Sister, Patsy Greer of Amarillo, Texas. Nephews; John Barker of Sonora, Texas, Eddie Barker of Cooksville, Texas, David Morris of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Bobby Peters of New Castle, Colorado. Nieces; Pat Blackburn of Friona, Texas, Vicky Williams of Rockville, New York, Lynn Francis of Amarillo, Texas, and LaNeta Jones of Cloud Chief, Oklahoma, as well as numerous great nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas (Giles) and Opal Cobb, siblings, Ann Barker, Nancy Williams, Tom Cobb, Bill Cobb, and David Cobb. Nephew Jimmy Don, and Nieces Sharon (Susy) Hamilton, and Brenda Nobles.

Services will be held by Hansard Family Funeral Home at the Friona Cemetery on September 9th, at 1:00 p.m.

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has an archive of past obituaries at frionaonline.com

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Max Dewaine Wells, Deceased, were issued on August 22, 2023, in Cause No. P03355, pending in the County Court of Parmer County, Texas, to: Rex Wells.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Betsy S. Clark
Attorney at Law
PO Box 236
Friona, TX 79035

DATED the 24th day of August, 2023.

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Parmer County Notice of Proposed Salaries for Elected Officials 2024 Budget Year

The Parmer County Commissioners’ Court proposes the following salary increases for elected officials in 2024. Proposed salaries for the 2024 budget year are shown below.

Office	2023 Salary	2024 Salary
County Judge	52,630.32	54,735.48
County Clerk	49,142.40	51,108.12
District Clerk	49,142.40	51,108.12
Justice of the Peace, Pct 1	30,548.52	31,770.48
Justice of the Peace, Pct 2	30,548.52	31,770.48
Justice of the Peace, Pct 3	30,548.52	31,770.48
County Attorney*	40,100.16	41,704.20 *
County Treasurer	49,142.40	51,108.12
County Tax A/C	49,142.40	51,108.12
County Sheriff**	67,859.64	75,000.00 **
Commissioner Pct 1	29,911.44	31,107.96
Commissioner Pct 2	29,911.44	31,107.96
Commissioner Pct 3	29,911.44	31,107.96
Commissioner Pct 4	29,911.44	31,107.96

*These salaries do not include supplements paid by the State.
**Salary Mandated by SB22

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Roll-off box to open up for waste items

The City will open up the roll-off box this Saturday, Sept. 2nd, from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Please come by to dump those items that don't belong in your dumpster and do your part to help Keep Friona Clean!

The roll-off box is located at East 8th and South Jackson Ave. It is a free service provided to Friona resi-



Examples of items not allowed in dumpsters includes: steel and metal, mattresses and furniture,

refrigerators/AC units, paint cans (with or without liquids), electronics and appliances, drums/barrels, brick, wood and concrete, railroad ties. Items not accepted in the roll-off box are tires, oil and tree limbs. To dispose of these items, please contact the City office at 806-250-2761.



A new scoreboard, courtesy of InterBank, was displayed Monday evening during the "Meet The Chiefs" event at the high school stadium. The Chieftains travel to Panhandle this Friday to open the 2023 football season against the Panthers. Go Big Red!



Official weather watcher John Gurley took this photo early Monday morning just west of Friona at the intersection of Country Road 10 and FM 2013. Approximately 1.5 inches of rain fell in that immediate area. Official rainfall for Friona was .33 inches Sunday morning and .40 inches Monday morning.

Friona Economic Development Corporation Presents

Youth Fishing Day!!!!

Reeves Lake Park
Sunday, September 10, 2023
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

No Pre-Registration Required

Water supply and El Niños

El Niño conditions, which typically bring a cooler and wetter fall and winter to Texas, are expected to persist into Spring 2024. Similar conditions in 2018-2019 brought relief to our surface water reservoirs by October. In 2014-2015, supplies did not begin to increase significantly until February.

Data courtesy of Water Data for Texas

Written by Dr. Mark Wentzel — Dr. Mark Wentzel is a hydrologist in the TWDB's Office of Water Science and Conservation.

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