



Trump wins historic election

Former and Future President Donald J. Trump made history Tuesday by becoming only the second person in U.S. History to win a second term that did not immediately follow the first term. Grover Cleveland had been famous for being the only president to serve two non-consecutive terms. Cleveland was both the

22nd and 24th president serving from 1885 to 1889 and from 1893 to 1897. He was the first Democrat to win the presidency after the Civil War. Trump was the 45th president and will be sworn in as the 47th president in January 2025. He will become the first Republican to serve two non-consecutive terms.

In Federal results, Ted Cruz won his 3rd term as U.S. Senator and Jodey Arrington won reelection as U.S. Representative, TX District 19. Arrington was first elected in 2017. In State results, Christi Craddick won reelection as the Railroad Commissioner and John Smithee, State Representative for District

86, won another term. He was first elected in 1984. In local results, 287th District Attorney Jackie R. Claborn II, County Attorney Jeff Actkinson, Sheriff Eric Geske, Tax Assessor-Collector Awyna Sanchez, Pct. 1 Commissioner Kirk Frye, and Pct. 3 Commissioner Kenny White were all reelected.



2024 Election Highlights Parmer County

- 2504 out of 4557 registered voters participated in the election
- 52% of voters voted early
- 48% of voters voted on Election Day
- Roughly 85% voted for Trump and 15% for Harris
- Jeff Actkinson 2219 votes was the most received by anyone on the ballot

PARMER COUNTY

Election Results November 5, 2024

Federal

President

Donald Trump 2123
Kamala Harris 368

U.S. Senator

Ted Cruz 2060
Colin Allred 374

U.S. Representative, Dist. 19

Jodey Arrington 2113
Bernard Johnson 149

State

Railroad Commissioner

Christi Craddick 1979
Katherine Culbert 296

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 2

Jimmy Blacklock 2057
Desean Jones 342

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 4

John Devine 2043
Christine Weems 343

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 6

Jane Bland 2001
Bonnie Lee Goldstein 348

Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals

David J. Schenck 2018
Holly Taylor 357

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 7

Gina Parker 2026
Nancy Mulder 341

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 8

Lee Finley 326
Chika Anyiam 326

Member, State Board of Education, District 15

Aaron Kinsey 1979
Morgan Kirkpatrick 353

State Representative Dist. 86

John Smithee 2183

Justice, 7th Court of Appeals District, Place 2

Judy Parker 2152

Justice, 7th Court of Appeals District, Place 3

Alex Yarbrough 2136

District Attorney, 287th Judicial District

Jackie R. Claborn II 2132

County

County Attorney

Jeff Actkinson 2219

Sheriff

Eric Geske 2193

County Tax Assessor-Collector

Awyna Sanchez 2215

County Commissioner, Pct. 1

Kirk Frye 643

County Commissioner, Pct. 3

Kenny White 749

Pumpkin Contest Winners

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2nd Grade Winners



3rd Grade Winners



5th Grade Winners



4th Grade Winners



Staff Winners

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Community Calendar

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November 7

- Stuffed Baked Potatoes at Noon Meal @ Senior Center

November 8

- Senior Night at Football Game vs. Dimmitt

November 11

- Veterans Day
- Veterans Day Program at Friona High School @ 10:00 a.m.
- Catfish at Noon Meal @ Senior Center

November 13

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

November 14

- Cowboy Stew at Noon Meal @ Senior Center

November 16

- High School Dinner Theater @ FHS Auditorium

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Mayor's Minutes

By Greg Lewellen



I hope that you have enjoyed following my series the past few months introducing our city council members. The last council member in the series is Esmeralda Mills. She took the task to heart when I asked them to write a little something about themselves and their vision for the City of Friona. I have included her article in full below, and I feel it is the most poignant way to end this series, because it's a reflection of all of us that live in Friona, and of all of us that serve you in your local government. Next month, I will begin a series to introduce you to our City department leaders.



Esmeralda Mills
Friona City Council Member

Bloom where you are.

It seems like a simple thing. But it is so easy to constantly pursue the "next big thing" and to constantly think of uprooting ourselves before truly developing roots and allowing ourselves to bloom.

Hello, my name is Esmeralda Mills. I am one of your serving City Council Members currently in my second term. I am enjoying this new role and pray that I am able to serve our city for many more terms to come.

I am a born and raised Texan and have lived in Friona most of my life. I am married to my High School sweetheart, Chuck Mills. We have four children and one dog. Our two older sons have both received their college educations and live in the South Texas area where they work in their fields. I am a class of '98 Friona High School graduate. After High School I received my Associates from CCC then transferred to WTAMU to pursue my degree. I was a licensed insurance agent, before I became a licensed Texas Cosmetology Operator and later a licensed Texas Class A Barber Instructor. Presently, my husband and I own Chuck's Barber-shop, Gems Salon and Empire

Academy Trade School. We are both active in our community and in our Church, though that wasn't always the case.

In 2018 we already owned and operated 2 successful businesses and so, began the discussion of business growth opportunities. Initially the discussions and goals seemed to mean possibly leaving Friona. My husband and I were both raised here and have raised our 4 children here. At the time my parents still lived in Friona. And a big part of Chuck's family still lives here today. Needless to say, we had lots of things to consider and many unanswered questions. So, we did what we know to do when we don't have the answers, we prayed. We kept discussing the matter. We kept praying. And we kept listening, expecting an answer. Until one day I got, what I believe to be, an answer. During a routine office visit, on the back of the computer of the attendant who was checking us in, was a sticker decal with the words, "Bloom where you are planted." In that instant the sticker resonated with me. Remember, we've been praying and listening and expecting an answer. Later that day I used an umbrella that I've had in my vehicle for a long time. When I opened it, I no-

ted a printed quote on it. Can you guess what it said? "Bloom where you are planted". Weirdly, I hadn't noticed the quote before. I know what you're thinking, surely, I had seen the quote on the umbrella before and subconsciously made the connection with the sticker. That might be the case, but it doesn't take away that I was expecting an answer to our prayers and that the message was revealed to me in a way that I couldn't brush off as coincidental. From that moment we stopped discussing moving away from Friona and began the process of realizing our 3rd, likely not our last, business right here, where we have been planted. Hence, Empire Academy Trade School was born. With great success, the first day of class was, September 5, 2023.

Since deciding to stay and grow in town I also decided to be truly present in my community. Therefore, in May 2022 I began my first term as a City of Friona Council Member. Shortly after that in September 2022 I joined the Friends of the Library Committee. In January 2023 I joined the Panhandle Community Services Board of Directors out of Amarillo. In December 2022 I had the idea of helping students, parents and teachers succeed together by bridging the gap between them and initiated the Friona Parent Involvement Committee. Alongside some of the most exceptional parents I know, in January 2023 it became a reality.

As I share this, I am reminded of Easter lilies. Easter lilies only bloom for a short time. While they can be uprooted and planted somewhere else, the bloom will die for a season, and they will not bloom again until the next year. Keep this in mind as you strive for the next big thing.

And as you prepare yourself for greater success, may you ... Bloom where you are.

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ACROSS

- fancy word for "satisfy an appetite"
- clothed
- "could hear _ _ _ drop" (quiet)
- this Cockrell served four terms as mayor of San Antonio
- TX Ross Perot first naval rank (abbr.)
- several surgeries today are assisted by _ _ _ devices
- mo. in which State Fair of Texas begins
- TXism: "could put a loop _ _ _ on a mule's back" (good roper)
- "Big Jim" Hogg's daughter (init.)
- "on an _ _ _ keel"
- Mineola High class
- many Texas state parks have these for rent
- kidney disease
- TX Rayburn nickname: "_ _ Sam"
- noted Comanche medicine man
- unit of Dallas-based Greyhound (2 wds.)
- Texas-born Forest Whitaker was in "_ _ _ 3"
- nocturnal insects found in moist areas in buildings
- TXism: "loud as boot heels on _ _ _ floor"
- Astro: major _ _ _
- TXism: "chompin' _ _ the bit" (impatient)
- these could be Roths
- TX Buck Owens' "I've Got a Tiger By _ _ _"
- Hispanic surname
- TXism: "_ _ _ buster" (farmer)
- state nurses org.
- this Paul and TX Farrah film: "The Burning Bed"
- forbidden by law
- house coverings
- TXism: "_ _ _ big for his britches"
- "bear" in Mexico
- Guadalupe is a spring- _ _ _ river
- TX Tanya's first child: Presley _ _ _ Tucker
- TXism: "treat _ _ with kid gloves"
- TX George H.W. was a short time director of this agcy.
- TXism: "he took everything but _ _ _ my lungs" (robbed)
- broadcasters use 12 to 20 of these to televise a NFL game
- county west of DeWitt County
- 101 in ancient Rome
- biblical donkey
- TXism: "jump _ _ _" (escape)
- leaky boat: _ _ _ in water
- largest tribe, most spell with a "j"
- Santa Anna did it to the Alamo
- network for KERA-TV or KUHT-TV
- response question
- in Uvalde County on U.S. 90
- 24- _ _ _ gold
- track made in a dirt road
- big achievement
- old bread, e.g. (2 wds.)
- lion's den, e.g.
- cowboys might have bow _ _ _
- first name of 21-across
- TXism: "a _ _ _" (many)
- _ _ _ as a goose"

DOWN

- TXism: "fits like _ _ _ on a fish"
- home of Sul Ross State University
- nosedive
- seat of Jackson County
- "Crying" singer from Texas (init.)
- 9-down spent a lot of time performing
- UT live mascot
- rocks containing valuable minerals

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Small Town Cookin' By Jeri Lynn White

Chili

One of these days it is going to turn cold, and you will think a bowl of warm chili is exactly what you need, so this month I am looking for some different versions of chili. This week is a lighter chili with chicken, white beans, jalapenos, and green chilis. Hope you enjoy.

White Chicken Chili
www.thepioneerwoman.com

Ingredients

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| 2 Tbsp. olive oil | 1 tsp. ground coriander | 1 c. frozen corn |
| 1 onion, chopped | 1 tsp. chili powder | 3 c. cooked chicken (from 1 rotisserie chicken) |
| 2 poblano peppers, chopped | 1/2 tsp. black pepper | 1/2 c. heavy cream |
| 1 tsp. kosher salt, divided, plus more to taste | 2 tsp. dried oregano | 2 Tbsp. fresh lime juice |
| 3 cloves garlic, chopped | 4 c. chicken broth, divided | 2 Tbsp. chopped cilantro leaves, plus more for serving |
| 1 jalapeño, chopped (seeds removed, if you don't like it spicy!) | 3 Tbsp. cornmeal or masa harina | Tortilla chips, shredded Monterey jack cheese, and sour cream, for serving |
| 1 Tbsp. ground cumin | 2 (15-oz.) cans white beans (such as cannellini or great northern beans), drained and rinsed | |
| | 1 (4-oz.) can chopped green chilis | |

Directions

Heat a large Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Add the olive oil, then onion and poblano pepper. Season with 1/2 teaspoon of salt and cook until slightly softened, stirring occasionally, about 5 minutes. Add the garlic and jalapeño and cook for 2 minutes more. Add the cumin, coriander, chili powder, black pepper, and oregano, and cook until fragrant, 1 minute more. In a small measuring cup, whisk together 1/2 cup of chicken broth and the cornmeal or masa harina. Add the remaining 3 1/2 cups chicken broth, cornmeal mixture, white beans, canned green chilis, and corn to the Dutch oven. Bring to a simmer and cook, stirring occasionally, for 10 minutes, over medium heat. Stir in the chicken and cook for 5 minutes more. Stir in the heavy cream, lime juice, and cilantro, and remove from the heat. Season with the remaining 1/2 teaspoon of salt, plus more to taste. Serve topped with additional cilantro, tortilla chips, shredded cheese, and sour cream.

State Sales Tax Revenue Totaled \$4B in October

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced that state sales tax revenue totaled \$4.01 billion in October, 5.4 percent more than in October 2023. The majority of October sales tax revenue is based on sales made in September and remitted to the agency in October. "Driven largely by increases in remittances from the retail sector, October sales tax collections strongly exceeded collections compared with October 2023, and overall state sales tax collections grew more than twice as fast as the rate of overall price inflation," Hegar said. "In the sectors driven most by business spending,

growth from the wholesale trade and manufacturing sectors were positive by mid-single digits, while receipts from the construction and mining sectors were down.

"Among the sectors driven primarily by consumer spending, retail trade showed a gain of 5.5 percent compared with last October, representing the largest increase in that sector since April 2023. Within the retail sector, collections from online merchants, grocery stores and home improvement stores all grew significantly. The services sector was also up last month.

"Receipts from restaurants were essentially flat compared with a year ago, coming in well below the rate of inflation for food away from home."

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in Oc-

tober 2024 was up 2.4 percent compared with the same period a year ago. Sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 58 percent of all tax collections.

Texas collected the following revenue from other major taxes: (1) motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$605 million, down less than 1 percent from October 2023; (2) motor fuel taxes — \$324 million, up 2 percent from October 2023; (3) oil production tax — \$436 million, down 26 percent from October 2023; (4) natural gas production tax — \$182 million, down 5 percent from October 2023; (5) hotel occupancy tax — \$65 million, down 3 percent from October 2023; and (6) alcoholic beverage taxes — \$147 million, down 4 percent from October 2023.

Happy Birthday

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| Nov. 7
David Smith
Kay Van Valkenburg
Evan (Reeve) Banner
Lovel Watson
Denise Menke
Linda Blount
Sarah Street
Gloria Aragon
Jacqueline Legarreta | Nov. 10
Gene Zachary
Tim Boeckman
Shane Blackburn
Daniel Schueler
Justin Daniel
Donna Brooks
Anthony Downs
Paige Michelle Burney
Kamden Lewis Neill |
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| Nov. 8
Paula Clark
Alice Allen
Emily (Allen) Stowers
Jamie (Clark) Nieman
Bruce Kayn Burney
Eric Benton
Brittany Barnett | Nov. 11
Tracy Ellis
Brent Beene
Bobby Broyles
Johnny Douglas
Javier Correa
Michelle Downs
Rodrick Drummond
Erica Stewart
Meagan Gutierrez |
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- Nov. 9**
Serafin Vazquez, Jr.
Gladys Spring
Teena Nunley
Daniel Wiseman
Martha Rodriguez
Max Reeve
Brad TeBeest
Dan Allum
Blake Michael Acker

- Nov. 12**
Victor Gonzalez
Saima Rivera

- Nov. 13**
Seth Hoyle
Emma Huckins
Linda Murphree
Glenda Procter
Sophee Beyers



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Gas prices continue fall

By GasBuddy

Average gasoline prices in Texas fell 2.0 cents per gallon, averaging \$2.56 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas was priced at \$2.01 while the most expensive was \$3.67 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline fell 2.2 cents last week, averaging \$3.05 per gallon. The national average price of diesel declined 1.3 cents in the last week and stands at \$3.52 per gallon.

"Seasonal trends continue to push down gasoline prices across much of the country, with GasBuddy counting 26 states where average gas prices have fallen below \$3 per gallon—something that could be less than a week away for the national average," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

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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Thank you from Created With Purpose

We would like to thank all volunteers who helped to make our banquet, Night of Purpose, a huge success. Your dedication and hard work, from set-up to clean-up, ensured that the entire banquet ran smoothly and was memorable to all who attended.

We would like to recognize and thank all the youth volunteers who dedicated their time and hard work to serving that evening. You are each amazing and played a huge part in making the evening enjoyable for everyone involved.

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Whose Authority?

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Authority is an abrasive reality because our sinful natures don't like to be reigned in. Just as a prisoner loathes the bars that hold him, our hearts deceptively yearn for freedom on our terms and championed by our desires. Humanity defaults to anarchist tendencies that promise unbridled freedom to follow my will but such a direction always delivers empty promises. The need for just, upright and godly authority is essential at the level of the family, community, church and nation for a people to prosper, and in America we are in a severe drought for such authority.

In his model prayer, Jesus tells us to pray in this way, "...Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." (Matthew 6:10). This petition is a surrender and submission to

God's rule and reign over his creation and over his church. The surrender is that I am no longer promoting my own brand or agenda, but have sacrificed it as I die daily and take up my cross in following Jesus. The submission aspect of this request is that I am willing to follow his lead. The old hymn says, "Wherever he leads I go, wherever he leads I'll go, I'll follow the one who loves me so, wherever he leads I'll go," and this ought to be the attitude of every christian as we live. Honestly, though, you probably are not as surrendered and submitted to the Lord as you ought to be. Therefore, begin with prayer and confession begging for God's authority to dominate your life, your church, our community and the nations, for the fame of Jesus and glory of God.

Panhandle Parables

November Challenge Phase 2

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

If you recall, the challenge for this month is to write down daily things you are thankful for in your life. As I am writing, it is day #5. I will share with you that I am thankful for my lovely bride of almost 28 years. Friday was her birthday and yet I think I am the one who received the gift. As you are reading this you are at day #7. How's it going?

The challenge this week is very specific. I would like for you for the next week to think specifically of things that you are thankful for about being an American, living in the United States. We have prospered much and have much to be thankful for simply by living in this country. We are now beyond the election, al-

though I write on election day, nothing has been decided yet. We have seen too much darkness, heard too much garbage over the last year. Let us recognize we have a good country. It's not perfect, but it is ours.

Christianity has suffered of late, not so much by those who oppose it, but by the apathy of those who claim it. The focus has been more about shouting down those who disagree with you than serving them in love. Open your heart again to His love, remember it was as much your sin as mine that yielded the result of the Savior hanging from a cross forgiving those who put Him there. If we lose sight of the need humanity has

for His sacrifice, then we will witness what it is to be ungrateful.

Our nation was built on freedom. Freedom to choose our leaders, freedom to worship, freedom to speak... Our relationship with Christ is also built on freedom. God could have demanded our allegiance. He could have given us no choice as to how we live this life. But He gave us a choice so that we would know what a real relationship looks like. So, continue your walk of gratitude and trust Him with all you hold dear. For surely if you do not, Satan will gladly enslave you. Keep writing. Keep choosing Him over and over each day. After all, He did choose you!

It Feels Good to be an American!

By Teena Hughs

Feller and I worked the election yesterday. When we got home around 8:30 p.m., I wasn't going to turn on the TV to check on election results until 10:00 p.m. I just didn't want to upset my blood pressure listening to what people thought about the election.

However, Feller did turn on the TV. I tried to work on some Bible study research, but I kept hearing things. When it started looking like Donald Trump was doing well, I gave up on the research, and I started listening. After President Trump's thank-you speech, I went to bed at 2 a.m.

This Wednesday morning, I am waking up to a beautiful, cool, clear day, and I am relieved!!! I am relieved because Americans came alive and voted for their country, and they voted to take our country back so it can be a true democracy. Americans decided their country was worth fighting for; it was worth standing up and saying we are tired of being lied to by politicians and the media; we are tired of being called things like deplorables and garbage, because we aren't. God created us in His image, and He does not create deplorables and garbage! We are tired of being called fascists, Nazis, communists, just because some people don't know the real meaning of these words, and they can get away with saying such things because no one questions why they are saying such things.

Plus, we are tired of people trying to lead our country away from the Bible, saying abortion is ok. I heard a conversation on TV that abortion is the reason some women were voting for Harris, along with the fact that they were so excited about having our first woman President. Those are the two most ridiculous and selfish reasons I have heard for voting for someone. How is having an abortion and a woman President what is best for our country?

Abortion is a sin; it is murder, and for many, it is a way of convenience to cover up the sin of having sex with whomever

you want. It is a way of trying to get the perfect child you want. I remember Rush Limbaugh talking about people having abortions because someday they will be able to find out they are having a red-headed child, and they don't want a red-headed child, or they find out they are expecting a girl, and they want a boy. That is nothing but wrong. God gives us His creation, and that is always what is best for us.

Speaking of God, our religious freedoms were on the ballot too. Government already invades our lives far too much. To get elected, many non-believers lie and use God to appear they believe things they don't believe to get our vote. How many politicians campaign one way, and then when they get elected, they somehow forget what they said on the campaign trail??? I truly believe we are on a road to curtailing what we can say about God. Curtailing leads to limiting us, and limiting us leads us to not being able to talk about or worship God in a public setting or church.

I am sorry Donald Trump nearly got killed, but it was a life-changing event, and he knows it. He KNOWS it was God who saved him. I am so glad he is willing to talk about what God did for him. It helps to show what God did for him, but it also keeps God's name before the public, hopefully encouraging non-believers to think about who this God of ours is.

Friends, Monday is Veteran's Day! The results of last night prove that the men and women who served and fought for our country, did not do so in vain! I especially hope veterans are even more proud for having fought for a country that people still love; they still think it is the best place in the world to live; they think it is a country still worth fighting for at the ballot box, in our churches, on our soil and if need be, abroad. Every day is a great day to be an American, but today it just feels so much better to be an American. Thank you to voters, and thank you to veterans!!!

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1 Chronicles 29:13 NIV

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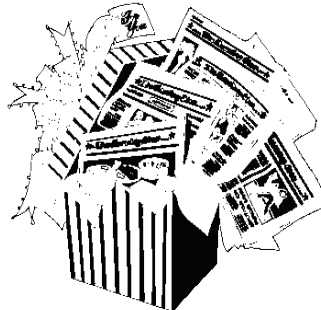
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Thank you, Rosalinda Cigarroa

2nd Grade

Picturesque

3rd Place Abe Sam Ha Hernandez (Football Player)

2nd Place Zadquiel Arenas Flores (Sonic the Hedgehog)

1st Place KianaRose Chico (Grinch) Jovial Jack O Lantern

3rd Place Braylynn Shield (Spa Day)

2nd Place Haylee Aragon (Carousel)

1st Place Ethan Bejar (Fish) Ghoulish

2nd Place Catarina Pu (Scary Bear)

1st Place Nemisis Espinaza (Barbie in Hot Tub)

Pretty in Pink

1st Place Ana Sofia Olivera

3rd Grade

Picturesque

3rd Place Madison Boren (Coraline) Alicia Martinez (Minion)

2nd Place Audree Rocha (Inside Out)

1st Place Valentino Mendez (La Catrina)

Jovial Jack O Lantern

3rd Place Maria Isabel Ha Garcia (Ice Cream)

2nd Place Victoria Espinoza (Cactus Plant)

1 Place Sabastian Aragon (Grill) Ghoulish

2nd Place Amabely Lopez (Scream the Movie)

1st Place Jett Jarecki (Evil Pumpkin)

4th Grade

Picturesque

3rd Place Javier Sanchez (The Scary Bear)

2nd Place Jesus Guevara (Venom) Ayden Rocha (Jack Skellington)

1st Place Kimberly

Hernandez (Coraline)

Jovial Jack O Lantern

3rd Place Jocelynn Polk (Pumpkin Holding Pencil) Analia Carranza (Roche Candy)

2nd Place Kayleigh Juarez (Skeleton Party)

1st Place Alariah Pena (Farm Land Alien Invasion)

Ghoulish

3rd Place Landon Shields (Scary Pumpkin)

2nd Place Adelyh Grace Zamudio (Scary Pumpkin)

1st Place Hunter Thompson (Bleeding Pumpkin)

5th Grade

Picturesque

3rd Place Jaelyn Rodriguez (Cruella 101 Dalmatians)

2nd Place Genesis Bautista (Winnie the Pooh) Camila Morales (Lucy the Sheep)

1st Place Isael Olmos (Beauty and the Beast)

Jovial Jack O Lantern

2nd Place Neidelyn Rodriguez (Pastry Coffee)

1st Place Asher Suarez (Beetlejuice) Ghoulish

3rd Place Jacob Medina (Scary Pumpkin)

2nd Place Angel Salinas (Bloody Pumpkin)

1st Place Manuel Garcia (Beetlejuice) Pretty in Pink

1st Place Jay Medina

Staff Winners

Elide Aviles (Pumpkin holding pencil)

1st Place Rafael Calvillo (Wonka)

Nancy Rosales (Ice Cream)

Katie Gilley (Kiss Rock Pumpkin)

See photos of winners on front page.



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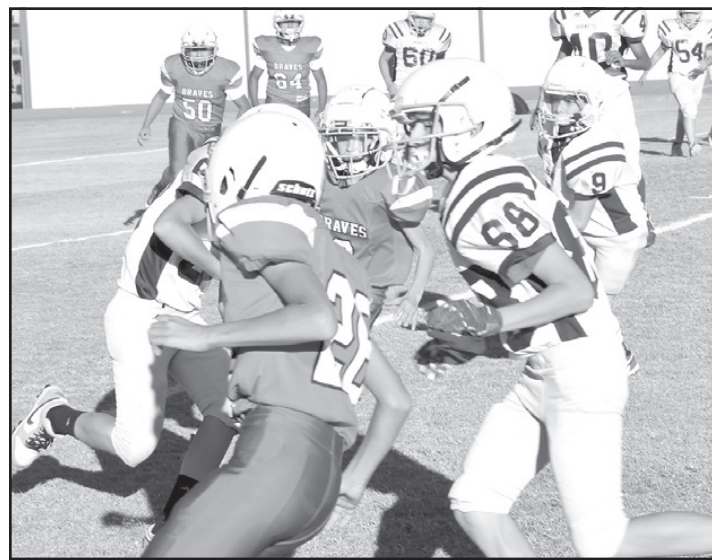
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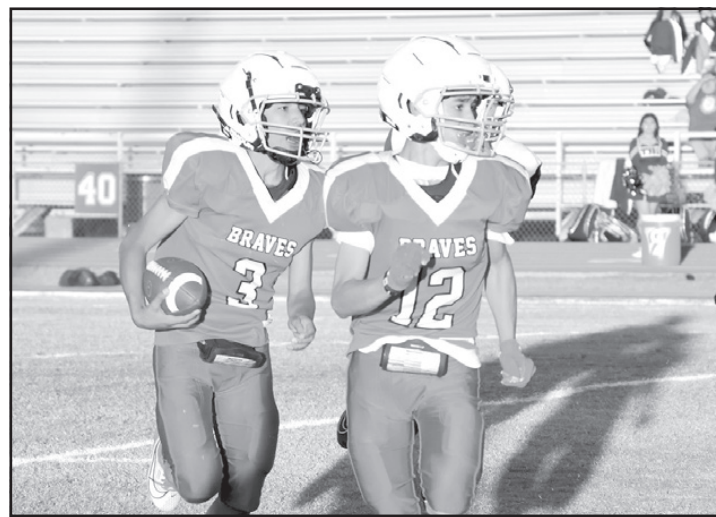
7th Grade Braves Football

7th Grade Cheerleaders

Back Row (l-r) Sophie Lewellen, Kamila Moreno, Genesis Aguirre. Middle Row (l-r) Adamari Amaya, Karleigh Rangel, Teresa Alvidrez. Front Row (l-r) Ella Rector, Preslie Goyne, Angeliz Castillo, Lidia Chic.



8th Grade Braves Football



8th Grade Cheerleaders

Back Row (l-r) Angelica Villarreal, Aylene Moreno, Jaretzi Saucedo, Zaylee Dominguez, Neylan Lara. Middle Row (l-r) Ivanna Guevara, Chelzey Garcia, Jaylee Perez, Avril Wells, Adrynn Castaneda, Emery Rangel. Front Row (l-r) Natalie Achor, Melanie Estrada, Karyme Rocha, Juliette Vega.





FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



FRIONA POST OFFICE employees gathered Tuesday morning to honor Dale and Laura Hart for their 50 years as post office employees. Front, l-r, Cherie Maddox, Jackie Smith, Vernie Schacher, Laura and Dale Hart, and Joann McDonald. Back, l-r, Robert Zetzsche, Jack Glover, Jim Atwell, and Billy Dutton.

Ron Carr photo. (Friona Star, Thursday, November 11, 2004)

State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



Insurance hikes make affordable housing tougher

A growing number of Texas homeowners are forgoing buying homeowners insurance as premiums skyrocket, according to a recent report from the Texas comptroller.

Recent natural disasters - hurricanes, severe storms and wildfires - have prompted some insurers to limit or even eliminate coverage in Texas. Daniel Oney, research director of the Texas Real Estate Research Center at Texas A&M University, says premium increases in Texas have outpaced the rest of the country.

"At the end of 2023, Texas had the biggest percentage point increase of any state in the last five years," he said. "You file claims, the insurance companies pay that, then they have to get that covered by the reinsurers. So, some of the price increases we're seeing now are from storms that happened a couple of years ago."

Oney said a "surprisingly large number of people" are choosing not to have insurance once their home is paid for. Mortgage lenders require homeowner insurance, but there is no requirement to do so once a home is paid for.

The high cost of insurance is just one factor affecting the state's housing shortage, which is driving up home prices and rental costs. The Texas Tribune reported that in 2022 the state needed about 320,000 more homes than existed, according to an estimate by Up For Growth, a housing policy organization.

"While Texas has been building a lot of housing overall, in many places, it just has not been enough to keep up with demand in the state and people moving in from out of state," said David Garcia, Up For Growth's policy director.

Northeast Texas officials attack reservoir study

A recent study by the Texas Water Development Board on the long-proposed Marvin Nichols Reservoir is under attack by northeast Texas officials, The Dallas Morning News reported. The proposed 66,000-acre lake would be built in Franklin, Red River and Titus counties to pump water more than 100 miles to the Dallas-Fort Worth area at an estimated

cost of \$7 billion. It has been on the state's planning books since 1968, drawing staunch opposition from landowners and officials in the affected counties.

The Region D water planning group, which represents those counties, said the draft report is biased and misleading. Opponents of the reservoir say it would destroy homes, farms, churches and cemeteries while not providing any benefit for people living in that area. Proponents say the reservoir is a solution to Dallas-Fort Worth's growing water needs as its population continues to boom.

"It's a flawed project. It should not go forward," Jim Thompson, chair of the Region D planning group, said. "It should be removed from the state water plan."

Kevin Ward, the chair of Region C, which represents the metroplex area, said the concerns of northeast Texas residents have been heard.

"We've heard it, so you've got to believe that if we thought there was another way to do what we're trying to do right now ... we'd certainly latch onto it as fast as we could," he said.

Texas buys two ranches near the border

The state General Land Office announced last week that it has bought a massive ranch in the Big Bend Region and a smaller ranch in Starr County, The Tribune reported. The 353,785-acre Brewster Ranch that borders Big Bend National Park is a collection of 28 ranches put together by its previous owner over two decades. Land Commissioner Dawn Buckingham said the ranch could be used for hunting, agriculture, and carbon sequestration.

"With such a beautiful and expansive property, the GLO has the opportunity to generate many forms of revenue for the schoolchildren of Texas," she said in a statement.

Also purchased was a 1,400-acre ranch in Starr County, along the Texas-Mexico border. The state plans to build a border wall on the property to deter illegal migration.

Battleship Texas still looking for a new home

The U.S.S. Texas has been undergoing repairs at a dry dock near Galveston after the Legislature approved

\$25 million to keep the ship seaworthy, but wharves officials have rejected a proposal to dock it there permanently, according to the Texas Standard.

The battleship is the only one still in existence that served in both World Wars. For decades it was docked in the Houston Ship Channel near the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site and served as a museum. Over the years it developed leaks and was in danger of sinking before it was towed to a dry dock in Galveston for renovation. The Texas is currently berthed next to the Elissa, the official tall ship of Texas.

However, there has been a backlash from business owners near the ship, who are concerned that if not moored correctly the ship could cause damage if a hurricane or tropical storm struck Galveston.

Repairs likely will take at least another year, during which the ship's supporters hope to find a permanent location for the venerable vessel.

RRC digitizes more than 83 million oil and gas records

The ongoing effort by the Texas Railroad Commission to digitize its oil and gas records continues, with 83.4 million now searchable online from any place with an internet connection. The records date back to the 1930s and include oil and gas production records, such as well depths and location of producing fields.

"Putting millions and millions of oil and gas records online is a win-win for the public and the agency," said Danny Sorrells of the commission. "Not only does it give the public easy access to historical information dating back almost 100 years, but our staff can now devote the time they would have spent tracking those records for the public for other tasks at the agency."

The link to the digitized records can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/msmtst86>.

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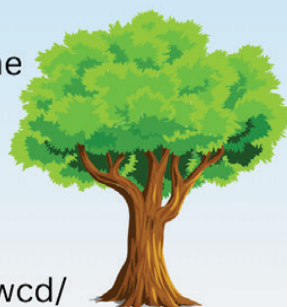
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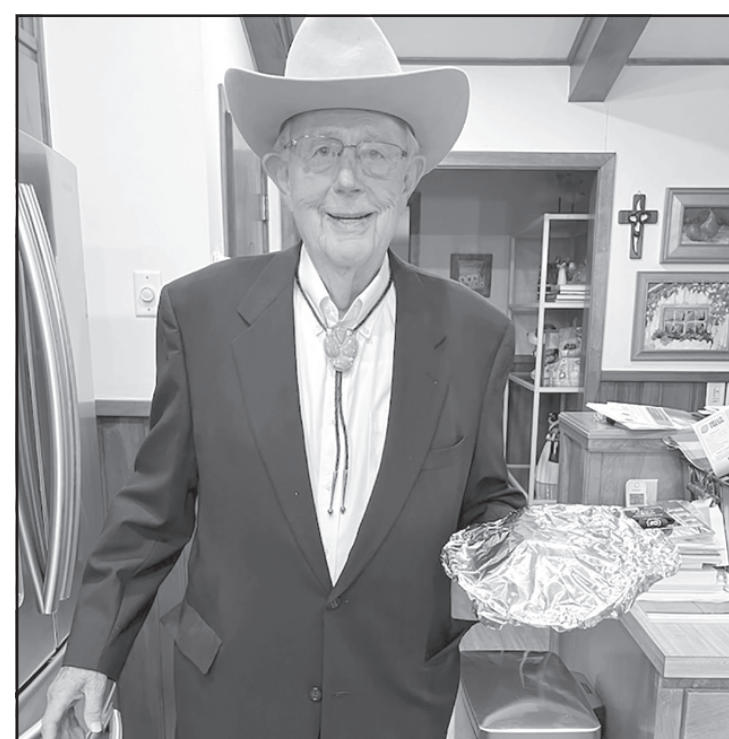
As of 2024, according to the US Department of Veterans Affairs, approximately 119,550 World War II veterans are still living. This number represents a very small percentage of the 16.4 million Americans who served in the war. One of those veterans is Friona resident Hollis Horton who just celebrated his 97th birthday back in September. *The following is an excerpt, written by Hollis, from the Parmer County History Book Volume 3 entitled XIT Ranch to XXI Century published in 2010 by the Parmer County Historical Commission.*

**Hollis Horton
U.S. Army 1946-1947**
The draft summons arrived in July, 1945, while I was a freshman attending Alabama Polytechnic Institute (now Auburn University) in Auburn, Alabama. I went to Atlanta, Georgia for the physical where I was informed that I would be allowed to finish my freshman year since I was enrolled in ROTC.
In March of 1946, I received my draft call and reported to Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Aberdeen, Maryland. The group I was drafted into was one of the last

drafted in World War II. During basic training I was awarded the "sharpshooters badge". Completing basic training, I was sent to small arms mechanic school. In army fashion, on completing the training, I never used it during my service time.
On leave before shipping out, I joined my family who were vacationing in Florida. I loaded my duffel bag and joined them before going to California to be shipped to Japan. A bad sunburn from the Florida vacation made the train trip in a chair car to California very uncom-

fortable.
Japan bound troops loaded on ferries at Camp Stoneman and moved down to the dock in San Francisco to ship out on the troop ship, General Langefitt. For eleven days, we were stacked in bunks like cord wood in this ship. The top bunk was the favored place, above sea sick soldiers. Certificates were given to troops at a ceremony when the ship passed the International Date Line.
The ship arrived at Yokohama, Japan and I knew nothing of what was in store. We lived in tents on an open plain and ate from mess kits. Assignments were issued and I found that I was selected to join General MacArthur's Honor Guard. That was a great assignment for a soon to be nineteen year old.

MacArthur's Honor Guard consisted of two units. One unit guarded the Dai-ichi building which was his office as the Supreme Commander. The other unit guarded the Embassy, which was the MacArthur family home. I was assigned to guard the Dai-ichi building. When on duty at his office door, I would see MacArthur and he would say, "How are you, sentinel?" There is not much conversation between a five star general and a private.
Tokyo was piles and piles of rubble. The Dai-ichi building, the Embassy and the Emperor's palace had been spared



Hollis Horton celebrated his 97th birthday on September 18th.

in all the bombing. The Emperor's Palace was across from the Dai-ichi building and was surrounded by a moat. There was very little traffic except for military vehicles. The few Japanese cars had charcoal heaters on the rear bumper that made gas to operate the car. Women wore native dress, had strange shoes and walked behind the men. Wagons, pulled by a horse, carried honey buckets and were everywhere.
In April of 1947, I received orders to return to the United States. The Marine Adder was a much faster ship and I was back in the USA in nine days. It was an uneventful trip until passing under the Golden Gate Bridge. We were home. A base near Sacramento processed discharges. Returning soldiers were given the opportunity to sign up for the army reserves.

Signing up would protect your rank and seniority. There was some pressure on discharges to sign up. Since a Pfc. wasn't any rank to hold, I declined the chance to join. That decision kept me from being recalled in 1950 for the Korean conflict.
The MacArthur Honor Guard Association has reunions every two years. Lunell and I have attended reunions in Las Vegas, Nashville, Norfolk, and Japan. Returning to Japan fifty-four years later, it was amazing to see a modern country with fast trains, tall buildings, and cars everywhere. There was no graffiti or litter in a country with millions of people in not much space. The Japanese people were extremely helpful and polite. The women no longer walked behind men in strange shoes and were dressed in western wear.



Pfc. Hollis Horton was assigned to General Douglas MacArthur's Honor Guard in Japan.

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Public Relations — Friona FFA students were the special guests at the Friona Noon Lions Club meeting on Tuesday at the Clubhouse. The Public Relations Team of (l-r) Ivy Schueler, Heriberto Gallegos, Aubree Bunker, and Kyleigh Stephens presented a program that they will use in the upcoming Regional Competition in Whitharral. The Public Relations team consists of two to four FFA members who develop and present a 6-9 minute program to inform a specified target audience regarding the Texas FFA and what it represents. The presentation is developed assuming that the target audience has no knowledge of the FFA. Good luck at Regionals!!!

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Sports



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Scoring Summary

Qtr Score

- 1 F - Justen Trevino 9 yd run (Mario Garcia kick)
- 1 F - Safety Jacob Gonzalez tackle in endzone
- 1 F - Iram Gonzalez 5 yd run (Garcia kick)
- 1 F - Jameson Daniels 47 yd pass from Aaron Rosales (Garcia kick)
- 1 F - Izaac Ortiz 13 yd run (Bam Rocha run)
- 1 F - I. Gonzalez 3 yd run (Garcia kick)
- 2 T - Roberto Martinez 25 yd FG
- 2 F - Aaron Rosales 50 yd run (Garcia kick)
- 2 T - Logan Becerra 10 yd pass from David Molina (pass no good)
- 3 F - Rocha 1 yd run (Garcia kick)
- 3 T - Becerra 17 yd pass from Molina (pass no good)

Rushing Stats	Carries	Yards	TDs	Avg
2 Trevino, Justen	13	89	1	6.8
3 Sanchez, Damian	5	12		2.4
5 Ortiz, Izaac	9	95	1	10.6
7 Rosales, Aaron	7	118	1	16.9
17 Rocha, Abram	3	6	1	2.0
22 Gonzalez, Iram	9	51	2	5.7
40 Hoyle, Seth	2	7		3.5
Rushing Totals:	48	378	6	7.9

Receiving Stats	Receptions	Yards	TDs	Avg
7 Rosales, Aaron	2	34		17.0
10 Daniels, Jameson	4	94	1	23.5
20 Stanberry, Bryer	2	86		43.0
Receiving Totals:	8	214	1	26.8

Passing Stats	Comp	Att	Yards	TDs	INTs
2 Trevino, Justen	7	9	167	0	0
40 Seth Hoyle	0	2	0	0	0
7 Rosales, Aaron	1	1	47	1	0

Kicking Stats	XP Att	XP Good	FG Att	FG Good
53 Garcia, Mario	6	6	1	0

Defensive Stats	UN	AST.	TOT	TFL	FR	FC	INT	SACK
Gonzalez, Iram #1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Sanchez, Damian #3	1	3	4	-	-	-	-	-
Daniels, Jameson #10	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
Alvarez, Michael #11	-	2	2	0.5	-	-	-	0.5
Lara, Gael #12	2	-	2	-	-	-	1	-
Gonzalez, Xavier #14	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Ramos, Gabriel #15	1	2	3	-	-	1	1	-
Rocha, Abram #17	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-
Stanberry, Bryer #20	1	2	3	-	-	-	-	-
Gutierrez, Frank #21	3	5	8	-	-	-	-	-
Munoz, Edwin #22	4	2	6	2	1	-	-	1
Rocha, Rafael #24	1	3	4	1.5	-	-	-	-
Gonzalez, Jacob #28	2	5	7	0.5	-	-	-	-
Stanberry, Kaysen #33	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-
Quezada, Diego #50	2	2	4	1.5	-	1	-	1.5
Martinez, Pablo #51	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Garcia, Mario #53	1	3	4	1	-	1	-	1
Mills, Eden #55	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Escobar, Julio #66	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Gardea, Lionel #68	-	1	1	0.5	-	-	-	0.5

Yards allowed; Rushing 46, Passing 233, Total 279



Sports News



Varsity Football

The first quarter of last Friday night's game was very good for Friona as the Chieftains scored early and scored often to crush the Tulia Hornets by a final score of 52-15. The team is now 1-2 in district play and can secure a playoff spot with a victory over Dimmitt on Friday night.

Quarterback Justen Trevino was named a Top 10 Texas Panhandle football performer of the week by PressPass Sports. He was 7 of 9 for 167 yards passing and rushed 13 times for 89 yards with a score. Aaron Rosales rushed for 118 yards, Izaac Ortiz added 95 yards, Iram Gonzalez had 51 yards, and all scored touchdowns. Jameson Daniels had 4 catches for 94 and a touchdown.

On defense, Frank Gutierrez was the leading tackler with 8 followed by Jacob Gonzalez with 7. Gael Lara recorded his 5th interception of the season. Gabriel Ramos also had an interception and Edwin Munoz had a fumble recovery.

It is Senior Night this week and the pre-game ceremony begins around 6:30 p.m. with game time at 7:00 p.m. at Chieftain Field.

Junior Varsity Football

The JV Chieftains traveled to Tulia last week and came away with a 42-8 road win. Max Reyes opened the scoring for the Chiefs with a 2 yard touchdown run and Nate Padilla ran for the two-point conversion. Hector Aguirre ran 44 yards for the next touchdown but the conversion attempt failed. Max Reyes scored the next two touchdowns on runs of 5 yards and 2 yards, respectively. Aguirre added a two point conversion. Next, Aguirre scored his second touchdown on a 6 yard run. Mason Ramos scored the Chiefs last touchdown on a 42 yard run and Padilla ran for the two-point conversion. On defense, the Chiefs had interceptions by Mason Ramos and Alan Garcia. The JV Chieftains finish the year on the road in Dimmitt on Thursday. Game time is 6:30 p.m.

Junior High Football

The 7th grade Braves defeated Tulia last week by the score of 30-0. Vicente Quintana scored first for Friona on a 44 yard run and Gabriel Garcia ran for the two-point conversion. Quintana scored his second touchdown on a 30 yard run and Garcia ran for his second two-point conversion. Zane Gonzales scored the Braves' next touchdown on a 48 yard run but the conversion failed. Garcia scored the final touchdown on a 26 yard run and Jace Jarcecki ran for the conversion. Quintana had 80 total yards rushing with Garcia adding 53 yards. On defense, Ediel Rocha had an interception. The team is now 5-2 for the season and 3-0 in district.

The 8th grade Braves won their game against Tulia by the score of 36-12. Aaden Delgadillo opened the scoring with an 8 yard run and Jesus Salgado ran for the two-point conversion. Next, Darien Padilla scored a touchdown on a 2 yard run and Eli Rosales

added a 1 yard touchdown. Both conversion attempts failed. Delgadillo scored his second touchdown of the game on a 41 yard run and Padilla ran for the conversion.

The final touchdown came on an 11 yard pass from Rosales to Kolton Thompson. Padilla ran for the conversion. For the game, Eli Rosales ran for 121 yards and Delgadillo added 99 yards and a fumble recovery. Hector Mendoza also had a fumble recovery on defense. The team is now 2-5 for the season and 2-1 in district.

For their season finales, the 7th and 8th Braves host Dimmitt this week. Game times are 5:00 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. at Chieftain Field.

Varsity Volleyball

The Friona Squaws volleyball season ended Tuesday night with a 2-3 (25-18, 20-25, 25-8, 23-25, 13-15) loss to the Childress Lady Cats in their Bi-District Playoff game in Pampa. The Squaws finish another great season with a 27-11 record.

Junior High Basketball

- JH Girls vs. Dimmitt 11/4/24
- 7th/8th B Teams
- Friona 9 | Dimmitt 22
- #3 - Karyme Rocha - 2 points
- #4 - Avril Wells - 4 points
- #25 - Adrynn Castaneda - 3 point
- 7th A
- Friona 23 | Dimmitt 35
- #2 - Genesis Aguirre - 11 points
- #5 - Preslie Goynes - 10 points
- #12 - Ella Rector - 1 point
- #24 - Kamila Moreno - 1 point
- 8th A
- Friona 49 | Dimmitt 34
- #1 - Ivanna Guevara - 12 points
- #3 - Jaylee Perez - 10 points
- #11 - Zaylee Dominguez - 2 points
- #30 - D'Nasha Shelby - 25 points





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