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Parmer County Jr. Livestock Show

Schedule:

Tuesday, January 17 11:30 a.m. Steers weighed/classified 12:30 p.m. **Steer Show Beef Heifer Show** 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. Goats & Lambs weighed/classified

Wednesday, January 18 8:00 a.m. **Goat Show Lamb Show** 2:00 - 6:30 p.m. Barrows weighed/classified 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Rabbit check-in 7:00 p.m. Rabbit Show

Thursday, January 19 8:00 a.m. **Barrow Show** 3:00 p.m. Dairy Heifer Show

Saturday, January 21 1:00 p.m. **Premium Sale**

Fire Department Officers Chosen

Members of the Friona Volunteer Fire Department elected officers for Year 2023 at their meeting last Thursday evening. Gary Stowers was elected to serve as Fire Chief. This will be Gary's first term as Chief. He has been with the department for three years and served as a Captain last year. Danny Campbell was chosen as Assistant Fire Chief. He was recently hired by the City of Friona to serve as Fire Marshall and Code of Compliance Officer. The list of officers chosen to serve for 2023 are as follows:

2023 FVFD Officers

Fire Chief - Gary Stowers Asst. Chief - Danny Campbell Captain 1 – Stephen Campbell Captain 2 – Chance Lewellen Lieutenant 1 – J'Lond Jarecki Lieutenant 2 - Juan Samarron Secretary/Treasurer - Chance Lewellen Training Officer - Juan Samarron Whistleblower - Ezra Stephens Reporter - Tyler Shields



2023 Fire Chief Gary Stowers and Assistant Chief Danny Campbell



86th Annual county stock show is next week

Ten Pages



The 86th Annual Parmer County Junior Livestock Show will begin on Tuesday, January 17th and and will run through Thursday, January 19th. There will be a concession stand open during all of the events. See schedule of events at left.

Thursday | January 12, 2023

The show will consist of 129 exhibitors who will be showcasing 334 entries for the judges. 153 barrows, 4 beef heifers, 9 dairy heifers, 69 goats, 59 lambs, 7 rabbits, and 33 steers will be on display. Area club participation includes 90 entries from Farwell FFA, 85 from Friona FFA, 64 from Lazbuddie FFA, and 95 from Parmer County 4-H.

A Junior Livestock Premium Sale will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 21, 2023, following the Buyers' Luncheon. A maximum of 40% of steers, lambs, barrows, goats exhibited as well as 2 dairy heifers, 2 beef heifers, and 2 rabbits will be sold. In the event that there are less than 140 head in the sale, then the total number sold will be 140 with the remaining sale slots to be divided equally between the steer, lamb, goat, and pig divisions. Order of sale will be determined by the Sale Committee. The Sale will be held under the auspices of a committee directly responsible to and appointed by the PCJLS Stock Show Board. Other rules do apply. See handbook for details.

The Parmer County Stock Show Board consists of President: Greg O'Brian; Vice-President: John Jarecki; Secretary: Deena Leuea; and Treasurer: Greg Lewellen.

Parmer County Stock Show Officials are: Gen-Superintendent: eral Clint Hurst; Swine Superintendent: Lesley Curtis; Lamb & Goat Superintendent: Shane Mason; Superintendent: Beef Roddy Berend; Rabbit Superintendent: Rebecca Pomper; and Dairy Heifer Superintendent: Janelle Duffy.

Stock Show Board Members include Parmer 4-H: Parmer County Extension Agent Janelle Duffey, Chris Timms, Devin Carpenter, Rodney Swierc, Sergio Mendez (alternate); Farwell

FFA: Agriculture Sciences Teacher Sid Morris, Agriculture Sciences Teacher Jared Flores, Vince Smith, Dusty Urbantke, Dusty Ramage, Darren Haseloff (alternate); Friona FFA: Agriculture Sciences Teacher Tyler Hatley, Agriculture **Sciences** Teacher Maggie Roque, Tracy Bunker, Darrin Gilley, Glen London, Lonnie Born (alternate); Lazbuddie FFA: Agriculture Sciences Teacher Gabriel Doherty, Chris Davis, Casey Russell, Dustin Cleavinger, Cody Kirby, Cobey Branscum (alter-



Chamber and FEDC have new leadership

the job. The new Execu- to continue to promote tive VP of the Chamber of Commerce & Ag and Executive Director of the FEDC hit the ground running on Tuesday, January 3rd. She conducted her first FEDC meeting this past Monday and is already planning the Chamber Banquet in March.

Emma is a 2019 graduate of Friona High School. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing at West Texas A&M in 2019 and is currently working on a Master's Degree in in Finance & Economics at WTAMU. She was previously employed as a banker in Canyon, Texas. Her parents are Jason and Karla Rector.

As the Executive Director of the Friona Economic Development Corporation, Rector says she has a lot to learn since she has no prior experience in the field. She stated, "My vision

Emma Rector is on for the Friona EDC is and facilitate the development of responsible and properly planned businesses or projects that strengthen the local economy. A thriving Friona is one that is innovative in supporting all potential and current businesses to foster equitable economic development."

Rector continued, Commerce my vision is to continue to foster and promote businesses while establishing way to increase community engagement. I am committed to helping our community grow and prosper by supporting businesses and citizens in Friona."

Rector said she would

like to meet person-"As for the Chamber of ally with all the owners and employees of Friona businesses and see how she can better serve their needs. She will also bring a few ideas from her time in Canyon to get people involved in monthly events throughout the year. She excited and eager to serve Friona in the best way possible.



Emma Rector / New Chamber Executive VP and FEDC Executive Director



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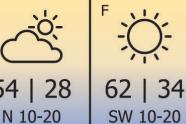
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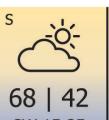


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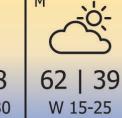
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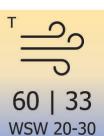


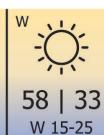












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Community Calendar

Send Calendar information to: frionastar@wtrt.net call (806) 250-2211 or fax (806) 250-5127

January 12

• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

January 12 and 14

 Junior High Basketball Tourney at Friona Activity Center

January 16

- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

January 17

• Packing for Snack Pak 4 Kids at 2:30 p.m. at north door of Friona Methodist Church

January 17-19

• Parmer County Jr. Livestock Show at Friona Community Center

January 18

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

January 19

• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center





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State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



What to expect in legislative ses-

The 2023 Texas legislative session opened Jan. 10, with property taxes, gun control and the power grid expected to be among the top issues on the agenda.

The Texas Standard talked to political journalists Niki Griswold of the Austin American-Statesman and James Barragàn of the Texas Tribune to see what might be upcoming.

Griswold predicts the "so-called culture war issue" could take center stage, with a number of bills already filed regarding the rights of transgender children and their parents, as well as battles over what books should be made available to children in the classroom and libraries.

Barragan said the state's predicted \$27 billion surplus will attract a number of factions wanting a piece of that action. Gov. Greg Abbott has called for about half the surplus to be spent on property tax relief, while House Speaker Dade Phelan is pushing for more spending on infrastructure.

Griswold pointed out that Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick wields considerable power in the Legislature and is keenly interested in more fixes to the state's electric grid.

The regular session will last 140 days, as set by the state constitution.

Ag agency: Climate change threatens food supply

A new report released last week by the Texas Department of Agriculture concluded climate change is a potential threat to the state's food supply and could produce food insecurity. The report comes after a historic drought decimated crops and forced ranchers to sell the highest number of livestock in more than a decade.

The Texas Tribune reported the food access study, published by TDA and the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, noted that "climate instability is strongly associated with water quality, soil degradation, droughts, fires, floods and other environmental disasters."

The report was submitted to the Legislature on Dec. 31 and points to other factors that make it harder for Texans to access and afford food, such as wages not keeping up with inflation and lack of access to food in rural areas.

"The important takeaway here is that there are significant gaps that need to be addressed between what researchers calculate to be a living wage in Texas, the wages that Texans are actually receiving, and many of the poverty thresholds that determine eligibility for assistance programs," the report says.

Abbott calls for action on ankle monitor violations

Abbott last week sent a letter to legislative leaders calling for legislation to create criminal penalties for parolees who cut off their ankle monitors.

That action comes in the wake of an October incident in which parolee Nestor Hernandez was charged with pulling a handgun and killing two hospital employees while visiting his girlfriend and their newborn child at Methodist Hospital in Dallas. He was shot by a Methodist Hospital police officer but survived and is now being held without bond on capital murder charges.

A few weeks later another parolee, Zeric Jackson, was accused of fatally shooting a man at his former girlfriend's Dallas apartment.

"It is clear that the ankle monitors, a condition of their parole, were not effective in deterring or otherwise preventing these individuals from going on to commit violent crimes, resulting in three innocent lives being lost," Abbott wrote.

Currently, there are no criminal penalties for a parolee cutting off an ankle monitor.

Beware of online phone scams

The Texas Department of Insurance is urging Texans, especially older adults, to beware of both phone and online scams. In 2021, more than 6,700 Texans over age 60 reported losing more than \$159 million to fraudsters, TDI reports.

Some common scams:

- · A caller offers to fix a non-existent computer problem or to renew a software or security subscription that does not actually exist.
- · A caller purports to be a grandchild calling from another country and needing hundreds of dollars
- · A call or email that says you have won a sweepstakes or lottery but requires you to pay thousands of dollars in bogus fees in order to claim the larger prize.
- · Someone adopts a fake identity to gain affection and confidence, in hopes of eventually building a relationship that enable the scammer to steal money.

More information is available on the TDI website: tdi.texas.gov.

Emergency SNAP benefits again extended

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has again provided the state with more than \$344.1 million in emergency Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program food benefits for the month of January, benefitting about 1.6 million Texas households

The funds are distributed by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission. Each SNAP household will receive at least \$95 in emergency allotments in addition to its regular allotment.

Since April 2020, the federal government has provided more than \$9.3 billion in benefits to Texans through SNAP.

"We know these benefits will help families start 2023 with healthy and nutritious foods," said Texas HHS Access and Eligibility Services Deputy Executive Commissioner Wayne Salter.

RRC unveils interactive map of orphaned wells

Using federal infrastructure funding, the Texas Railroad Commission has launched an interactive map of orphan wells that have been plugged or are scheduled to be plugged.

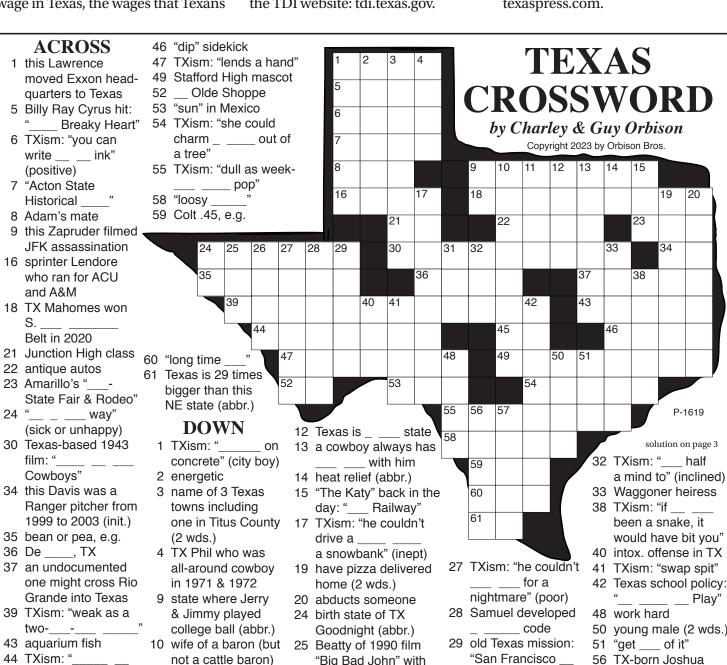
The RRC received a \$25 million initial grant in 2022 from the U.S. Department of the Interior as part of the federal infrastructure act. So far, 128 orphan wells have been plugged, with plans to plug about 800 more abandoned wells by the end of the fiscal year.

Another \$318 million in federal funding may be available to plug orphaned wells, according to the RRC. You can view the interactive map at https:// tinyurl.com/38tjm4wy.

COVID-19 cases rise in past week

The number of new COVID-19 cases in the past week in Texas rose to 39,019, with 131 deaths reported by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. The number of lab-confirmed CO-VID-19 patients hospitalized in the state also rose to 3,445, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

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



"Big Bad John" with

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Obituary



Patricia Avon Biener

Patricia Avon Biener, 85 of Hereford passed away January 4, 2023. Services will be held at a later date. Cremation arrangements by HAN-SARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Pat was born September 8, 1937 in Dimmitt, Texas to Bill Sullivan and Veda Mavis Hulin Burnam. She was in the Naval Reserve and was a Civil Servant of the US Navy in San Diego, California. She worked for the Bovina Blade Newspaper for many years, was an artist and loved to paint and travel.

She is preceded in death by her parents Bill and Mavis, husband-Charles William Biener, 1 son-Korby Lee Hawkins, 1 brother-Car-



roll Dwayne Burnam.

Those to mourn her passings include 1 son Erith Hawkins II of Payallup, Washington, 1 brother-Bill Burnam of Hereford, 3 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

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



Courthouse Notes

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from December 29, 2022 to January *5,2023*

(1/4/23) Northwest Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church - Friona Methodist Church -The West 25 Feet of Lot 12 and All of Lot 13, Block 3, of the Western Addition to the City of Friona, Parmer County, Texas



SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

(12/26/22) Esperanza Eve Sanchez, 22, of Amarillo was arrested by the Friona Police Department on charges of Possession Marijuana < 20z, and Possession CS PG $2 \ge 4g < 400g$

(12/28/22) David Luis River-Rios, 38, of Barranquitas, Puerto Rico was arrested by the Bovina Police Department on a charges of Evading Arrest Detention w/Vehicle, and Possession Marijuana ≤ 4oz > 2oz

(12/28/22) Frank Trejo 29, of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police Department as a Fugitive From Justice from Curry County, New Mexico

(12/29/22) Bryan Delatorre, 23, of Hereford was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of Driving While Intoxicated BAC ≥ 0.15

(12/29/22) Gunner Kemp Russell, 21, of Muleshoe was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Assault Causing Bodily Injury To Family Member

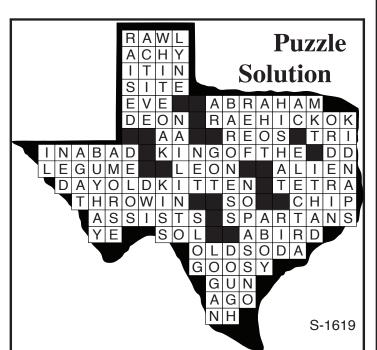
(12/30/22) Christopher Rossouw, 39, of Garden City, Kansas was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Aggravated Assault

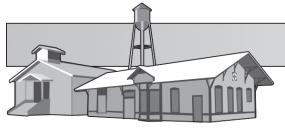
(1/1/23) Darlene Aimee Bamurange, 21, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on charges of Possession CS PG2 < 1g, and Driving While Intoxicated

(1/4/23) Jose Eduardo Lopez, 23, of Muleshoe was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a Parmer County Warrant for Possession CS PG 1 < 1g

(1/4/23) Cameron Isaac, 21, of Roswell, New Mexico was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a Parmer County Warrant for Aggravated Assault w/Deadly Weapon

(1/5/23) Norma Hernandez, 49, of Muleshoe was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a Parmer County Warrant for Possession CS PG 1 < 1g





\$33B Budget Surplus — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar released the Biennial Revenue Estimate showing the state is projected to have a record \$188.2 billion in revenue available for general-purpose spending during the 2024-25 biennium, a 26.3 percent increase from the 2022-23 biennium. Hegar urged state policymakers to spend money wisely and prudently to benefit Texans now and in the future.

*** Drought continues —

Parmer County is still in a stage 2 and stage 3 drought according to the Texas Water Development Board's Water Weekly report. 2022 was the second driest year for Texas since 2000. It was the worst drought year since 2011.

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Save The Date — Laurie McAfee, LBSW from the Area Agency on Aging will be presenting a free educational program at Legacy Point, 1500 N. Main, Friona Texas on January 26th at 10:30 AM. Donuts and coffee will be provided. The presenta-

tion will include information about new changes for Medicare 2023, new preventative services and how to avoid getting scammed. Every year seniors fall prey to scams which can cost them thousands of dollars. This presentation will help to bring awareness and show how to prevent scams.

Thank You — For the first time in years, the EMS is fully staffed and running the majority of transfers from PMC. Sharon White, Kathryn Goddard, and Kitty Gallman were the driving force behind getting the equipment and funds needed to make this happen. It has taken time, but the fruits of their labor have paid off. A big Thank You to them, and everyone involved, in making this dream a reality for the citizens of Friona. — Bruce Fleming

*** **Time 2 Laugh** -(1) Why did it get so hot in the baseball stadium after the game? All of the fans left. (2) What do you call a train carrying bubblegum? A chew-chew train.

TOWN TALK

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Source: https://www. rd.com/list/short-jokes. ***

Friona Star Office is **Moving** — The Friona Star office is moving this month and will be consolidated with the Intheden Graphics office at 1215 Elm Ave. Office hours for both businesses will be Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00

p.m. More details later.

National Days January 12: Pharmacist Day January 13: Sticker Day January 14:

Dress Up Your Pet Day January 15: Hat Day January 16: Fig Newton Day January 17: Hot Buttered Rum Day

January 18: Winnie The Pooh Day

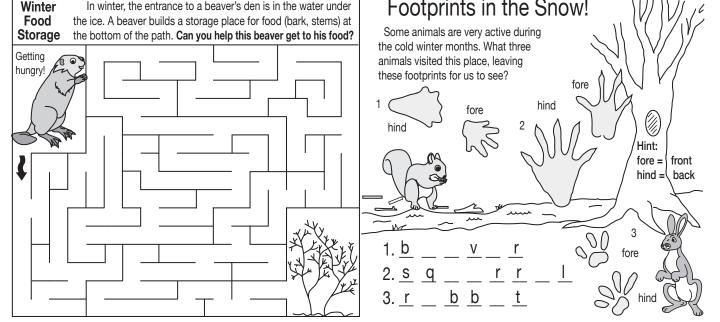


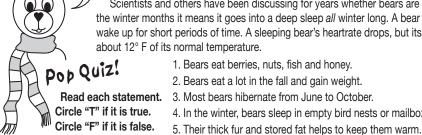
We would like to thank everyone who expressed love and concern for our family by calling, praying, bringing food, sending flowers & cards, making donations, and all other acts of kindness. We deeply appreciate your acts of compassion.

Special thanks to the Congregational Church and Methodist Church for providing the meal.

The Donna Mears Family



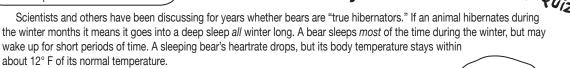




To sleep deeply, or not to sleep deeply:

that is the question!

Do Bears *Truly* Hibernate?



1. Bears eat berries, nuts, fish and honey. 2. Bears eat a lot in the fall and gain weight. **Read each statement.** 3. Most bears hibernate from June to October. 4. In the winter, bears sleep in empty bird nests or mailboxes.

Small Town Cookin' By Jeri Lynn White

National Curried Chicken Day

January 12th is known as National Curried Chicken Day, and it is a great day for warm comfort food like curried chicken. This recipe is an easy one pot version with fairly common ingredients.

One Pot Curry Chicken and Rice

www.lecremedelacrumb.com

Ingredients

- 1 ½ pounds boneless skinless chicken breasts or thighs chopped into 2-inch pieces
- 1 bell pepper red or green, chopped
- 1 onion white or yellow, chopped
- 1 tablespoon oil
- 1 tablespoon curry powder + 2 teaspoons divided
- 1 teaspoon salt divided, more to taste
- 1 cup white rice I used basmati rice
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 1 cup water
- ½ teaspoon sugar
- 1 cup coconut milk

fresh cilantro or basil for garnish - optional

Instructions

In a large, 2-inch-deep skillet with a lid, heat oil. Add chicken, onions, and bell peppers, and sauté 1 minute. Sprinkle with 1 tablespoon curry powder and 1/2 teaspoon salt and sauté about 1 minute longer until golden brown on the outside. (Chicken will not be cooked through yet) Transfer to a dish and cover to keep warm. In the same pan, combine rice, broth, water, salt, sugar, and remaining 2 teaspoons curry powder. Stir

well. Bring to a boil then reduce to high simmer. Cover and cook for 15 minutes. Uncover, return chicken to the pan (do not stir it in, just arrange it in a single layer on top of the rice so it isn't all heaped in the center of the pan). Cover and cook 10 minutes longer. Uncover, stir in coconut milk and salt to taste. Garnish with fresh herbs if desired and serve.

Customizations:

Add a can of drained, rinsed chickpeas at the end with the coconut milk, or roast them and sprinkle them on top when you're ready to serve.

Skip the chicken all together and just go with the chickpeas, tofu, or both for a vegetarian

Swap the rice for another grain like quinoa.

Add cut, cooked potatoes to the mix when you add back in the chicken. Cut chicken to 1 pound and add a pound of potatoes to make sure not to overwhelm the other ingredients.

Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



Communication 101

After a few days of watching students compete in a speaking contest, it would be an easy assumption that ideas are best spread through what comes out of our

mouths. Not so.

Of course, it was an impressive two days of watching high school students share their stances on legislation either in the affirmative or negative. Audience members witnessed some degree of reason, clash, and evidence presented with passion or calm, depending on the speakers' styles.

Even after witnessing this form of communication—which is a vital skill—let's not forget that all of us have the ability to convey a message.

From infancy, a baby's cry definitely says either feed me, hold me, or change my nasty diaper. These tiny creatures can "say" a lot at 2:06 a.m. if I am not mistaken. And in case you need a reminder, they will repeat this at 5:22 a.m.

Effective communication reveals itself in body language. If you watched the terrifying moments during a recent Monday night NFL game, no one needed a microphone or stage to convey the agony and fear at seeing a fellow player receive CPR on the field.

Obviously, written communication is the force behind the newspaper you are reading

right now. What goes down on paper has lived through the ages. Lincoln's Gettysburg Address was spoken, but no recordings exist. His carefully written speech (of which five copies still exist because, no, he did not write it on the back of a napkin or envelope as is the oft-repeated rumor). Thank goodness for his written words for us to marvel.

Finally, the art of saying nothing is a lost one. Silence conveys a thoughtful pause to consider, a dismissive tone when gossip is going around, or even an abundance of emotion that is impossible to utter other than to simply look at someone and simply embrace them with hand and heart.

It is a joy to watch students work hard to learning how to speak in front of others when they want to debate a point. They are placing themselves in vulnerable positions-to be challenged to communicate with their voices.

Find your voice. It may manifest itself through singing, playing an instrument, writing an essay, nudging your horse during a barrel run, making a no-look assist on the basketball court, knowing your lines in one-act play, or rocking a baby after you've changed that dirty diaper instead of putting them back in the crib.

And every now and then, go silent. It will speak volumes.

Happy Birthday

Jan. 12 Loren Martin

V'Lynda (Wilcox) Barnett **Gary Schueler** John Harmon Robin Kelley

Ian. 13

Morgan Baize Logan Baize Michael Silva Fred Bailey Kathy Rector Traci Beauchamp Sheri Rector

> Jan. 14 Colby Ingram

Dave Hutson Larry Gonzales Lois Eitel Layne Clark Marcia (Blackwell) Brown Kari Tongate Mark Stovall Pamela Pauling **Brian Mullins** Ava Grace Wright

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Jan. 15 Aaron Hand Abigail Jones Pam Husted D'Ana Harper Christi Eitel B.J. Potts

Jan. 16

Terry Massey

Andy Kendrick Roger Peace Christie (Wiseman) Spring Breann (Barnett) Pool Andrew Kendrick Peyton McFarland Chris (Rodriguez) Schaaf Darran Procter Spencer LeRoy

Jan. 17

Kitty Gallman Katherine Beauchamp Angelica Vazquez Amanda Henke Abigail Diaz

Jan. 18

Dr. Bret Whitten Havden McGowan Clarissa Hernandez Retha DeLeon Debra Brownlee Enrique Arreola

Gas prices up slightly

By GasBuddy

Average gasoline prices in Texas rose 0.6 cents in the last week, averaging \$2.83 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Prices in Texas are 14.6 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 3.4 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas was priced at \$2.29 while the most expensive was \$4.17 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 8.2 cents in the last week, averaging \$3.25 per gallon. The national average is unchanged from a month ago and stands 3.6 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has fallen 2.1 cents in the last week and stands at \$4.64 per gallon.

"Last week, the rise in gasoline prices continued, still due to previous refinery outages caused by the cold weather the week of Christmas. However, I'm optimistic that as refiners get back online, we could see the increases slow down as we head into the time of year when gasoline demand is at its weakest," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at Gas-

De Haan continued, "While gasoline prices have rallied, average diesel prices continue to drift lower, which certainly bodes well for the overall economy. As long as refiners are able to get back online soon from previous cold-weather outages, we could see supply start to recover at the same time demand is weak, which could bring gas prices down again. The window of opportunity, however, is shrinking, and by late February or early March, we'll likely kick off the seasonal rise in gasoline prices."

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





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Lessons from Lesotho--The Local Church is Key

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

On December 7-21, 2022, FBC Friona sent a mission team of six members, all from Friona, to serve the Lord in Lesotho, Africa. This small country in the southern part of the continent is a place of great gospel opportunity and need. It was a privilege to lead this team and my January articles will reflect on Lessons from Lesotho.

Have you ever had the superhero idea of spiritual giants, missionaries and those in ministry? The superhero idea assumes that they are bulletproof, depression proof, trial proof, can quote scriptures faster than a speeding bullet, railroad opposition in a cinch and they constantly ooze with power from on high. This fictional idea certainly isn't scriptural or practical, but the reality is that in God's kingdom agenda, the local church is key to the spread of the gospel, not superhero Christians. Jesus is our only superhero, and His church in all its localities is to exalt and reflect Him. This is true in Friona, and on the other side of the world in Lesotho. The meeting places of the churches there are drastically different than here, but our mission is the same, to love God wholeheartedly and share the gospel of Jesus Christ. I was powerfully reminded

of this as we worked alongside the local churches in the mountains of Lesotho. These brothers and sisters are laboring among the villages in the vast valleys so people can hear the gospel and follow Jesus. Reaching the villages and villagers with the message of Jesus is a huge task and will only continue to be accomplished as the local church faithfully ministers the gospel and makes disciples! In fact, the same is true in Friona! So many people are in desperate need of Jesus' salvation and direction in their lives, and the local churches must be faithful to the Lord and His gospel in offerring people help and hope.

The need for the gospel is great, and the role of the local church is essential. In Lesotho and Friona, I pray for local churches to be strong in the Lord, and to follow the pattern in Acts 2:42 that says "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." The power in the church is not based on our togetherness or clever ideas, but on the Holy Spirit of God moving as we devote ourselves to the Word of God. share life and ministry together, pray desperately and go forward with the message of Christ.

Panhandle Parables

Sometimes...

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

Like many on Monday night, I watched the NCAA National Football Championship. It appears the fate of TCU was decided at the coin toss which they lost that too. I enjoyed the game, but it intrigued me that as the game went on Georgia could do no wrong and TCU, well... simply couldn't do. Both teams had earned the right to be on that field, but only one team was the victor in convincing fashion.

I think what I witnessed was life on display. There are days that preparation and hard work pay off in the steady flow of success after success. Everything works and sometimes even better than planned. Yet, on other days no matter the preparation and hard work failure and disappointment delivers one body blow after another. Sometimes that happens all in one day. It's called life. I identify (sort of) with both teams. You can marvel how things come together and are humbled when they do not. Peaks and valleys, the ups and downs of life are part of this world. Somebody once said, (I don't know who, but I know it's not original with me) "Life is like a heart monitor, if it is not going up and down your dead." True enough.

This is where faith comes in. It keeps us grounded when high on the mountain top and lifts us up from the valley floor. Jesus had days like that, why? Because he lived as human among us. From triumphal entry one Sunday, to hanging on a cross on Friday. He understands.

So, as 2023 is now off and running expect days like what TCU had Monday night and cherish days like what Georgia had on Monday night, but always remember faith in the Christ helps us with both because sometimes life is dealing with both. Sometimes...

It's Never Too Late

By Teena Hughs

Moving back here has brought back MANY memories. Most are wonderful memories, but one is probably the greatest regret of my life.

I have told you that I grew up in a tiny church. I was the youngest member; my mother the second youngest. I can remember using church and Sunday school time to think about everything and everyone, but Jesus. I can also remember telling myself, "I will get all of this (meaning learning about Jesus) later. BIG mistake!!!

Life rocked on. I went to church when I was in college, but I didn't go much when I taught school in Weatherford. I moved back to Lubbock for graduate school, and I went to church. I finished grad school and moved to Midland where I was so-so about going to church. Then, Feller and I got married, and we went to Sunday school and church every Sunday, and that has continued until today.

When we were in Kansas, and I was in my mid-30s, I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior, and I did my first Bible study in 1992-93. We did Disciple Bible Study and read 80% of the Bible.

Through the years, I started teaching Sunday school and just so I would make myself read and study the Bible, I started leading Bible studies. I hate to admit it, but the first two times I read through the Bible, I did it just to prove to myself that I could do it. When you read in a hurry, just to get it done, especially when you are behind in your daily readings, you don't get from it what God wants you to.

So, last year, we read through the Bible at church, and I actually made reading a priority. This year we are reading the Bible in chronological order, and I am making it even more of a priority. I read first thing in the morning, because I find it hard to make time for reading and concentrating later on in the day. If I have a question about something, I google it and get possible answers.

As my friend Paul Rogers has engrained in me, unless the Bible says it, we really don't know the truth. And, everyone has an opinion about things. Last night, at Bible study I said I wondered why God changed Abram's name to Abraham. I had googled it, shared the information with our group, and that was the "big" discussion for the study.

As you know, I am the group leader for our on-line Bible study at Community Bible Study. My ladies are so knowledgeable about the Word, and they help me realize I still have so much to learn. Sometimes, I feel greatly inadequate compared to them. But, this is all my fault for being a late comer to studying God's Word.

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Dare to Dream

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith

On January 15th, the nation will celebrate the birth of Michael Luther King Jr. His father, Michael Senior, apparently got inspired by the German protestant reformer, Martin Luther, changed his name, and his son's, to Martin Luther King. Each morphed into civil rights reformers.

Martin Luther King, Jr., was a compassionate, intelligent person who skipped grades nine through 12, and-in 1944-enrolled in Morehouse College, according to History.com. He earned his "divinity degree from Pennsylvania's Crozer Theological Seminary [then] attended graduate school at Boston University, where he received his Ph.D. degree in 1955. On May 17, 1957, before a crowd estimated at between 15,000 and 30,000, King delivered his first national address on the topic of voting rights. His speech, in



which he urged America to 'give us the ballot,' drew strong reviews and positioned him at the forefront of the civil rights leadership."

The night before King's April 4, 1968, murder in Memphis, he addressed the congregation at the Mason Temple Church. "Like anybody," he said, "I would like to live a long life. Longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now ... I've seen the Promised Land. I may not go there with you. But I want you to know

tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the Promised Land. And I'm happy tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord."

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends The Trumpet of Conscience by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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



In the photo (l-r): Ivy, Tracy, Lane, Trey, Finn, Reid, Drew, and Quint.



In the photo (l-r): Commissioners Pct. 3 Kenny White, Pct. 2 Charles Wilkins, Judge Ellis, and Pct. 1 Kirk Frye.

FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



NEW OFFICERS...The Friona Volunteer Fire Department's newly elected officers are (standing, l to r) Joe Mann, lieutenant, Company 2; J.C. Blankenship, lieutenant, Company 1; Danny Mac Bainum, public relations and Pete Hollis, whistle-blower. Seated are Lee Campbell, captain, Company 2; Glenn Reeve, Jr., assistant chief; Ralph Shirley, chief; Ray White, secretary and Ruben Taylor, captain, Company 1. (Friona Star, Thursday, January 10, 1963)



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Retirement Reception held for Judge Ellis

As of December 31, 2022, Parmer County Judge Trey Ellis moved to the ranks of "former judge" as he retired after 14 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Parmer County. In 2008, after 24+ years as a Department of Public Safety trooper, Trey was elected to finish the term of Valton Howard as Justice of the Peace Pct. 1. In 2010, Trey was elected County Judge and served until his retirement this year.

Some of the important work that Judge Ellis would like to commend the Commissioners Court for working on include: Lazbuddie 1 Wind Farm project, Farwell overpass proj-

ect, Distributing ARPA funds to EMS, Fire Departments, and others, Law Enforcement Center renovations including new HVAC system and a 2nd Negative Pressure Cell, Sweet Bran plant at Bovina, Mariah Del Norte Wind Farm, Overpass for Cargill at Friona, and the FM 145 and Hwy 70/84 interchange project.

Plans for the future include a move to Granbury, knee replacement, and enjoying family, especially grandkids.

A Retirement Recep-

A Retirement Reception honoring Judge Ellis was held on Wednesday, December 28th in the Courthouse 3rd Floor Conference Room. Attendees in-

cluded Parmer County Commissioners Frye, Wilkins, White, and Russell; Judge Allred/ Oldham; Judge Keeter/ Swisher; Judge De-Loach/Lamb; Judge Henry/Cochran; Judge Mull/Hale. Also, friends and family including Trey & Tracy's son Quint, his wife Ivy, and four boys (see photo). Daughter Whitney and her husband Huber, were visiting his family in Andrews and were not able to make the event. Quint is the VP of Orthopedics for Zimmer Biomet. Whitney is the Chief of Staff for Fort Worth Mayor Mattie Parker. Both families live in the Fort Worth area.

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It's Never Too Late

By Teena Hughs

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My point in writing this is to say that it is never too late to start reading and studying God's Word. Also, it isn't good to compare yourself with others who are more knowledgeable than you about anything; let them be an encouragement to you to learn more, to be better, to draw closer to Jesus and be more like Him. Let the Holy Spirit transform you through your reading and study

of His Word. I truly believe He reveals to you what you need to know.

You don't have to be like me and feel like you have to read through the Bible in a year. Find out what works best for you, because there is no right or wrong way to read the Bible; the important thing is that we read it and allow God to work through us. If you can find a friend, or a group of friends, to share your

Bible-reading journey, it helps: it helps hold you accountable to do your reading; it helps you share what the Holy Spirit is pointing out to you; and, it helps to get other perspectives on what the Word is saying.

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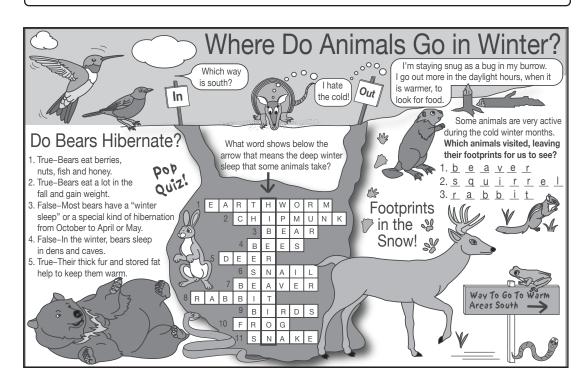
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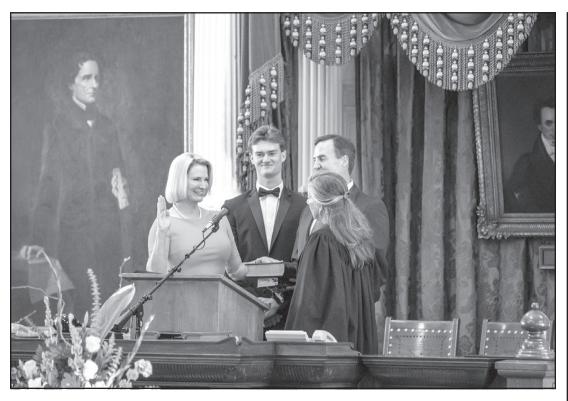
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Buckingham sworn in by Judge Melissa Goodwin

Buckingham Makes History

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"It is an honor to be elected where I can continue doing what I love the most - serving the people of the great state of Texas. As Land Commissioner, I will continue to fight for Texans and always do what is right, not just convenient. I am extremely thankful the people of Texas have entrusted me with this vital responsibility to protect

our individual freedoms and safeguard our communities. I will not let them down," said Commissioner Buckingham.

Commissioner Buckingham has deep roots that connect to the very heart of Texas as her family was among the first settlers to arrive in Texas seven generations ago. Her "never quit" attitude was passed down from her pioneer ancestors and fueled a life brimming with accomplishments that began in humble circumstances in a small town along the Texas coast. As an outdoorswoman, avid hunter, and former volunteer firefighter, Commissioner Buckingham is no stranger to a challenge. In this same vein, she worked her own way through college, gradu-

ating from The University of Texas at Austin, and going on to receive her medical degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston as well as holding several leadership positions in local, state, and national medical organiza-

Commissioner Buckingham's legacy as a history-making Texan started when she became the first woman to be elected to represent Senate District 24, and the first Republican from Travis County ever elected to the Texas State Senate. As Texas' next Land Commissioner, she brings a lifetime of experience, determination, and the true independent spirit of the Lone Star State to this office.

Commissioners approve ARPA funds for Bovina Senior Citizens Center

Parmer County Commissioners Court met in special session on Monday, January 6, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the County Courtroom of the Parmer Courthouse County in Farwell, Texas. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Texas Flag.

There were no comments from the public during the open forum. Minutes from the December 19th meeting were read and approved. Commissioners approved the payment of the accounts payables as presented by County Treasurer Sharon May. The Treasurer's Payroll Report was also approved.

Gaylon Rhodes, representing the Bovina Senior Citizens Center, submitted a request for ARPA funds to be used to defray operating costs. Commissioners approved \$15,000 in ARPA funds for the Center.

In other business, Commissioners approved the timetable for regular meetings and holiday schedule for 2023. Consideration of the COVID-19 Administrative Leave Policy was tabled until new policies are finalized. An engagement letter from Dosher, Pickens & Grancis, LLC was approved for the 2022 Financial Audit. Also, a Salary Grievance Committee for 2023 was selected by drawing names from the jury pool.

County Parmer Sheriff Eric Geske informed the Court that the Parmer County Law **Enforcement** Center is currently housing 37 inmates of which 11 are paying customers from Deaf Smith County and 5 are paying customers from Dawson County.

Newly elected Parmer County Judge Isabel Carrasco and Commissioner Pct. 1 Kirk Frye are attending a Seminar for Newly Elected County Judges and Commissioners on January 9-13 in College Station. Commissioner Frye is the 2022-23 President of the West Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 23rd.

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





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Littlefield	355	4	0	13	9
Brownfield	474	3	1	11	14
Denver City	498	3	2	13	11
Dimmitt	330	2	2	7	14
Muleshoe	370	2	2	10	10
Lamesa	499	1	3	10	15
Friona	285	0	5	5	15

Boys District 3-AAA

		District		Overall	
TEAM	Enrollment	\mathbf{W}	L	\mathbf{W}	L
Brownfield	474	3	0	9	9
Littlefield	355	2	0	6	7
Lamesa	499	2	1	20	2
Dimmitt	330	1	1	9	7
Denver City	498	1	2	11	12
Muleshoe	370	0	2	4	5
Friona	285	0	3	4	16

★ Scoreboard ★

Varsity Boys Basketball

Tuesday 1/3					
Brownfield	25	33	22	18	98
Friona	6	8	14	4	32
Kaden Jeter 17 points					
Justen Trevino 9 points					

Friday 1/6						
Dimmitt	9	14	13	19	55	
Friona	4	6	9	11	30	
Jose Luis Saucedo 15 points						
Brice leter 5 points						

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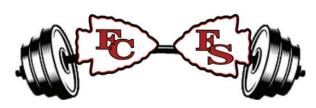
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2023 SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	DAY
January 14	Panhandle Invitational	Panhandle	Saturday
January 19	Dimmitt Invitational	Dimmitt	Thursday
January 28	Dalhart Invitational	Dalhart	Saturday
February 4	Dumas Invitational	Dumas	Saturday
February 18	Amarillo Highland Park	Amarillo	Saturday
March 4	Region 1 Div 3 Girls -REGIONALS	Shamrock	Saturday
March 11	Reg 1 Div 3 Boys- REGIONALS	Sundown	Saturday
March 15-18	THSWPA State:	Frisco	
March 24	THSPA State:	Abilene	Friday

Head Men's Coach: Joshua Portillo

Superintendent: Jimmy Burns

Head Women's Coach: Jaden Oneal

Principal: Erika Montana

Athletic Director: Jimmy Arias

FRIONA BASEBALL

I	<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Varsity</u>	<u>JV</u>
I	Feb. 10	Friday	Seminole (Scrimmage)	Seminole	4:30	
I	Feb. 13	Monday	Plainview (Scrimmage)	Friona	4:30	4:30
I	Feb. 17	Friday	Muleshoe (Scrimmage)	Friona	4:00	4:00
I	Feb. 21	Tuesday	San Jacinto	San Jacinto	5:00	3:45
I	Feb. 24	Friday	Sanford Fritch	Friona	4:30	6:30
I	Feb. 27	Monday	Olton	Olton	4:30	
I	Mar. 2	Thursday	Sundown (Tournament)	Sundown	4:30	
I	Mar. 3	Friday	Smyer (Tournament)	Ropesville	9:30 AM	
I	Mar. 4	Saturday	Sudan (Tournament)	Ropesville	2:00	
I	Mar. 4	Saturday	Ropesville (Tournament)	Ropesville	4:30	
I	Mar. 6	Monday	Muleshoe	Muleshoe	6:45	4:30
I	Mar. 9	Thursday	Muleshoe (Tournament)	Friona	2:30	
I	Mar. 9	Thursday	Floydada (Tournament)	Friona	4:45	
I	Mar. 10	Friday	San Jacinto (Tournament)	Friona	12:15	
I	Mar. 11	Saturday	Hereford JV (Tournament)	Friona	12:15	
I	Mar. 17	Friday	Kress	Kress	12:00	
I	Mar. 28	Tuesday	Dalhart*	Dalhart	4:30	6:30
I	Apr. 1	Saturday	Bushland*	Friona	12:00	2:00
I	Apr. 4	Tuesday	River Road*	River Road	4:30	6:30
I	Apr. 7	Friday	Tulia*	Friona	4:00	6:00
I	Apr. 11	Tuesday	Dimmitt*	Dimmitt	4:30	6:30
I	Apr. 15	Saturday	Dalhart*	Friona	12:00	2:00
I	Apr. 18	Tuesday	Bushland*	Bushland	4:30	6:30
	Apr. 22	Saturday	River Road*	Friona	12:00	2:00
١	Apr. 25	Tuesday	Tulia*	Tulia	4:30	6:30
١	Apr. 28	Friday	Dimmitt*	Friona	4:30	6:30

Head Coach: Daniel Rosales Asst. Coaches: Josh Portillo Derreck Hernandez



Superintendent: Jimmy Burns Athletic Director: Jimmy Arias FHS Principal: Erika Montana

Chieftains & Squaws Tennis Schedule 2023

February 28, 2023 @ Levelland

SPCHEA Tournament (JV & V)

March 9, 2023 @ Levelland

SPCHEA Tournament (JV & V)

March 23, 2023 @ Levelland

SPCHEA Tournament (JV & V) March 30, 2023 @ Levelland

SPCHEA Tournament (JV & V)

April 3 - 4, 2023 @ Brownfield District Tournament

April 10 - 13, 2023 @ TBA

Regional Tournament

April 25 - 26, 2023 @ TBA State Tournament

Braves & Maidens Tennis Schedule

April 22, 2023 @ Levelland

SPCHEA Tournament

April 29, 2023 @ Levelland

SPCHEA Tournament May 6, 2023 @ Brownfield

Head Coach: Bryan Masse

Assistant Coach: Mayra Olivas

Friona Chieftains & Squaws **Track Schedule 2023**

February 24th - Muleshoe Relays Muleshoe, TX March 4th - Chieftain Relays Friona, TX March 10th - Open Open March 17th - Spring Break Spring Break March 24th - Bobcat Relays Dimmitt, TX March 31st - Open Open April 6th - Hereford Invitational Hereford, TX April 13-14 - District Track Meet Denver City, TX April 21st – Area Track Meet Denver City, TX

Superintendent: Jimmy Burns

H.S. Principal: Erika Montana Athletic Director: Jimmy Arias Boys Head Coach: Luis Puga Asst. Coach: Jaime Rejino, David Towner, Jaden Oneal, Rickie Castillo

Girls Head Coach: Elias Carrillo

Friona Braves & Maidens Track Schedule 2023

February 23rd - Muleshoe Relays Muleshoe, TX March 3rd - Chieftain Relays Friona, TX March 10th - Open Open March 17th - Spring Break Spring Break March 23rd - Bobcat Relays Dimmitt, TX March 30th - District Track Meet Muleshoe, TX

Super Intendent: Jimmy Burns

J.H. Principal: Daniel Rosales

Athletic Director: Jimmy Arias

Boys Coach: Tommy DeLeon

Girls Coach: Dave Gonzales



Arrington Selected to Serve as Chair of House Budget Committee

Representative Jodey Arrington (TX-19) released the following statement after being selected to serve as the Chairman of the House Budget Committee for the 118th Congress:

"I am humbled by the confidence and trust of my colleagues to lead the effort to rein-in spending, reduce our debt, and restore fiscal responsibility in our nation's capital as Chairman of the House Budget Committee.

"With the national debt surpassing \$31 trillion and over 120% of our entire economy, I believe confronting our unsustainable debt is the greatest challenge of the 21st century.

"In the words of James Madison, 'a public debt is a public curse,' and this curse hangs heavy over the heads of our children and looms large over the horizon of our country.

"It will take a team ef-

fort across the GOP Conference and across the aisle to restore fiscal responsibility and reverse the curse. I look forward to working with all of my colleagues to ensure the next generations of Americans inherit the same freedoms and opportunities we did."

Congressman rington represents the 19th District of Texas in

the United State House of Representatives. He currently serves as a member of the House Ways and Means Committee which assumes the role of chief tax-writing authority in the House, presides over a significant legislative jurisdiction ranging from tariffs and reciprocal trade agreements to social security and Medicare.



City acquires property for future daycare facility

The Friona City Council met in regular session on Monday January 9, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 617 Main in Friona, Texas. The meeting began with roll call, an invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The regular session began with the reading and approval of the Minutes of the December 12, 2022 meeting.

Department Fire members Gary Stowers, Danny Campbell, and J'Lond Jarecki were appointed to serve with City Council Members Bruce Fleming and Alan Monroe on a Planning Committee to study the possibilities of expanding the Friona Fire Station. Bruce Fleming abstained from voting.

Consideration to approve an FEDC incentive agreement with TW&M Properties LLC concerning the housing project west of Legacy Pointe Senior Apartments was tabled until amendments concerning possible building supplies shortages and project deadlines can be rewritten. An agreement between the City of Friona and TW&M Properties LLC was also tabled until the next meeting.

Andy Alexander, Holly Campbell, and Henry

Clark were reappointed to serve on the Friona **Economic Development** Board of Directors for two-year terms.

A special warranty deed for real property located at Lot 9 and the north half of Lot 8 in block 44 of the original town of Friona in the amount of \$10 was approved. The old Girl Scout building is located on this property. Planning is underway for the possibility of operating daycare centers at the Girl Scout building and at the Redeemer Center at 1304 Virginia.

The submission of a grant application for a Friona Police Department School Resource Officer was authorized. The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant is for 5 years and will be awarded on February 9th.

An interlocal agreement with the City of Hereford for food inspector and code enforcement services was approved. Danny Campbell was hired by the City of Friona to serve as Fire Marshall and Code of Compliance Officer. Services from the City of Hereford would only be used when Danny was unavailable.

EMS Director Nik Baucom reported that the

EMS is fully staffed at the present time. That includes 5 medics, 3 advanced EMTs, 7 EMTs, 2 drivers, and 1 driver in training. Friona EMS is now able to take most of the transfer calls from Parmer Medical Center.

In other business, the accounts payable for December 2022 were approved. The financial statement for December 2022 was also approved. The first quarter financial statement, October-December 2022, was also discussed and approved.

The upcoming City of Friona Election is May 6, 2023. Three council positions are up for election as the terms of Council Members Bruce Fleming, Alan Monroe, and Esmeralda Mills are expiring. Candidate election packets are available at the City office.

An addendum to the farm lease agreement with Hough Cattle Company was approved. Approximately 37 acres of the lease property was deemed as unusable farm land. This action reduced the lease payment by \$1,293.43 for Year 2023.

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



Old Girl Scout Building (The Louisa Wilson House) at 704 Ashland



Redeemer Center at 1304 Virginia



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- Savings/ Real Saver
- Certificate of Deposits Money Market Accounts
- 18 Month "Raise Your Rate" CDs IRAs
 - Direct Deposit
 - Safe Deposit Box Rentals
 - FDIC Insured Convenient ATMs
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