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Empty Stocking Fund — Donations are being accepted for the Empty Stocking Fund which provides clothing and a toy to local needy children. School officials are consulted to de-

termine the recipients. So far, about 140 children have been selected. Donations may be made at Friona InterBank or given to project co-chairs Holly Campbell or Jyl Grimsley.

Project Christmas Card — The Parmer County Hospital Auxiliary is accepting donations for the 68th Annual Project Christmas Card. Proceeds will be used to purchase medical equip-

ment for Parmer Medical Center. Canisters/boxes are placed around town in various businesses for the collection of donations. The names of donors will be included in a special

Christmas Greeting Card in the Friona Star newspaper. Please make sure you put your name with ALL donations. You can contact Connie Neelley at 806-250-2542 for more information.

Accident claims life of Friona woman

Cintha Guerrero, 30, of Friona died in a two vehicle accident early Monday morning approximately one mile southwest of Friona.

According to a preliminary report by Texas Highway Patrol Troopers, a 1999 Peterbilt truck tractor towing a semi-trailer driven by Jose Ortega, 26, of Clovis, New Mexico was facing northbound on County Road 17 and stopped at the stop sign at the intersection with US 60. Guerrero, driving a 2015 Chevrolet Cruze, was westbound on US 60, traveling in the inside lane. Ortega crossed over the east-

bound lanes of US 60 and entered the cross-over in the center median to travel west on US 60. Ortega failed to yield the right of way and entered the westbound inside lane in the path of Guerrero, resulting in a collision. Ortega was wearing a seat belt and Guerrero was not.

Death Inquest was conducted by Parmer County Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1 Rhonda Wilkins.

The accident occurred at approximately 6:50 a.m. on Monday, December 11th. Road conditions were clear and dry. The crash remains under investigation.



Season's Greetings — Special thanks to Edna at the Post Office for mailing all of the Santa letters to the North Pole this year. Next week is our final edition of the Friona Star for the year and will feature letters, lots of photos, and greetings from our advertisers.

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Frona Weather December 14-20	T 37 31 ESE 10-20	F 47 26 NNW 10-20	S 53 28 NW 10-15	S 58 30 W 5-10	M 61 33 WSW 10-15	T 62 32 WSW 10-20	W 61 34 WSW 10-15	Precipitation December 0.00 Year 17.40	Burn Ban Yes
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Community Calendar

Send Calendar information to:
frionastar@wtrt.net or call (806) 250-5200

December 14

- Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center
- Christmas Choir Concert at 7:00 p.m. in the FHS Auditorium

December 18

- Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

December 20

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

December 21

- Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center
- Noon Lions Club Christmas Meeting at the Clubhouse

December 28

- Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

December 25 - January 1

- Friona Star office (1215 Elm Ave.) closed for the holidays.

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State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



Legal challenges to amendments appear quashed

A half-dozen lawsuits challenging the 13 approved Texas constitutional amendments appear to be dead in the water, The Dallas Morning News reported. The secretary of state's office last week declared the propositions approved and now a part of the Texas Constitution, while Gov. Greg Abbott canvassed the election and certified the results. One proposition that would have raised the retirement age of judges was rejected by voters.

In addition, the Texas attorney general's office said the lawsuits had improper "citation and return of service." The plaintiffs are unable to correction those citations because the election results have been certified.

The six nearly identical lawsuits claimed the state used uncertified polling machines that exposed the election to voter fraud, and the plaintiffs called for the courts to throw out the Nov. 7 results and hold a new election using paper ballots only, The News reported.

The suits threatened to delay voter-approved property tax cuts and a raise in retired teachers' pensions.

Abbott enters primary battle fray, mum on fifth special session

The Texas Legislature's fourth special session ended last week with the House and Senate still at loggerheads over Abbott's push to allow the use of taxpayer money to pay for private school costs, commonly known as school vouchers. Last month, 21 House Republicans joined with Democrats to remove the voucher provision from a broad education bill that

did not pass both chambers.

Abbott is sticking to his promise to endorse primary challengers to House Republicans who voted against the voucher plan, the Texas Tribune reported. With the holiday season underway, it appears unlikely there will be another special session this year, but Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick said he believed the best day to come back for another session "would be Feb. 5, 30 days before the election."

The impasse means legislation to increase public school funding, provide teacher bonuses and hike funding for school safety measures also died on the vine.

State halts efforts to take Fairfield Lake property

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has ceased its efforts to seize a 5,000-acre tract of private land that once included a state park and adjoins Fairfield Lake, The News reported. A private developer purchased the property from a utility company for about \$103 million last June and plans to close Fairfield Lake State Park were announced. The land for the park had been leased from Vistra Corp., the utility company for 50 years.

Todd Interests, the developer, plans to build luxury homes with a golf course, restaurants and shops, as well as access to a private air strip. Less than two weeks after the developer bought the property, the state voted to condemn the land using eminent domain.

A judge-appointed commission of three Freestone County residents put the fair market value of the property at \$418.3 million - more than four times what

the developer paid for it. Fairfield Lake is considered the largest privately owned lake in the state and possibly the nation, The News reported.

State seeks public input on broadband internet plan

The Texas Broadband Development Office is soliciting input from the public on the proposed Texas Digital Opportunity Plan, which seeks to improve and expand broadband access across the state. Almost 7 million Texans lack access to high-speed internet, or nearly 25% of residents.

"Access to reliable, high-speed internet as a means of advancing education, training, employment opportunities, healthcare, and delivery of essential services is critical to the future of our state," said Glenn Hegar, comptroller.

Through Jan. 5 of next year, Texans can give their opinions on the plan by visiting broadbandfortexas.com/tdop.

The newly created broadband office is partnering with chambers of commerce, the Texas Workforce Commission, industry associations and elected officials to highlight the importance of access to high-speed internet in today's digital world.

Workers' comp costs drop in state

A report issued by the Texas Department of Insurance indicates that the cost of treating injured employees in the state's workers' compensation system dropped considerably from 2012 through 2022. Total health care costs dropped 30%, from \$1.15 billion in 2012 to \$812 million last year, while the total number of claims dropped 20% dur-

ing the same period, from 319,000 to 256,000.

Hospital costs also dropped 20% in that decade, while the costs for professional services - such as physicians - was down 26%, from \$657 million to \$483 million.

The report used administrative data reported by insurance carriers for the 10-year period. The costs were not adjusted for inflation, which would have made the decrease in costs even greater.

PUC approves new price protections during power emergencies

The Public Utility Commission has implemented a new Emergency Pricing Program that limits consumer exposure to high wholesale electricity prices during power emergencies, as occurred during Winter Storm Uri in February 2021.

"Implementing the Emergency Pricing Program provides another layer of financial protection for Texas consumers and will ensure their electricity bills remain affordable even when conditions are tight in the ERCOT system," Thomas Gleeson, PUC executive director, said.

The new program comes after passage of Senate Bill 3 during the last regular legislative session.

"This is a key part of our ongoing work to ensure electric reliability for Texans at a reasonable cost," Gleeson added.

Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches, Lufkin and Cedar Park. Email: gborders@texaspress.com.

ACROSS

- 1 TX Ann Sheridan 1949 film: "I ___ Male War Bride"
- 5 ___ gallon hat
- 6 pleased
- 7 TXism: "he ___ grip like a snappin' turtle"
- 8 "Fanthorp ___ State Historic Site"
- 9 doctors' assoc.
- 12 a kid who's not the seeker
- 17 TXism: "she has to ___ the same place twice to cast a shadow" (thin)
- 19 TXism: "she could talk the legs off ___ stove"
- 21 "Post ___" of East Texas
- 22 Jim De ___ was an Astro starting pitcher, 1985-91
- 23 TX Bobby Fuller's "I Fought ___"
- 28 "___ up a little"
- 29 Texas-based "La Quinta ___ & Suites"
- 30 golf achievement: ___-one
- 31 gets dirt on jeans
- 35 Comanche Peak, a nuclear power ___
- 36 assist or encourage a criminal (3 wds.)
- 42 relating to the south polar region
- 44 Texas town or Nebraska city
- 46 whiners

- 48 TXism: "more than one way ___ a cat"
- 49 "good ___ boy"
- 50 road around a Texas city
- 51 high school student, e.g. (2 wds.)
- 52 intelligence agcy. of the Dept. of Defense
- 53 TXism: "___ barbed wire for dental floss" (tough)
- 54 "___, crackle, pop"
- 56 prong on a fork

DOWN

- 1 TXism: "if he was a dog he wouldn't ___"
- 13 TXism: "quaking ___" (scared)
- 14 Texas jewelry designer, Malouf
- 15 a pen name of Texas romance novelist Sandra Brown: ___ St. Clair
- 16 small Eurasian deer
- 18 org. for the Spurs, Rockets & Mavs
- 20 TX Nat who sang "Sweet Thang" (init.)
- 23 former Ranger "closer," Henke (init.)
- 24 jump
- 25 TX ___ Mae sang "Cow-Cow Boogie"
- 26 tilts, like a Pisa tower

TEXAS CROSSWORD

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solution on page 3

- 37 TXism: "___ warm your gullet" (satisfy)
- 38 "it's not a hill I'm willing to ___"
- 39 TXism: "never let '___ you sweat"
- 40 TXism: "___ after" (resembles)
- 41 TXism: "___ dig" (a party or dance)
- 43 motor home (abbr.)
- 45 TXism: "bat ___ eyelash" (blink)
- 47 cocker ___ (dog)
- 48 gray with a tinge of brown
- 55 "Amos 'n' ___"

COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from November 30, 2023 to December 7, 2023

(12/4/23) Estate of Jane Overstreet Barclay, Jane Kinsinger — The Jane Barclay Farm Trust — All of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, and Lots 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 of Section 48, Block "A" Capitol Syndicate Subdivision, Parmer County, Texas

(12/4/23) Estate of Jane Claire Overstreet Barclay — the Jane Barclay Farm Trust, Jane Kinsinger — the South Half and the West Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 2, Township 15 South, Range 1 East, of a Capitol Syndicate Subdivision, Parmer County, Texas; More tracts on the document

(11/30/23) Eli Witcher — Timothy Witcher, Larry Witcher, Rickie Lee Witcher, Veronica Nan McClain — All of My 1/3 Life Estate in All of the South East Quarter and the West Half of Section 41, Doud and Keifer Subdivision, Parmer County

(11/30/23) Lorenzo Rios — Maria Elosia Ramirez Zaragoza — All of Lot 10, of Block 2, Welch Acres Addition Unit 1 to the City of Friona, Parmer County, Texas

(11/30/23) Mina Sheets — Norberto Enrique Martinez — Lots 7-9, Block 59, Original Town City of Farwell, Parmer County, Texas

(12/6/23) Allan Flores, Josefina Flores — Ruger Horton, Suzahn Horton — A 5.00 Acre Tract of Land known as Garden Lot 25, Located in Section 31, Township 9 South, Range 1 East Capital Syndicate Subdivision of League 549, Parmer County, Texas

SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

(12/5/23) Roman Leonardo Ovalle III, 30, of Muleshoe, TX was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff Office on a charge of Motion to Revoke Probation - Possession of CS PG 1 <1g.

(12/6/23) Jack Alan Traylor, 58, of Amarillo TX was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff Office for Theft of Property >= \$750 <\$2,500.

(12/8/23) Salvador Juarez Jr, 47, of Friona, TX was arrested by the Farwell Police Department for Violation of Promotion - Unlawful Carry Weapon and Violation of Probation - DWLI w/ Previous.

(12/8/23) Tom White, 31, of Friona TX was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff Office for DWI.

(12/9/23) Cody Alen Morrison, 32, of Clovis, NM was arrested by Parmer County Sheriff Office for Evading Arrest/Detention w/Vehicle and Possession of Marijuana <2oz.

(12/10/23) Kaliano Apodaca, 21, of Clovis NM was arrested by DPS for Unlawful Carry Weapon and Possession of Marijuana <2oz.

(12/10/23) Victor Pablo Rascon-Castruita, 39, of Bovina TX was arrested by Parmer County Sheriff for DWI W/BAC >= 0.15

Friona ISD Notice of Public Meeting

A public meeting will be held during the Friona ISD Board Meeting on Monday, December 18, at 7 p.m.

The purpose of this part of the board meeting will be to discuss Friona ISD's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

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Maple Syrup Day

Maple syrup is usually from the xylem sap of sugar maple, red maple, or black maple trees. In cold climates, these trees store starch in their trunks and in their roots. In the spring, the starch is then converted to sugar that rises in the sap. The maple trees are then tapped by boring holes into their trunks and the released sap is collected. After the sap is collected, it is processed by heating to evaporate much of the water, leaving the concentrated syrup. A maple syrup production farm is called a sugarbush or a sugarwood. The sap is boiled in a sugar house which is also known as a sugar shack, sugar shanty, or a cabane à sucre. Canada is the largest producer of maple syrup and Vermont produces the most in the United States.

Pun Fun

Shout out to people who don't know what the opposite of in is!
Source: www.pun.me

Final Edition of the Year

— next week is final edition of the Friona Star for the year. Our office at 1215 Elm Avenue will be closed from Monday, December 25th until Tuesday, January 2nd. Next week's edition will feature Santa letters and lots of photos.

Burn Ban

Parmer County Commissioners approved a ninety-day burn ban at their regular meeting on Monday. You can still obtain permis-

tion to do a special burn by calling the Parmer County Sheriff's Office at 806-481-3303. Certain conditions must be met before any special burn can be conducted.

National Days

- December 14 - Monkey Day
- December 15 - Ugly Christmas Sweater Day
- December 16 - Bill of Rights Day
- December 17 - Maple Syrup Day
- December 18 - Twin Day
- December 19 - Hard Candy Day
- December 20 - Go Caroling Day

FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



The National Weather Service in Lubbock has honored Bill and Carol Ellis' 15 years as local weather reporters. Family friend Claire Blanco, left, the Ellises, and NWS meteorologist-in-charge Larry Vannozzi, right, and the official rain gauge. Ron Carr photo. (Friona Star, Thursday, December 18, 2003)

Newspaper Fun!

www.readingclubfun.com Animills LLC © 2023 V47 Kids: color stuff in!

Deck The Halls With...

"Up on the rooftop armadillos pause..."

"Hey! Where are the reindeer?"

"Deck the halls with..." everything that has special meaning for them. Our ancestors brought many decorating customs to this country from their homelands. Over the years many other people, delighted with the different decorations, have adopted them for their homes too! Today you can see many families adding their special touches using:

Why do people put tinsel on Christmas trees?

(A Christmas legend handed down) Time to find a ladder. While she slept, spiders climbed from branch to branch spinning and spreading their webs. Because the woman was so good, the Christ-child blessed the tree and turned the webs into shiny silver strands!

World-Famous Christmas Tree

The world-famous Christmas tree in Rockefeller Center in New York City is donated every year. One year, a beautiful white spruce from the Petawawa Forest was donated by Canada. The Rockefeller Center tree has been put up since 1931. The first tree was only 20 feet tall and decorated by workers with strings of cranberries, paper and even tin cans. Today the giant tree is decorated with 50,000 LED lights powered by solar panels on a nearby rooftop.

How Do You Top Your Tree?

Everyone looks at the special decoration at the top of a tree. Can you name two things that many families put at the top? Finish these two dot-to-dot puzzles to see two ideas.

N A G L E

T R A S

(Unscramble the letters to spell these.)

Deck the Halls!

1) Deck the _____ with boughs of _____,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
'Tis the season to be _____,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

3) See the blazing _____ before us,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Strike the _____ and join the _____,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

What's Cooking?

Do you know this famous song?
Use the words below to fill in these two verses:

jolly harp chorus
halls holly Yule

Small Town Cookin' By Jeri Lynn White

Healthy Soups

Here is another warm and comfy soup for cold days. I like the idea of having the taste of lasagna without the work of lasagna. Hope you enjoy.

Lasagna Soup allthehealthythings.com

Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 1/2 pound Italian sausage
- 6 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 yellow onion, diced
- 2 teaspoons Italian seasoning
- 1 teaspoon salt, plus more to taste
- 1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- 28 oz crushed tomatoes
- 1-15 oz can fire roasted tomatoes
- 4 cups chicken broth

- 1 dried bay leaf
- 1 large zucchini, sliced
- 8 lasagna noodles, broken in half
- 1/4 cup chopped basil (plus more for garnish)
- Cheese Topping for Serving
- 8 oz ricotta cheese
- 1/2 cup shredded mozzarella
- 1/2 cup parmesan cheese
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons fresh chopped basil
- 1 tablespoon fresh chopped parsley
- generous pinch of salt and pepper

Directions:

Heat a large heavy-bottomed pot over medium-high heat. Once hot, add the olive oil and then add the ground beef and Italian sausage. Brown the meat, breaking it up as it cooks. Once the meat has browned, add the diced onion and minced garlic. Cook for a few more minutes until the onion begins to become translucent. Next, add the Italian seasoning, salt, red pepper flakes, and tomato paste. Stir until well combined. Add the crushed tomatoes, fire roasted tomatoes, chicken broth, and dried bay leaf and stir. Bring the soup to a boil and then cover and reduce the heat to medium-low and let simmer for 20-25 minutes.

Cook the Noodles:

While the soup is simmering, cook the lasagna noodles. Break the noodles in half before adding them to a large pot of boiling water that has been seasoned with salt. Stir them occasionally to prevent sticking. Once the noodles are al dente, drain them and let the cool a bit. Use a sharp knife to cut the lasagna noodle halves in half again. Set aside.

Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



The Christmas Red Zone

A Sunday of NFL football means that the phrase "red zone" is within earshot when in and out of the living room. Once a team reaches the opponent's 20-yard-line, it is within twenty yards of the end-zone. Scoring opportunities are within grasp.

We are approaching Christmas's red zone. Less than two weeks to scamper down the aisles to score last-minute deals.

The Dallas Cowboys—or whoever your team of choice is—are not going to get points on every red zone visit. The Christmas red zone works the same way, and not just when it comes to finding shopping bargains.

Rude customers and demanding bosses during these next few days can kill a promising drive. Last-minute assignments to work overtime in retail or pull another shift in a hospital or on an oil rig deflates even the jolliest of moods.

You may be in a situation where money is tight and gifts are scarce. The holidays do not exempt us from a broken-down vehicle or a broken heart. Custody battles over small children and battles over where our adult children will spend the holidays are magnified in December.

There simply is no sure way to "score" a Merry

Christmas, as Mary and Joseph discovered after a long journey and nowhere to stay.

In the midst of the holiday chaos, try to give yourself the gift of a few moments alone. Read or say a short prayer. Take deep breaths and exhale slowly. Make a genuine effort to look at another person and smile. Be mindfully engaged with goodness which may

present itself in something as simple as a beautiful Christmas carol on the radio. In small but meaningful ways, these actions might help you get through the red zone.

December 25, 2023, will once again be without peace on earth. We can find some inner peace, however, to help bring light to the darkness.

Next week, I will be traveling by train to spend Christmas with my older daughter. Riding the rails during the holidays is 1940s and 50s movie material, don't you think? When you watch *White Christmas*, cue the train scene, and think of this small-town Texas grandmother heading not to a small Vermont inn but to a North Carolina beach town.

Check Your Mirrors will return in January.

Happy Birthday

Dec. 14

- Joe Tongate
- B.K. Buske
- Troy Benton
- Gibson Baafour
- Lexie Reeves

Dec. 17

- Mary Joyce Barnett
- Jason Hankins
- Jim Schlenker
- Cynthia Silva
- Vanessa Hernandez
- DeeDee Davila
- Michael Prokop

Dec. 15

- Sylvia Ingram
- Connie Willard
- Deena (Willard) Sellers
- Luke London
- Haden Smiley
- Deven Black
- Don Reeve
- Caitlin Bronniman
- Jennifer (Smith) Jolly
- Brenda Patterson
- Lori Holcomb
- Sarah Correa
- Socorro Reyes
- Emilia Contreras

Dec. 18

- Bud Rainey
- Logan Loflin
- Maxwell Moroney
- Wade Procter
- Brittany (Anthony) Field
- Michael Scott
- Stephanie Madrigal
- Amanda Zapata

Dec. 19

- Wes Drake
- Jason Rector
- Lonnie Busch
- Noah Houston
- Jazmin Bautista
- Jaxson Peace
- Elian Aguirre

Dec. 20

- Maria Davila
- Rocky Nichols
- Deloris McNeely
- Faith Cooper
- C.J. Tamez
- Abigail Rodriguez
- Michael Bautista
- Kyndal Moyer
- Staci Hand
- Craig McCloy
- Harper Pack



City of Friona By the Numbers November 2023

Public Library

- 18 days open
- 302 e-visits
- 422 in-house visits
- 2 new patrons
- 320 items circulated
- 117 new items added
- \$137.45 copy fees
- \$93.75 fax fees
- Book Shop open 6 times
- \$98.00 in sales

Police Department

- 119 calls
- 3 arrests
- 21 citations
- 102 warnings
- 123 stops
- 2,123 miles driven
- EMS**
- 12 transports (911)
- 2 Prairie Acres (911)
- 16 transfers
- 6 non-transports (911)
- 0 no patient or disregard
- 3 standby
- 39 total service calls

Volunteer Fire Department

- Nov. 4 Grass Fire — 10 firefighters, 5 trucks
- Nov. 9 Control Burn — 9 firefighters, 1 truck
- Nov. 25 Wreck — 6 firefighters, 3 trucks
- Nov. 29 Gas Leak — 6 firefighters, 3 trucks

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Jesus is Unique

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Have you ever received a Christmas present that was above and beyond any other present you ever received? One that stands out in its uniqueness from all others because of its quality and significance. This year I received a tremendous and amazing gift, and I am so thankful for this gift, but in reality, the gift I received will eventually wear out. Jesus, on the other hand, is the greatest gift you can receive, and He does not grow old, wear out or rust out, but the longer you know him, the sweeter he grows.

In fact, the angel Gabriel points to Jesus' uniqueness in Luke 1:33-34. First, Gabriel mentions the miraculous conception and an exceptional name. Jesus' name literally means "Jehovah saves," which encapsulates the reason He came. Further, the angel mentions

that "He will be great." Jesus' greatness is second to none and is displayed in his perfect life, countless miracles, powerful teaching, and sacrificial death. Most of all, though, his greatness is shown because Jesus came back from the dead! No other religious leader has risen from the grave, because they didn't have power over the sin, death and the grave like Jesus does. Following Jesus is not the same as being a part of another religion, because Christianity is about knowing and following the Son of God who was dead and now is alive. Jesus' birth is significant because of His life, and especially His death and resurrection. Therefore, may Jesus' greatness propel you to make much of Him this Christmas, because He is the most unique gift you've ever been given, and the only gift that lasts forever.

Panhandle Parables

Night of Anticipation

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

I have many childhood memories of Christmas. Like many of you, memories flood the mind this time of year. I remember making lists, hinting about this toy or that, leaving pictures, watching the calendar as each day peeled off with the speed of December molasses. Until there it was, the 24th of December, the longest day of the entire year. Preparations were made and then off to bed. It was a night of anticipation. Sleeping came with great difficulty, each noise would cause me to quickly look at the clock, 12:07am. I would fade until I thought I heard something else, 12:19am the clock would remind me. At some point, running on adrenaline would wear me out, and then next thing I knew it WAS TIME. Out of bed we would fly and head to the living room to see what all had

happened in our slumber. Many, many years ago Bethlehem would finally fall to sleep, except in one little stable where there was much activity. I am not sure of the day, but it matters little, there was great anticipation by a man named Joseph and his young bride Mary. All had been foretold and by faith they accepted this gift from above. Angels watched on in wonder as did I suspect a few others who shared their home with this couple for the night. The day had finally come, and the Christ child arrived with little fanfare. There were no gifts, no tree with lights, just swaddling and hay and a few real farm animals. However, there was one gift and He was it. A gift from God to all mankind. Angels would sing, shepherds would be astounded, and Joseph and

Mary would embark on a life like no other had ever known.

Jesus would be the light that would ignite a fire in the darkness. He would be Savior of the world yet die alone so that darkness would forever be defeated. He would be buried in a borrowed tomb and rise again. Some 50 days later He would leave the earth with a two-fold promise. He would be with us always and one day He would return to claim His own. So here we are, those who believe. Live in great anticipation not for just one night a year, but every night believing and knowing one day He will return as He had promised. My encouragement to you this day is to seize it for all its worth, love more deeply, forgive more quickly, and always look forward to His return on this night of anticipation.

Light

By Teena Hughs

The story I am about to tell happened when Lauren was a junior in high school; she is now 34. I may not have all the details straight, but it is the way I remember the story, and the way I have always told it.

At cheerleading camp that year, Friona's cheerleaders were selected to perform at the Orange Bowl pre-game in Florida. They raised the money for the trip and were on their way! One of the things they had to do was go to Lubbock once a week to learn and practice the routine they were going to perform.

One Wednesday night, there was blowing snow across the road, and school was moved back two hours for the next day. Lauren asked if she could stay up late and watch TV. I told her she could, but to be sure and unplug the Christmas tree lights when she went to bed. She said she would.

Feller was always at work at 5 a.m., but when the weather was bad, he would go in an hour or so earlier. I always slept through him getting up and getting off to work, but this particular morning, I woke up, and I could tell the Christmas tree lights were still plugged in. Feller unplugged them and went to work.

When Lauren came home from school that afternoon, she told me the cheerleaders' van broke down at Muleshoe. The weather had gotten progressively worse; it was getting later and later in the night. Kirk Wright was in charge of the bus barn, and Briana was a cheerleader. Kirk got another van, drove to Muleshoe, and picked up the girls.

By now, it was really late; it was hard to see because of the blowing snow. Everyone on Highway 214 had gone to bed, so there weren't lights on at hous-

es. It was a slow drive back to Friona, and it didn't help that they couldn't tell where they were. Lauren said everyone was scared; that is, until they got to our house and saw the Christmas tree lights on.

They knew where they were; they knew they were close to Friona and their homes. All the fear and anxiety they were feeling melted into joy and peace at the sight of the light of a Christmas tree. I will always believe God kept Lauren from unplugging those lights. Before she went to bed, she walked by the tree at least four times and never once thought about unplugging the lights!

We are in the season of Advent where we are watching, preparing, waiting for our Light, Jesus Christ, the One who takes our fears, anxieties, stress and turns them into peace and joy. He is the Light that guides us, just like He guided the one who drove the Friona cheerleaders home that night. He is the Light that makes us feel safe! He is the Light that shines through us as we live for Him. He is the Light in His Word that teaches us about who He is; that teaches us how to live and how to serve Him: He is the Light that is our salvation and eternity.

The Light comes to us in many different ways. We should always be looking for the Light to guide us, teach us, direct us, so we can know where we are going, and where we need to go. We can never extinguish the Light of Christ; it is eternal, and there is great peace and comfort in that!

May you see and experience the Light of Christ this Christmas and every day afterward!

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December Bible Verse

14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14 NIV

14 Y el Verbo se hizo hombre y habitó entre nosotros. Y contemplamos su gloria, la gloria que corresponde al Hijo único del Padre, lleno de gracia y de verdad. Juan 1:14 NVI

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has an archive of past obituaries at frionaonline.com



Obituaries



Erica Nicole Guillen

Erica Nicole Guillen, 36 of Bovina passed away December 7, 2023 in Bovina. Viewing was held on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina with the Rosary at 6:00 PM. Mass of Christian Burial Services were at 10:00 AM Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at St. Ann's Catholic Church with Father Arokiaraj Samala as Celebrant. Burial following in the Bovina Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Directors of Friona.



friend the moment she met you and you could always count on her. She will be missed dearly.

She is preceded in death by her grandparents Enrique and Maria Guillen, 3 aunts and 1 uncle.

Those to mourn her death include her mother Hilda Guillen and two precious sons Anthony and Luca Guillen of Bovina. 2 aunts Elida (Richard) Villarreal of Bovina, Rosa (Ramon) Dias of Eunice, NM, 2 Uncles George (Deette) Guillen of Friona, TX, Henry (Yesenia) Guillen of Eunice, NM and lots of close cousins.

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



Erica Guillen was born August 5, 1987 in Lubbock, TX to Hilda Guillen. She was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Erica had a heart of gold, and she was kind and very selfless. She was always happy even when she was having a

bad day. Erica loved everybody that came her way, and she was loved in return by friends and especially by her family. She gave the best hugs.

Anthony and Luca were her pride and joy, and her priority. She loved spending time with her family. Her favorite was having a day off, and that turned into a movie night with her boys. They had popcorn and other snacks. She was a wonderful soul, and never met a stranger. You became her

Cynthia Janeth Guerrero

Cynthia Janeth Guerrero, 30 of Friona passed away December 11, 2023. Rosary Services will be held Thursday, December 14, 2023 at St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Friona with Mass of Christian Burial Services set for 11:00 AM Friday, December 15, 2023 at St. Teresa's Catholic Church of Friona with Father Jose Ramon Molina Mora, as Celebrant. Burial following in the Friona Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.



phy. She loved clothes and getting all dressed up, but above all, she loved being a Mom.

Those that mourn her passing include her parents Guadalupe and Maria of Friona, 1 daughter-Zoe Camille Ramirez of Friona, 2 brothers-Jorge Guerrero of Friona, and Erick Guerrero of Clovis, many grandparents, aunts and uncles, and friends.

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



THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC VIEWING.

Cynthia was born August 5, 1993 in Chihuahua, Mexico to Guadalupe and Ma-

ria de Carmen Molina Guerrero. She graduated from Friona High School and worked in the billing department of Cargill Meat Solutions of Friona.

Cynthia was a very happy, social person that had an amazing, creative side. She loved crafting and photogra-

Comptroller Distributes \$1.1B to Local Governments

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 December, 2.5 percent more than in December 2022.

Texas cities will receive \$681.6 million, transit systems will get

\$229.8 million, counties will get \$66.2 million, and special purpose districts will receive \$100.2 million.

The City of Friona will receive \$51,971.79 in sales tax allocation for the month of December. This payment represents a 3.21 percent decrease from the \$53,697.04 received in December of

2022. For year-to-date 2023, Friona has received \$668,341.74 which is a 10.41 percent decrease from the YTD amount of \$746,053.21 received in 2022. The Friona Economic Development Corporation (FEDC) will receive \$12,992.95 of the December allocation for its operating budget.

Lower gas prices for the holidays

By Gas Buddy

Average gasoline prices in Texas fell 14.0 cents last week, averaging \$2.56 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Prices in Texas are 20.3 cents lower than a month ago and stand 10.2 cents lower than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas was priced at \$1.59 while the most expensive was \$3.99 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline fell 9.6 cents last week, averaging \$3.11 per gallon. The national average is

down 23.7 cents from a month ago and stands 10.1 cents lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel fell 8.4 cents last week and stands at \$4.10 per gallon.

"For the 12th straight week, or three straight months, the national average has continued to decline, now at its lowest level of 2023 heading into the prime of the holiday season as oil prices continue to struggle amidst cooling demand," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

"With nearly 80,000 gas stations in the U.S. now priced below \$3 per gallon, and 23 states also seeing average prices of \$2.99 or less, motorists are getting substantial relief at the pump in time for the holidays. The trend is likely to continue in most states this week, while the national average could soon fall below \$3.05 per gallon, the lowest since 2021," De Haan added.

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed proposals addressed to City Manager, City of Friona, for the construction of approximately 1,350 linear feet of 10" water distribution line, valves and associated appurtenances entitled:

WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS FRIONA, TEXAS TxCDBG No. CDV21-0157

will be received at the City Hall, 623 N. Main Street, Friona, Texas, 79035 until

**4:00 PM
Monday, January 08, 2024**

and bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 4:00 PM on January 8, 2024 at 623 N. Main Street, Friona, TX 79035.

A cashier's check, certified check or acceptable bidder's bond, payable to the City of Friona in an amount equal to not less than five percent of the bid submitted, must accompany each bid as guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the Bidder will, within fifteen days after receipt of Contract Documents, enter into a contract with the City of Friona and will execute bonds on the forms provided in the Contract Documents. Any bid received after the time and date listed above will be returned unopened and will not be considered.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than, the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon and Related Acts) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Agriculture Office of Rural Affairs and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual identity, gender identity, or national origin.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and inform themselves regarding all local conditions.

All contractors/subcontractors that are debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation on federal assistance programs may not undertake any activity in part or in full under this project.

Contract Documents are on file and may be examined in the office of the City Manager, at City Hall, City of Friona, 623 N. Main Street, Friona, Texas, telephone (806) 250-2761 and at the offices of Hi-Plains Civil Engineers, Consulting Engineers, 4537 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110, telephone (806) 353-7233

Plans and Specifications may be obtained from the Engineers, Hi-Plains Civil Engineers, 4537 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110, phone (806) 353-7233 in the following manner:

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CITY OF FRIONA, TEXAS

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APPLICATION FOR LOCAL OPTION ELECTION PETITION TO LEGALIZE
(APLICACIÓN PARA ELECCIÓN DE OPCIÓN PETICIÓN LOCAL PARA LEGALIZAR)

To the SECRETARY OF THE CITY OF FRIONA, Texas
(Al SECRETARIA DE LA CIUDAD DE FRIONA, Texas)

We, the undersigned ten or more qualified voters of FRIONA, Texas
(Nosotros, los suscritos diez o más votantes capacitados de FRIONA, Texas)

In accordance with the terms and provisions of the Texas Election Code, Title 17, hereby submit this our written application for a "Petition for Local Option Election to Legalize" to be circulated among the qualified voters of such area for the signatures of those qualified voters in the area who desire that a local option election be called in that area for the purpose of determining the following issue, to wit: [de acuerdo con los términos y provisiones del Código de Elección de Texas, Título 17, por el presente sometemos nuestra escrita solicitud por para una "Petición para Elección de Opción Local para Legalizar" para que sea circulada entre los votantes capacitados de dicha área, para las firmas de votantes capacitados en la área quien desean se ordene una elección de opción local en esa área, para las firmas de votantes capacitados en la área quien desean se ordene una elección de opción local en esa área con el propósito de determinar el siguiente asunto, a saber:]

(Enter Measure Here) To legalize: The legal sale of alcoholic beverages including mixed drinks
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We have attached proof of publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the political subdivision of our intent to apply for said petition. (Hemos adherido un comprobante de publicación en un periódico de circulación general en la subdivisión política con nuestra intención de aplicar para tal petición mencionada.)

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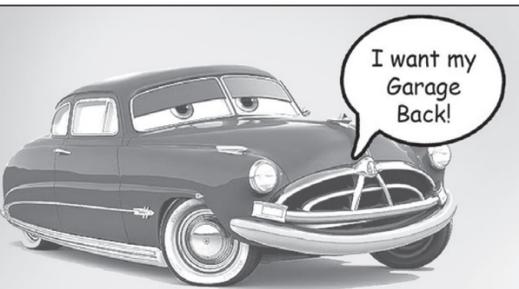
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2 I love to visit up North when it snows!

3 "Up on the rooftop armadillos pause..."

4 Hey! Where are the reindeer?

5 Two items that many families put on top of their trees:

6 I love all of these decorations!

1) Deck the halls with boughs of holly.
Fa la la la, la la la la.
'Tis the season to be jolly.
Fa la la la, la la la la.

2) See the blazing Yule before us,
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Sophia San Miguel (1st)

Owen Daniels (2nd)

Karleigh Rangel (5th)

Listening Skills

Individual

Alfredo Chavez (Tie 3rd)

Maps, Graphs & Charts

Team (2nd)

Nico Alcaraz

Angel Legaretta

Mateo Salinas

Individual

Mateo Salinas (Tie 2nd)

Mathematics

Individual

Diego Gonzalez (2nd)

Modern Oratory

Individual

Ella Rector (4th)

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Alyssa Rubalcava (6th)

Music Memory

Individual

Karleigh Rangel (2nd)

Number Sense

Team (3rd)

Diego Gonzalez

Jace Jarecki

Christian Reyes

Jose Verastegui

Individual

Jace Jarecki (4th)

Oral Reading

Individual

Sophie Lewellen (4th)

Owen Daniels (5th)

Ready Writing

Individual

Alyssa Rubalcava (3rd)

Social Studies

Individual

Oscar Ordonez Lopez (Tie 5th)

Spelling

Team (2nd)

Genesis Aguirre

Jace Jarecki

Kamila Moreno

Karleigh Rangel

Individual

Kamila Moreno (2nd)

— **7th Grade** —

Art Smart

Team (3rd)

Brenda Lopez Pablo

Karyme Rocha

Juliett Vega

Petronilla Velasquez Ciprian

Tomas Velasquez Pu

Individual

Brenda Lopez Pablo (1st)

Chess Puzzles

Team (1st)

Darius Gonzalez Rodriguez

Andrew Marquez

Jalond Rejino

Kolton Thompson

Individual

Andrew Marquez (1st)

Kolton Thompson (2nd)

Jalond Rejino (3rd)

Calculator Applications

Team (3rd)

Fatima Grado Toledo

Wendy Ha Garcia

Kaylani Rodriguez

Alyaha Rubalcava

Individual

Fatima Grado Toledo (6th)

Dictionary Skills

Team (2nd)

Natalie Achor

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Natalie Achor (2nd)

Editorial Writing

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Fernando Moreno (2nd)

Impromptu Speaking

Individual

Marely Quinones (Tie 2nd)

Melanie Estrada (6th)

Maps, Graphs & Charts

Team (1st)

Natalie Achor

Fernando Moreno

Angelica Villarreal

Individual

Fernando Moreno (2nd)

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Mathematics

Team (2nd)

Aylen Moreno

Darlen Padilla

Eli Rosales

Kolton Thompson

Individual

Kolton Thompson (5th)

Modern Oratory

Individual

Natalie Achor (2nd)

Aylen Moreno (5th)

Music Memory

Individual

Fernando Moreno (1st)

Porter Gilley (2nd)

Number Sense

Team (1st)

Aylen Moreno

Darien Padilla

Eli Rosales

Kolton Thompson

Individual

Aylen Moreno (1st)

Kolton Thompson (5th)

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Team (3rd)

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Individual

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Spelling

Team (Tie 3rd)

Fernando Perez

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Avril Wells

Individual

Jayce Polk (3rd)

Avril Wells (5th)

— **8th Grade** —

Art Smart

Individual

Giovanni Santiago (2nd)

Chess Puzzles

Individual

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Individual

Kailey Jaramillo (1st)

Kaylani Rodriguez (6th)

Maps, Graphs & Charts

Team (2nd)

Bryan Cecena

Kailey Jaramillo

Denzel Perez

Leonidas Rodriguez

Individual

Denzel Perez (2nd)

Kailey Jaramillo (3rd)

Modern Oratory

Individual

Leah Salazar Acosta (4th)

Kailey Jaramillo (5th)

Music Memory

Team (3rd)

Gabriel Castillo

Leigha Haseloff

Damian Moreno

Number Sense

Team (2nd)

Nathaniel Padilla

Ivy Schueler

Annison Steelman

Individual

Ivy Schueler (3rd)

Nathaniel Padilla (5th)

Oral Reading

Individual

Bella Fores (5th)

Ready Writing

Individual

Fatima Grado Toledo (2nd)

Science

Team (3rd)

Fatima Grado Toledo

Ellie McGaughy

Alexis Pharis

Cade Stowers

Individual

Cade Stowers (1st)

Social Studies

Team (2nd)

Fatima Grado Toledo

Kaylani Rodriguez

Giovanni Santiago

Individual

Giovanni Santiago (3rd)

Kaylani Rodriguez (5th)

Fatima Grado Toledo (5th)

Spelling

Team (1st)

Kailey Jaramillo

Ivy Schueler

Annison Steelman

David Tafoya

Individual

Kailey Jaramillo (2nd)

Ivy Schueler (3rd)

Our Rights

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith

The American Revolution, which ended in 1783, achieved America's independence, and the Constitution—ratified on December 15, 1791—underscored freedom, and citizens' rights.

Today, there are 27 amendments, but the first ten – the Bill of Rights – are the most important.

“Influenced by the English Bill of Rights of 1689, the Bill of Rights was also drawn from Virginia's Declaration of Rights, drafted by George Mason in 1776,” according to History.com. “Mason, a native Virginian, was a life-long champion of individual liberties, and in 1787 he



attended the Constitutional Convention and criticized the final document for lacking constitutional protection of basic political rights. In the ratification struggle that followed, Mason and other critics agreed to support the Constitution in exchange for the assurance that amendments would be

passed immediately.”

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends Carol Berkin's *The Bill of Rights: The Fight to Secure America's Liberties*.

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

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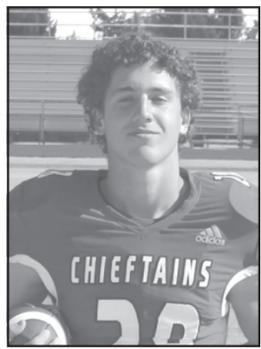
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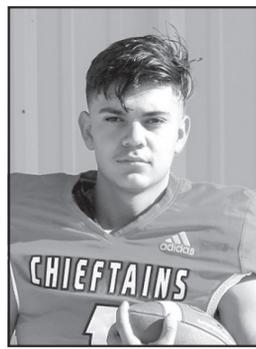
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First Team
Defensive End



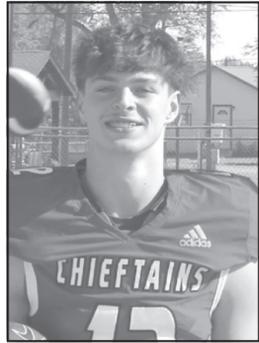
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Cornerback



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Honorable Mention
Safety



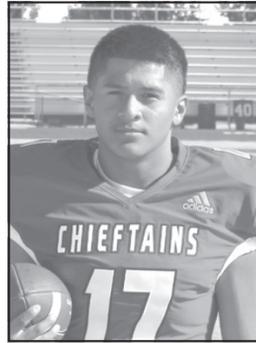
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Offensive Line
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Defensive Line



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Second Team
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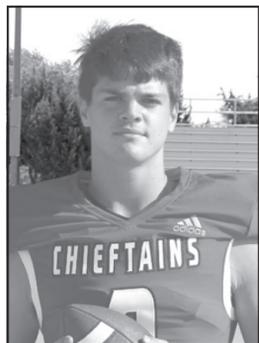
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Second Team
Offensive Line



Abram Rocha
Second Team
Inside Linebacker



Damien Sanchez
Second Team
Receiver



Carson Seaman
Second Team
Quarterback



Ishmael Flores
Honorable Mention
Offensive Line



Hevilat Perez
Honorable Mention
Defensive Line



Aaron Rosales
Honorable Mention
Running Back



Junior High Girls Basketball

The Friona Maidens competed against Denver City on Monday, December 11th at home. The Maidens all came up with wins, including the B Combo Team. We are proud of all of their hard work. The 7th A came up with a win 40-35 & the 8th A battled hard for a win, ending their 3 game losing streak 28-26. Note: D'Nasha has now hit the 100 point mark for the season! The 7th A are now 5-0 for the season and the 8th A are 2-3. Next games are Monday, January 8th at Muleshoe.

Front Page photo — (l-r) Jose Alvidrez, Cade Seaman, Johnny Gonzalez, Carson Seamsn, Jameson Daniels, Isaac Olmos, Jose Luis Saucedo, Justen Trevino, Bryer Stanberry, and Brice Jeter.



Cade Seaman (left) was named Tournament MVP and Carson Seaman (right) was named to the All-Tournament Team at the Smyer Basketball Tournament last weekend.

2023 Season Stats

Rushing Stats		Carries	Yards	TDs	Avg
0	Carson Seaman	167	1015	9	6.1
3	Damian Sanchez	17	66	1	3.9
4	Cade Seaman	181	1238	13	6.8
7	Aaron Rosales	56	367	4	6.6
10	Jameson Daniels	3	23	0	7.7
13	Jose Saucedo	1	5	0	5.0
14	Johnny Gonzales	2	6	0	3.0
21	Jose Alvidrez	2	6	0	3.0
33	Edwin Munoz	13	34	0	2.6
58	Erik Jaramillo	1	1	0	1.0
Rushing Totals:		443	2761	27	6.2

Receiving Stats		Receptions	Yards	TDs	Avg
1	Isaac Olmos	12	222	3	18.5
2	Brice Jeter	3	43	0	14.3
3	Damian Sanchez	27	77	0	2.9
4	Cade Seaman	14	112	1	8.0
7	Aaron Rosales	3	45	0	15.0
10	Jameson Daniels	8	183	4	22.9
13	Jose Luis Saucedo	1	13	0	13.0
14	Jonathan Gonzales	9	145	2	16.1
20	Bryer Stanberry	2	48	1	24.0
21	Jose Alvidrez	1	7	0	7.0
Receiving Totals:		80	895	11	11.2

Passing Stats		Comp	Att	Yards	TDs	INTs
0	Carson Seaman	58	179	889	11	10
4	Cade Seaman	1	1	4	1	0
13	Jose Saucedo	2	2	21	1	0
Passing Totals:		61	182	914	13	10

Punting Stats		Punts	Yards	Average
0	Carson Seaman	9	267	29.7
3	Damian Sanchez	9	292	32.4
13	Jose Saucedo	11	402	36.5

Kicking Stats		Extra Pt	Att	Team Penalties
1	Isaac Olmos	24	32	27
11	Jorge Garcia	0	1	241 yards
13	Jose Saucedo	2	2	

Defensive Stats		UN	AST.	TOT	TFL	FR	FC	INT	SACK
0	Seaman, Carson	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
1	Olmos, Isaac	25	41	66	2	-	-	-	2
3	Sanchez, Damian	22	68	90	2	1	1	-	-
4	Seaman, Cade	18	14	32	2	1	-	1	-
7	Rosales, Aaron	5	9	14	-	-	-	2	-
8	Arias, Joaquin	12	16	28	-	-	-	-	-
10	Daniels, Jameson	15	10	25	-	1	-	1	-
11	Garcia, Jorge #11	13	22	35	4.5	1	-	-	1
13	Saucedo, Jose Luis	6	1	7	-	-	-	-	-
14	Gonzalez, Johnny	20	18	38	-	-	1	3	-
15	Ramos, Gabriel	-	11	11	-	-	-	-	-
17	Rocha, Abram	20	64	84	11	-	-	-	3.5
20	Stanberry, Bryer	2	2	4	0.5	-	-	-	-
21	Alvidrez, Jose	20	33	53	8.5	1	-	-	3
24	Rocha, Rafael	11	8	19	1	-	-	-	1
28	Ally, Deiter	45	48	93	13	-	1	-	2.5
33	Munoz, Edwin	10	12	22	2.5	-	1	-	-
44	Flores, Andrew	1	5	6	-	-	-	-	-
50	Quezada, Diego	3	19	22	1.5	-	-	-	-
53	Garcia, Mario	1	9	10	-	-	-	-	-
54	Perez, Hevilat	7	11	18	3.5	-	-	1	-
55	Flores, Ishmael	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
58	Jaramillo, Erik	16	36	52	3	1	-	-	-
66	Mills, Eden	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
74	Rodriguez, Aaron	8	17	25	1.5	-	1	-	-

Yards allowed; Rushing 2179, Passing 1251, Total 3430

★ Scoreboard ★

Basketball	
Junior High Girls Basketball	
12/11	..... 7th A Maidens vs. Denver City .....40-35 D'Nasha Shelby (34) Jaylee Perez (5) Aylene Moreno (4) Ivanna Guevara (3)
12/11	..... 8th A Maidens vs. Denver City .....28-26 Harley London (8) Ellie McGaughy (7) Aimee Jimenez (4) Peyton McFarland (3) Leah Salazar (2) Annon Steelman (2) Kaylani Rodriguez (2)
Junior High Boys Basketball	
12/11	..... B Team Braves vs. Denver City .....5-38 Fernando Perez (3) Hector Mendez (2)
12/11	..... 7th A Braves vs. Denver City .....24-16 Eli Rosales (13) Darien Padilla (6) Andrew Marquez (5)
12/11	..... 8th A Braves vs. Denver City .....26-30 Marcelo Leon (18) Denzel Perez (6) Jeremy Polk (2)
Varsity Boys Basketball (9-5)	
12-5	..... Chieftains vs. Adrian .....65-32 Carson Seaman (16) Jose Luis Saucedo (16) Cade Seaman (13)
Smyer Tournament December 7-9:	
Game 1	.... Chieftains vs. Southcrest .....41-40 Carson Seaman (13) Cade Seaman (12)
Game 2	.... Chieftains vs. Smyer .....58-49 Cade Seaman (22) Jose Luis Saucedo (15) Carson Seaman (10)
Championship Game	
Chieftains vs. Trinity Christian JV .....55-48 Carson Seaman (15) Jose Luis Saucedo (13) Cade Seaman (12)	
Varsity Girls Basketball (5-9)	
Smyer Tournament December 7-9	
Game 1	.... Squaws vs. Southcrest .....34-51 Aaliyah Padilla (16) Yaselene Faudoa (15)
Game 2	.... Squaws vs. Amherst .....54-21 Aaliyah Padilla (22) Yaselene Faudoa (10) Reese Steelman (8) Caydee Humphrey (7) Lexi Saldana (6)
Consolation Championship Game	
Squaws vs. Anton .....40-51 Aaliyah Padilla (22) Yaselene Faudoa (10)	
12/12	..... Squaws vs. Christ the King .....46-34 Aaliyah Padilla (21) Yaselene Faudoa (11) Lexi Saldana (7) Caydee Humphrey (3) Reese Steelman (2) Leslie Ortiz (2)



Brandy Reed conducted a Canva Workshop last Thursday at the Women's Federated Clubhouse at 300 E 9th. Fourteen attendees learned more about the simple, user-friendly graphic design software that you can use to create flyers, social media posts, brochures, newsletters, and videos. Brandy is the Business Field Advisor for the Northwest Texas Rural Business Opportunity Program sponsored in part by the Texas Tech University Institute for Small Business. More learning seminars on various topics are being planned for the new year!!!

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New Graduates - Emma Rector and Jonathon Hernandez received Masters of Science degrees from West Texas A&M University on Saturday, December 9th during the Fall 2023 Commencement held in the First United Bank Arena on campus in Canyon.

Emma Rector, daughter of Jason & Karla Rector, earned a Masters of Science in Finance & Economics. Jona-

thon Hernandez, son of Dale Perez and Nancy Hernandez, earned a Masters of Science in Environmental Science.

Emma is the Executive Vice President of the Friona Chamber of Commerce and Friona Economic Development Corporation. Jonathon is employed as an Environmental Health & Safety Associate at Cargill. Congratulations to both!!!

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