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## Filing for Texas Primary Elections is open

The filing period for the 2022 Texas Primary Elections officially opened last Saturday allowing candidates to file with their respective party chairs for a place on the March 1, 2022 primary ballot.

For primary elections, candidates file their applications with their state party chairs or, in the event that a district is wholly contained within a single county, their county party chairs. The state and county chairs, in turn, upload approved candidates into the Texas Secretary of State's portal.

To file for a county office, contact either Parmer County Republican Chairman Bill White at 806-265-7031, or contact Glen Maxey at 512-656-6337 to file as a Democrat since there is currently no Parmer County Democrat Chairman.

The filing period for county, district, and statewide offices ends at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 13th. Early voting for the March 1, 2022 Primary Elections begins on Monday, February 14th.

District Judge Gordon Green's (D) resignation will take effect at the end of this year. A replacement will be appointed to fill the position until next year's November election. County Judge Trey Ellis has decided not to run for office again. He will serve as County Judge until his term ends at the end of next year. Justice of the Peace Pct. 1 has been vacant since the resignation of Jo Beth Gipson.

Positions up for election on the 2022 Texas Primary ballot are:

District Office	Incumbent
District Judge	no incumbent
District Clerk	Sandra Warren (R)

County Office	Incumbent
County Judge	no incumbent
Co. Comm. Pct. 2 (Bovina)Ch	narles Wilkins (R)
Co. Comm. Pct. 4 (Lazbuddie) Casey Russell (R)	
J.P. Pct. 1 (Friona)	no incumbent
J.P. Pct. 2 (Bovina)	Deena Leuea (R)
J.P. Pct. 3 (Farwell)Par	mela Haseloff (R)
County Clerk	. Susie Spring (R)
County Treasurer	Sharon May (R)

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The Friona FFA Chapter competed at the Littlefield District LDE contest last Wednesday. The results are as follows. The Ag Advocacy team placed 3rd. In the Greenhand Creed Speakers event, Aubrey Schueler placed 1st and will advance to area competition and Dlyan Haseloff placed 9th. In the Senior Creed Speaker event, Elijah Robledo placed 9th. The Public Relations team place 2nd and will also advance to area. The Radio Broadcasting team place 11th. The Senior Skills team placed 4th. The Greenhand Quiz team placed 7th. The Senior Quiz team placed 3rd. Congratulations to all!!!

## Friona to receive \$62,790.83 sales tax allocation for November

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced that he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$1.07 billion in local sales tax allocations for November, 20.6 percent more than in November 2020. These allocations are based on sales made in September by businesses that report tax monthly, and on sales made in July, August and September by quarterly filers.

The City of Friona will

receive \$62,790.83 for the month of November. This represents a 35.26% increase over the \$46,418.91 received in November 2020. So far in 2021, Friona has received \$547,649.03 in sales tax allocation. This amount represents a 12.93% increase over the \$484,935.24 received

in 2020 during the same time period. The Friona Economic Development Corporation will receive \$15,697.71 of the allocation for its operations.

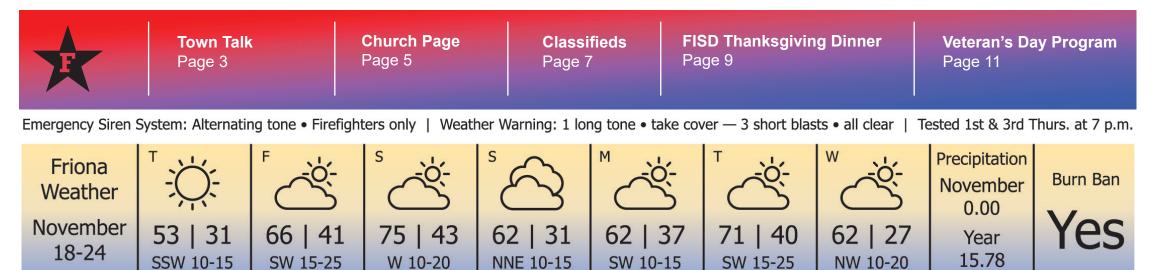




The Friona Elementary School recently conducted a pumpkin decorating contest. The contest winners will be announced at a later date along with more photos.



Choir accompanist Kim Smiley shows off the brand new Yamaha upright grand piano which was recently donated to the Friona Choir Program by Bryan and Allison Johnston, of Canyon. Allison retired last year after serving 19 years in the school district. In 2003, she restarted the FHS choir program which had been dormant for many years and served as Director. Bryan is a past member of the FISD Board of Trustees and is a 1978 FHS graduate.





# **Community Calendar**

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

#### November 18

• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center

## November 21

• Annual Community Thanksgiving Service at 6:00 p.m. at the Friona United Methodist Church

## November 22

• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center

## November 22-26

• No school

## November 25

• Thanksgiving

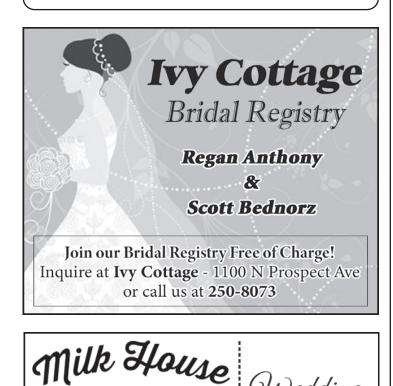
## November 29

• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center

## December 2

• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center

## **December 6** • Christmas in the Park





# **Boy Scouts of America** Friona, TX • Pack 56



**Back row (l-r)** Assistant Cub Master Desiree Rando, Golden Eagle District Executive Michael Lopez, Cub Master Vickie Samarron, Adult Leader Sal Juarez. **Middle row (l-r)** Bear Cub Yahdir Faduoa 3rd grade, Bear Cub Kyleigh Jolee Juarez 3rd grade, Bear Cub Able Ponce 3rd grade, 1st Year Webelo Alberto Ponce 4th grade. **Front row (l-r)** Tiger Cub Yahdriel Faudoa 1st grade, Tiger Cub Kayleign Lynn Juarez 1st grade, Tiger Cub Bryan Rey 1st grade.









## Sheriff's Report

Reported by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office: Randy Geries, Sheriff

(11/8/21) Daniel Lugo, 21, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Possession CS PG2 > 4g < 400g, pending Grand Jury.

(11/8/21) Sonya Lugo, 18, of Clovis New Mexico was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Possession CS PG2 > 4g < 400g, pending Grand Jury.

(11/8/21) Delia Lugo, 42, of Clovis New Mexico was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Possession Marijuana < 2 oz., pending County Court.

(11/11/21) Wayne Odell, 59, of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of DWLI, pending County Court.

(11/12/21) Pedro Lorenzo, 28, of Friona was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on a charge of DWI w/child under 15 years of age, pending Grand Jury.

# **COURTHOUSE NOTES**

Susie Spring, County Clerk

#### Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from November, 2021 to November 9, 2021

(11/4/21) Tom J. Beekman, Becky S. Beekman — Carlos Hernandez, Ashley Hernandez — Lots 5-8 Block 28 Original Townsite City of Farwell Parmer County Texas

(11/4/21) Manuel Cruz — Ignacio Juarez, Maria Socorro, Nicolas Fabian Juarez, Andrew Ingacio Juarez — All of Lots 11 and 12 Blk 94 of the Original Town of Friona in Parmer County Vol 5 Pg 421

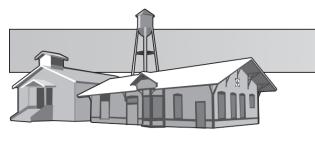
(11/4/21) Jesus Cantu Ibarra, Jesse Cantu Jr., Son Ok Cantu — Jesus Cantu Ibarra, Son Ok Cantu — The South 75 Ft of the North 200 Ft of Tract of Land described as follow out of League 549 Capitol Syndicate in Farwell Parmer County

(11/4/21) Jesus Cantu Ibarra, Jesse Cantu Jr., Son Ok Cantu — Jesus Cantu Ibarra, Son Ok Cantu — All of Lots 6 through 16 inclusive Blk No 33 Original Town of Farwell Parmer County

(11/4/21) Jesus Cantu Ibarra, Jesse Cantu Jr., Son Ok Cantu — Jesus Cantu Ibarra, Son Ok Cantu — All of Lots 25 through 32 inclusive Blk No 33 Original Town of Farwell Parmer County

(11/5/21) Erika Maldonado — Aurelio Silva — The North 1000 Acre Tract of Land in the Following described Tract of Section 31 T1N R4E Capitol Syndicate Subdivision Parmer County Exhibit A attached

(11/5/21) Aurelio Silva — Erika Maldonado — The South 1000 Acre Tract of Land in the Following described Tract of Section 31 T1N R4E Capitol Syndicate Subdivision Parmer County



Free Vaccination Booster Clinic — Parmer Medical Center is hosting a Free Covid-19 Moderna Booster Vaccination Clinic on Thursday, November 18th from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the 6th Street Church of Christ in Friona. Call 806-240-1562 or 806-240-1761 for an appointment. Walk-ins are available.

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Vaccination Free Clinic — Parmer Medical Center is hosting a Free Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic on Friday, November 19th from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the XIT Recreation Center in Bovina, Texas. Now offering Pfizer for ages 18 and up. Call for an appointment at 806-240-1562 or 806-240-1761. Walk-ins are available.

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**Giving Thanks** — The Annual Community Thanksgiving Service will be Sunday, November 21, at 6:00 p.m, at the Friona United Methodist Church. The holiday service is hosted by the Friona Christian Ministries, and is an uplifting time of worshipping the Lord Jesus as a community of believers. The offering that is taken is used to help people throughout the year in our community with basic needs. Those who would like to be a part of the Community Choir need to be at the Methodist Church at 5:30 p.m. Also, there will be a fellowship with snacks and drinks afterwards that everyone is invited to stay for.

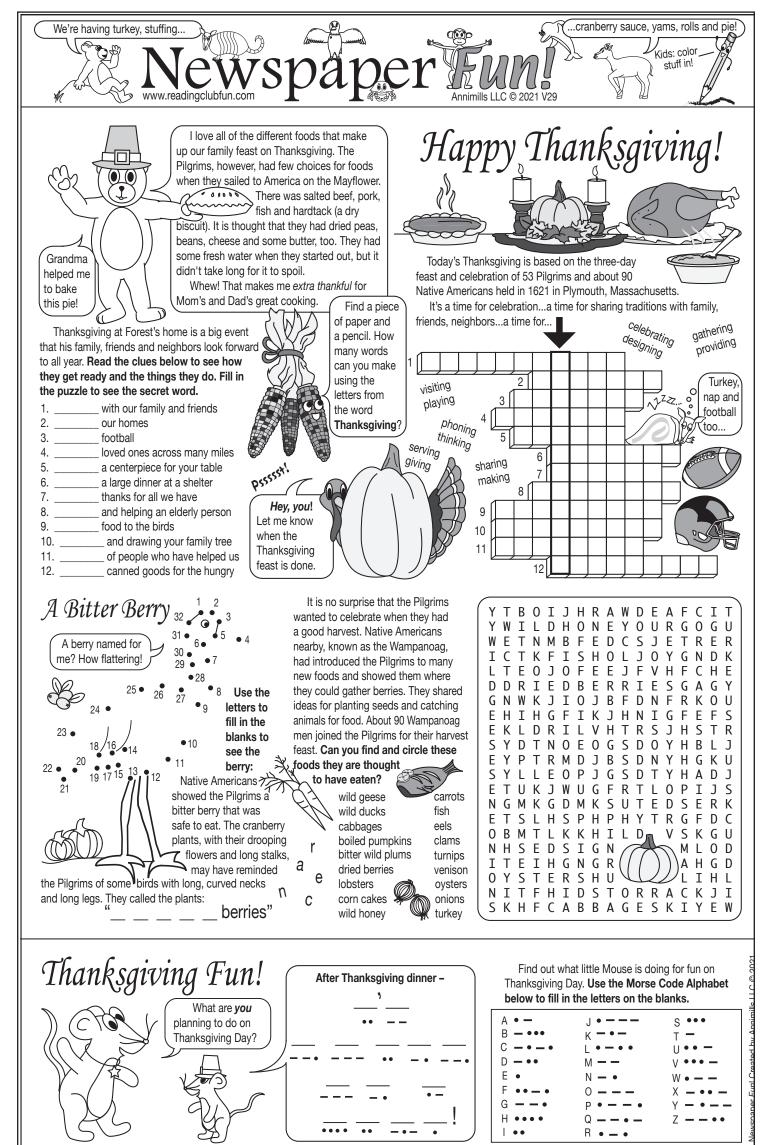
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★★★ National Days November 18: Rural Health Day November 19: Substitute Educator Day November 20: Adoption Day November 21: Gingerbread Cookie Day November 22: Cranberry Relish Day November 23: Expresso Day November 24: Jukebox Day



knives, etc. before Saturday, Nov. 20

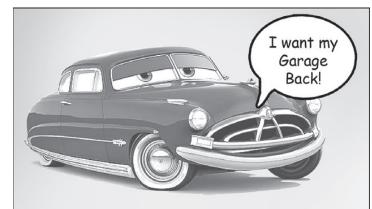


(11/5/21) Richard Riley Camp, Shelby Leigh Camp — SD Farms — A 78.902 Acre Tract out of the Southeast Part of Sec 7 Township 6 S Range 3 E of Capitol Syndicate Subdivision in Parmer County as shown by Plat thereof Record in Vol 3 Pg 558 Deed Records of Parmer County See Record

(11/8/21) Billy Ross Ted Procter — Jeffrey Procter, Monica Procter — Lot 11 and West 55.4 of Lot 10 Block 3 of the Staley Addition to the City of Friona Parmer County as shown by Plat of said Addition of Record Vol 93 Pg 569

(11/8/21) Production Credit Association of Southern NM — FCNM Holdings — A Tract of Land in the Southwest portion of Sec 49 Blk A Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County and a Tract of Land in the SW portion of Sec 49 Blk A Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County

(11/9/21) Robert A. Stewart, The Charles, Emma Lou Stewart Revocable Living Trust — Stephen Campbell, Debra Campbell — All of Lot No 7 Blk No 40 of the Original Town of Friona Parmer County according to the recorded map of Plat thereof Record Vol 55 Pg 567 of the Deed Record of Parmer County



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## **Homemade Bread**

National Homemade Bread Day is November 17. I found a couple of easy homemade bread recipes in case you want to try your hand at some fresh, just out of the oven bread. Sounds like a good way to warm up the kitchen on one of these coming cold days.

#### **EASY HOMEMADE BREAD RECIPE**

butterwithasideofbread.com

resembles a creamy foam, about

5 minutes. Mix salt and oil into

#### This is the recipe you should follow for making homemade bread in the oven:

#### Ingredients

- 2 cups warm water (110 degrees F/45 degrees C)
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 1 1/2 tablespoons active dry yeast
- 11/2 teaspoons salt
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 5-6 cups flour -You can use allpurpose flour OR bread flour!

#### **Directions**

Ingredients

3 cups warm water

1/2 cup cornmeal

In a large bowl, dissolve the sugar in warm water and then stir in yeast. Allow to proof until yeast

1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> tablespoons active dry yeast

1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> tablespoons coarse salt

6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cups all-purpose flour

the yeast. Mix in flour one cup at a time. Knead dough for 7 minutes. Place in a well-oiled bowl, and turn dough to coat. Cover with a damp cloth. Allow to rise until doubled in bulk, about 1 hour. Punch dough down. Knead for 1 minute and divide in half. Shape into loaves and place into two greased 9×5 inch loaf pans. Allow to rise for 30 minutes, or until dough has risen 1 inch above pans. Bake at 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) for 30-40 minutes. Cool, brush with butter and enjoy!

#### **TIPS:**

The easiest and best way to avoid sunken bread is to use a cooking thermometer to check the inside of the loaf. Fully cooked bread will register 200°F on a thermometer.

If you use instant yeast, you can add it directly to your other dry ingredients when making bread. If you use active dry yeast, you'll need to first dissolve it in warm water before using it in a recipe. For the sake of ease, I just always buy instant yeast. BUT, this recipe works for both!

**Effortless Rustic Bread** 

## www.allrecipes.com

#### **Directions**

Mix water, yeast, and salt together in a large bowl until mixture becomes foamy, about 10 minutes. Stir flour into yeast mixture until well incorporated. The dough will be loose and look wet. Cover bowl loosely with a damp towel and let sit for about 5 hours. Shape dough into 2 loaves using damp hands. Place loaves on a cornmeal-dusted

work surface and score the tops a few times with a sharp knife. Allow loaves to double in size, 30 to 60 minutes. Preheat oven to 425 degrees F (220 degrees C). Place loaves on a baking sheet. Bake in the preheated oven, spraving the surface of the dough occasionally with water, until golden brown, about 20 minutes.



Happy Birthday

Nov. 18 Melba Smilev Joy Cooper Joey Howard Joe Don Henry Gabe Goodwin Eric Veggeberg

Nov. 23 Erika Avila Thania Garcia Ashley Wiseman Denae (Reeve) McLellan Brad Lane Brandi (Smith) Davis Lupe Salinas Lorena Rodriguez

Nov. 19 Betty Lewellen

**Nov. 20** Keri Jack Monda Daniel Sammy Ott Rosa Velasco James Morgan Lambert

> Nov. 21 Joyce Veazey Jordan Jamerson Alicia Spring **Regan Tongate Camron Gilter Stephanie Barrett** Kailani Salinas

> Nov. 22 Gary Brown **Peyton Gilter** Michelle Hromas

#### Nov. 24 Dee Willard Ashley Schlenker Angela Van Valkenburg Pat Martin Jesus Mata



To have your birthdays listed in the newspaper, email them to frionastar@ wtrt.net or call: 806.250.2211

# **Gas prices fall slightly**

## **By Gas Buddy**

Texas gas prices fell 2.2 cents last week, averaging \$3.03 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Gas prices in Texas are 8.4 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand \$1.23 per gallon higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$2.59 while the most expensive is \$3.89 per gallon. The national average price of gasoline has fallen 2.6 cents in the last week, averaging \$3.40 per gallon. The national average is up 9.5 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands \$1.28 per gallon higher than a year ago.

"As of Sunday evening, the national average price of gasoline posted its first weekly decline in months. As the price of oil continues to struggle, Covid cases flare up and anxiety over demand starts rising, motorists are likely to see the declines continuing into this week," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. De Haan continued, "While it's not known how long market conditions will continue to push gas prices down, it appears that the fall should last through Thanksgiving, just in time for millions of Americans to prepare to hit the road for the holiday. However, the damage may already be done. According to Gas-Buddy's Thanksgiving Travel Survey, being released tomorrow, a significant portion of Americans say the high gas prices already led them to re-think their plans." GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data spanning nearly two decades. GasBuddy data is accessible at http://FuelInsights.GasBuddy.com.

The Friends of the Library hosted their annual Veterans Day Breakfast last Thursday morning at the Redeemer Center. Some of those in attendance were (l-r) John F. Baker (Army), Sherry Atwell, Tracy Ellis, Jyl Grimsley, Sue Wells, Becky Upton, Anahi Gomez, Alexa Garcia, Miss Friona Breanna Godinez, Joe Bob Mann (Navy), and Hollis Horton (Army).



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\* See store for details



# Panhandle Parables Thanks Be To God!

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

Thankfulness begins in the heart and it is the heart that God desires most. I want to say a prayer if I may for thankfulness. It is some of the first kinds of prayers we learn as children as we pray with one eye open looking for things to be thankful for like our spoons, napkins and each individual by name at the table. So here it goes.

Father God to whom all praise is due. We thank you, for this very day. The sun rose this morning in a remarkable display of Your majesty. We thank you, Lord for life, that precious allotted time between our birth and last breath. We thank you for the memories of loved ones now safely at Home in your rest. We thank you that they have marked our lives with good.

Father we are humbled by the bounty of physical blessings that we should count more often. We thank you for homes, food and the abundance that many cannot even imagine. We pray that we will keep perspective that we are mere managers of stuff and may our stuff never take Your place.

Lord, we thank you for this community that lives, loves and shares as we serve You with all our hearts. May you bless each family in our community, that we may ever abound in sharing our lives with each other. God, You know we have lost some good folks here in our area and we ask comfort for the families as they face these first holidays with empty seats. Spread your arms around them, and use our arms, as well.

Lord, our hearts are full of thanks because they are full of hope and that hope has come at great price to You in giving us Your Son, may we ever be grateful and live out our days in gratitude for this great gift. Thank you for loving us enough to create us, be patient with us and redeem us all according to your plan. It is in the name of Jesus we pray. Amen. (There is much more to be thankful for keep your prayer going.)

## **The Nature of Government**

#### By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

The nature of government is summed up in a simple four letter word. This word is the same whether an oligarchy, monarchy or democracy and exemplifies the natural current of a government system to seek greater control over its people. This four letter word is evident in governments around the globe and especially here in the USA. The four letter word that depicts the nature of government is TAKE. A government is bent on taking your freedoms, fortunes, and even the authority of the family because of the nature of what it is. The nature of government is not a new development, but comes straight from the scriptures in 1 Samuel 8 when the children of Israel begged the prophet Samuel to anoint for them a king. Samuel was angered at this request, yet

the Lord obliged to allow them a king, but only after very clear warnings of what this would mean for them and their future. Six times the word take is used in Samuel's short speech warning the people of what would happen when they have a king over them. The king would take, take, take, take, take, and take at the expense of the people. Guess what our government is still doing? Take, take, and take some more, because that is the nature of governments that seek exercise dominion over people instead of serve them. In all fairness, the government, especially democrats would say the government exists not to take, but to give, give and give, but the obvious reality is that the government must take a ton to give a little.

with makes our form of government an outlier because our founding forefathers were HUGE proponents of limited government. They saw that government authority is ordained by God, and they sought to put the reigns on government by having a clear constitution that preserves citizens rights and constricts the power of the state. Unfortunately, a plethora of people are self-deceived and think that government is the great problem solver of humanity and contains the solutions to our issues today. The only ruler who has the solutions to all our problems, is the same ruler who has already taken care of our greatest problem when he died for our sins, King Jesus. Jesus is the King of Kings and the Lord of Lord's, and the only way to experience true peace, joy and hope is in Him.

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# Area Church Directory

## Friona

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> FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 6<sup>th</sup> & Summitt • 806-250-3933 Pastor Brett Hoyle Email-<u>firstbc@wtrt.net</u> Website-<u>www.fbcfriona.com</u>

FRIONA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 8<sup>th</sup> & Pierce • 806-250-3045 Rev. Skip Hodges Email-<u>frionoaum@wtrt.net</u> Website-www.frionaumc.com

**GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH** North end of Congregational Church 1601 Euclid

IGLESIA EVANGELICA NUEVA JERUSALEN 701 E. 11th • P.O. Box 655 • 806-346-9725 Pastor Benito Mejia benitomejia@live.com

> **QUALITY OF LIFE BIBLE STUDY CHURCH** 301 Grand Ave. • 806-240-0826 Pastors Mark & Mary Goff

SIXTH ST. CHURCH OF CHRIST 502 W. 6<sup>th</sup> • 806-250-2769 Jeff Procter, Minister

*ST. TERESA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH* 401 West 17th St. • 806-250-2871 Pastor Gregory Bunyan

**TEMPLO BAUTISTA DAMASCO** 403 Woodland • 806-250-3472 Pastor William Tapias

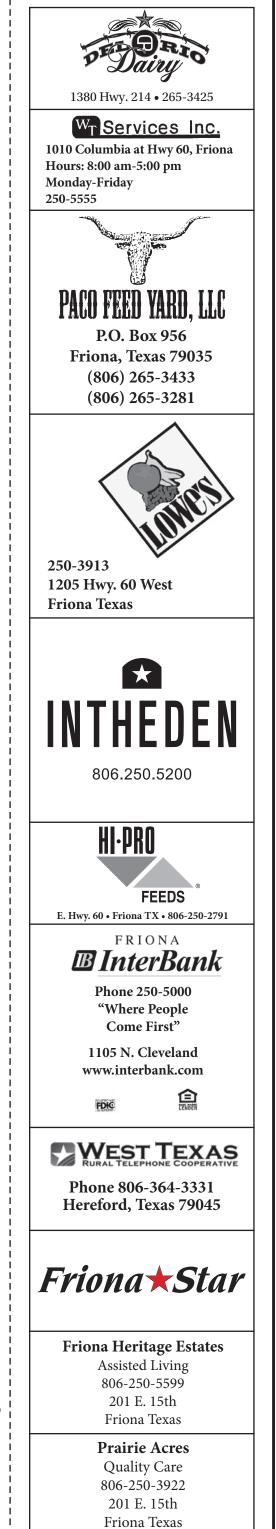
**TEMPLO DE ADORACION** 620 Washington • 806-250-5929 Pastor Roy Dominguez

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## **Giving Thanks**

#### By Teena Hughs

I don't know about you, but I cannot believe Thanksgiving is next week!!! Maybe it is the weather; we have been having cool, sometimes overcast, mornings, but then it burns off, and it has been rather warm some afternoons. Whatever the reason, Thanksgiving is upon us, and I hope each and every one of you has your MOST blessed and MOST wonderful Thanksgiving ever!!!

It is a popular thing at this time of year to ask people what they are most thankful for, and sometimes it is difficult to come up with an answer you think is adequate, appropriate, truthful. There is a meme that says, "If you got out of bed this morning, there is always something to be thankful for," and that is so true! Sometimes we just have a hard time thinking of what we are really and truly are thankful for.

I was reminded of a song this morning, "Give Thanks." It is one of my favorites, and it helps remind me of most of the 5 W's and H (who, what, where, when, why and how) of giving thanks. Many of you know the song and its words:

"Give thanks with a grateful heart Give thanks to the Holy One Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son And now let the weak say, 'I am strong.' Let the poor say, 'I am rich' Because of what the Lord has done for us Give thanks."

So, what am I thankful for? To be honest, I had to think about it, but here goes. Jesus has been teaching me so much this fall; showing me some changes I need to be making in my life. So, I am thankful Jesus has not given up on me. I am thankful He is still teaching me new things so I can hopefully become the person He desires me to be some day. It is because of Jesus that I am rich, not in money, but in my life. Because of Him and what He has done, and continues to do, for me, I can truthfully say I am blessed beyond words. All I have--my family, friends, home, etc.--all comes from Him. I can't think of anything I really want or need; Jesus has taken care of it all. I just need to always be grateful and thankful, and NEVER EVER forget what He does for me! Bottom line, I am thankful for Jesus, and I hope you are too. Take care, and happy Thanksgiving!!!

9<sup>th</sup> & Washington • 806-250-2207 Pastor Robert Kerby Website-<u>www.thevictory.tv</u>

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CHURCH OF CHRIST 500 Ave. E 806-251-1334 Mike Prather, Minister

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 205 4<sup>th</sup> Street 806-251-1124 Pastor Larry Mitchell

*ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH* 401 3<sup>rd</sup> Street 806-251-1511 Pastor Gregory Bunyan

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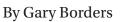
> IGLESIA BAUTISTA HISPANA 103 1<sup>st</sup> Street 806-251-5232 Pastor Rafael Marin

"We Live by Faith, Not by Sight." 2 Corinthians 5:7



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## **State Capital Highlights**





Filing period for 2022 primary opens

The filing period for the 2022 Texas primary elections opened on Nov. 13, allowing candidates to file with their respective party chairs for spots on the March 1, 2022, primary ballot. For primary elections, candidates must file their applications with their state party chairs. If a district is

# In His Own Words

#### By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith

On November 19, 1863, Gettysburg National Cemetery was dedicated by a coterie of celebrated patriots which included the renowned orator, Edward Everett. He spoke two hours; President Lincoln's speech was two minutes.

Nobody remembers Everett's words, but Lincoln's 275-the Gettysburg Address-remains memorable, significant, and relevant.

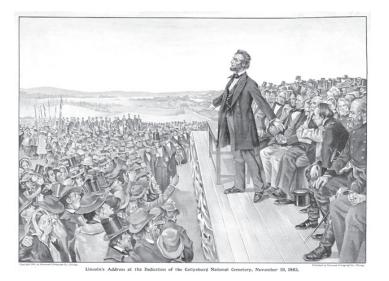
The president had traveled there by train a day earlier to unify his thoughts, which he scribbled on the back of an envelope. Shortly after he had dinner, Lincoln finished writing.

Henry Jacobs, a witness to the event, was so moved by Lincoln's remarks as he stood in front of the speaker's stand, that he felt compelled to record his thoughts:

"At first his voice sounded a little strained and highpitched, as if he were trying to throw his voice to the outer edge of the crowd. He held in his right hand the manuscript he had brought from the White House... He emphasized the words 'of,' 'by,' and 'for' (the people} with a stiff yet sweeping bend of his body, holding the manuscript rigidly in both hands.... Then he drew himself up to his immense height, with his arms outstretched, as he impressively uttered the final words, 'shall not-perish-from-the-earth."

For more information, the Grateful American Book Prize recommends *Lincoln in His Own Words* by Milton Meltzer.

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



solely contained within a single county, a candidate would file with the county chair.

The filing period for county, district and statewide offices ends at 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 13. Early voting for the March 1 primary begins on Feb. 14. Among the statewide offices on the ballot are governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, comptroller, agriculture commissioner, land commissioner, railroad commissioner and seven states on the state board of education.

To find out who has filed to date, go here: https:// tinyurl.com/4s89j6be

## Task force on concert safety formed

Gov. Greg Abbott last week announced the formation of a task force on concert safety after at least nine people were killed and hundreds injured at the Astroworld Festival in Houston on Nov. 5. Members include safety experts, law enforcement officials, firefighters and leaders from the Texas Music Office, the Texas Department of Public Safety, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission and a half-dozen other state entities.

The task force is led by Brendon Anthony, director of the Texas Music Office.

"Live music is a source of joy, entertainment and community for so many Texans — and the last thing concertgoers should have to worry about is their safety and security," Abbott said. Lawsuits have been filed on behalf of more than 200 victims. Defendants include rapper Travis Scott and concert promotion giant Live Nation, according to a report in the Houston Chronicle. The deaths and injuries occurred when a crowd rushed the stage as Scott performed.

## Drought conditions spread in October

Blame it on La Niña. Drought conditions throughout much of the state continued to expand in October, thanks in large part to the weath-

in large part to the weather conditions caused by the atmospheric phenomenon, which pushes warmer and drier conditions in the southern United States while causing cooler, wetter weather in Pacific Northwest.

Dr. Nelun Fernando of the Texas Water Development Board wrote recently that this winter is likely to be drier and warmer than average. The U.S. Drought Monitor released last week indicates 61.4% of the state is considered abnormally dry, while nearly 38% of the state is in moderate or severe drought.

Most of the drought areas are in East Texas, the Panhandle and Far West Texas.

#### Alligator snapping turtle going on endangered list

The alligator snapping turtle, which is North America's largest freshwater turtle species, is slated to be listed as an endangered species by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, pending public comment due by Jan. 10. The turtle, a popular target of poachers in Texas and other states, can weigh more than 200 pounds. In recent months, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and other agencies and institutions teamed up to repatriate a couple dozen confiscated alligator snapping turtles to their native Texas rivers. While all states ban commercial harvest of

the turtle, recreational harvest is allowed on a limited basis in Louisiana and Mississippi.

The Texas comptroller's office has contracted with the Environmental Institute at the University of Houston–Clear Lake to develop long-term monitoring procedures in an effort to develop more effective conservation measures.

#### Vast majority of COV-ID-19 deaths among unvaccinated

A study by the Texas Department of State Health Services during the Delta variant outbreak of COVID-19 indicates unvaccinated Texans were 20 times more likely to die from the virus than those who had received one of the vaccines. From the report: All authorized COVID-19 vaccines in the United States are highly effective at protecting people from getting sick or severely ill with COVID-19, including those infected with Delta and other known variants. Real world data from Texas clearly shows these benefits.

Meanwhile, the total number of new cases of COVID-19 in Texas in the past week rose slightly to 23,350, as did new deaths at 846, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. Since the pandemic began, 4.28 million Texans have been diagnosed with the virus — 14.6% of the state's entire population. COV-ID-19 has taken the lives of 72,760 Texans, roughly equivalent to the entire population of Harlingen.

The good news is that at least for now, the number of hospitalized, labconfirmed COVID-19 patients continues to drop, with 2,736 reported by DSHS as of Sunday. That is down 75% from mid-August levels.

DSHS also reports the number of Texans who are fully vaccinated continues to inch upward, with 15.67 million reported, a number that now includes children ages 5-11 who are now eligible for the vaccine.

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

## Special events in Nazareth on November 21st

The Christian Mother Society of Holy Family Catholic Parish will hold their annual **Turkey Dinner &** 

**Raffle** on Sunday, November 21st in Nazareth, Texas. The event will run from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and will be held in the Community Hall located at 104 First Street in Nazareth. Turkey and dressing will all the trimmings plus homemade desserts will be served. Adult plates are priced at \$10.00 and plates for children 10 years and younger are \$5.00.

A **"Holiday Arts & Crafts Bazaar"** sponsored by the Nazareth Art Club will also be held on November 21st from 10:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the Holy Family CCD Building. Christmas shopping, home décor, homemade baked goods, and much more will be available. For more information, contact Angela Fulkerson at 806-344-8304 and leave a message.

For information concerning either of the two events, you may contact Tisha Gerber at 945-2337, Missy Kleman at 945-2319, or Alyssa Barton at 367-3438.



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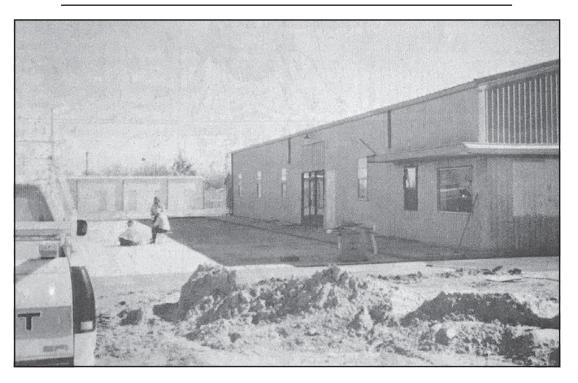
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## Friona Flashbacks

From the Friona Star Archives



GETTIN' READY FOR BUSINESS...West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc., parent company of Friona Communications, is buy remodeling the former Porter building on Highway 60. Workers are paving a new parking lot on the north side for the main entrance to the local business office. WTRTC plans to offer telephone and cable service to Friona. No date was given for completion of the building. Ron Carr photo. (Friona Star, Friday, November 21, 1997)



## **Help Wanted**

Friona Interbank has an opening for a full-time teller. To apply online, please go to interbank.com. Thank You.



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## **NOW HIRING**

Friona ISD is looking for a full time custodian. Hours are 7 am -6 pm with a 2 hour lunch and a 30 minute break in the morning and afternoon. Interested applicants may call Friona ISD 806-250-2747 or Martha Moreno 806-346-2091.

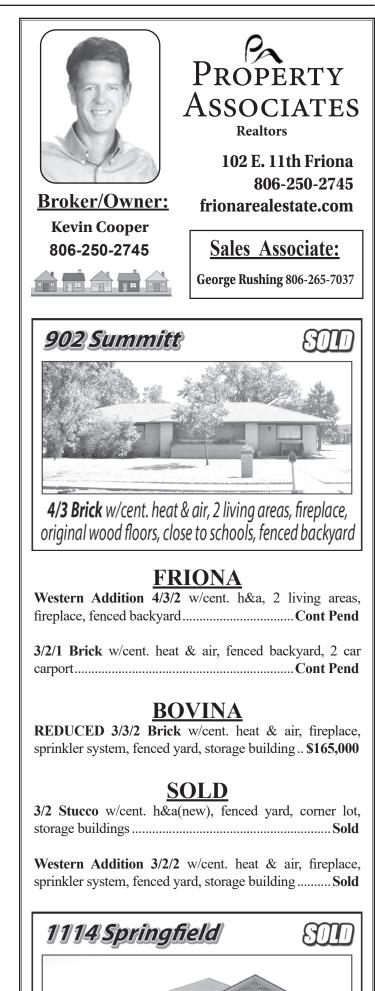
Friona ISD está buscando una persona que ayude a limpiar la escuela a tiempo completo. El horario es de 7 am a 6 pm con un almuerzo de 2 horas y un descanso de 30 minutos por la mañana y por la tarde. Las personas interesadas pueden llamar a Friona ISD 806-250-2747 o Martha Moreno 806-346-2091.

\*\*Sign-On Bonuses Offered\*\* Due to growth, Prairie Acres is seeking to fill multiple positions including CNA's (both shifts), nurses, dietary and housekeeping employees! We are pleased to offer great health, dental, vision and life insurances, paid time off and sign-on bonuses for those that qualify! Interested? Come by and see us at 201 East 15th St. today!

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

## 4:00 - 6:15 p.m.

- Santa & Mrs. Claus arrive with Miss Friona Breanna Godinez and Little Miss Friona Nyah Cano
- Miss Friona, Little Miss, and Elves hand out candy canes
- · Santa meets with the children
- Choir will sing carols
- · Vendors in the Park
- 6:00 6:30 p.m.
- · Participants line up on Euclid Street between Primary and Elementary Schools for Light Parade
- 6:30 p.m.
- The Light Parade begins

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Jacob Bautista (#1) breaks out for a large gain in first quarter action at last week's Bi-District playoff game in Muleshoe. The Chiefs fell to Abernathy 33-14 to end their season. More pictures and stats next week.

**Our Vision Can Improve with Age** 

# **Check Your Mirrors**

By Sue Jane Sullivan



Some Bible stories unsettled me when I was little, confused me as a middle-schooler, and--as an adult reader-brought yet another perspective.

When baby Moses was placed in a basket, I was sad. I was also five years old. All I could think was that his mother was giving him away.

As a skeptical sixth grader who had just studied Egypt, I thought, "There are crocodiles in the Nile. Wasn't there a safer place for Baby Mo?"

Once I became a mother, the sacrifice Jochebed made for her child made perfect sense.

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The Walking Man from Galilee challenged the scholars to look at the Law with different eyes. Two thousand years later, Jesus would still be shaking his head at us because we misapply the point of many Bible stories.

Recently, I re-read one that gets only nine verses devoted to it in Genesis. Before and after those lengthy family tree spreadsheets (so and so begat so and so and so on and so forth), the incident at Shinar appears. Wednesday night or Sunday morning Bible school classes. I was there. Even took four semesters of Bible history at the Christian university from which I graduated. In each of those settings, the Tower of Babel construction project (Genesis 11) fascinated me.

Who could blame people for wanting to build a tall tower after The Flood? A child's point of view would see this as perfectly logical, safe, and smart. Perhaps Noah's descendants were still a bit leery of lowlying places. My middleschool brain thought that people working together on a big project was a good thing--unity and teamwork were noble concepts.

It would be in college when I saw with clearer vision the tragedy of Babel. The professor highlighted God's tone in verse 6, and everything clicked.

...You are one people, with one language, and <u>this</u> is what you choose to do with your unity? Really?

At this place in Babylonia, the people were tered, a motivated not by unity ended. but by vain ambition. story of The main lesson taught came to to me as a child was that languag they were wrong to try misplace and build something to The sa heaven. What I finally with to understood from that mindset

that a selfish pursuit, in any form, is a house of cards waiting to fall.

"Let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a na me...." Let us make us a name. For ourselves. For our glory.

In response, Jehovah made sure tongues were confused and garbled. No longer able to communicate, people scattered, and the project ended. In this origin story of how the world came to have various languages, God thwarted misplaced pride.

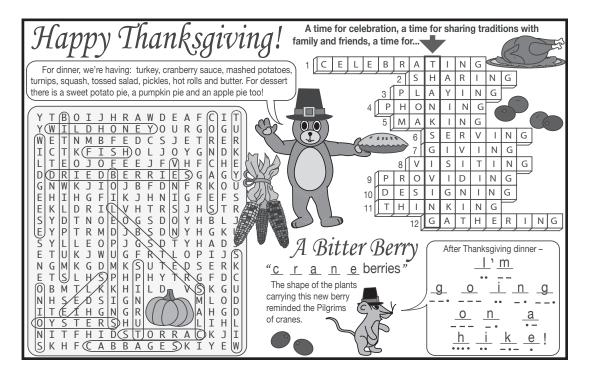
The same story heard with three different mindsets, seen through or ninety, do not fear the questioning voice when it speaks to you. It's o.k. to be skeptical or doubt those are signs of faith growth spurts. If nothing else, re-reading and analyzing something at a different age empowers you to strengthen your foundation.

Whether you are nine

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Bible Bowl Trivia: The word <u>nimrod</u> refers to a person making dumb choices. Nimrod was Noah's great-grandson who was the king in Shinar during the commissioning of the Tower of Babel.

And that, as Brother Paul (Harvey) would say,



#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Parmer County Hospital District (the "District"), pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), will hold a public hearing on November 29, 2021, telephonically via the following toll-free telephone number: 1-877-211-3621 (participation code 602595) at 11:00 a.m central time, to provide an opportunity for all interested persons to be heard with respect to the proposed issuance by the District of its tax-exempt bonds in one or more series from time to time (the "Bonds") (qualified 501(c)(3) bonds as defined in Section 145 of the Code) in the aggregate maximum principal amount of \$8,000,000.

The Bonds are being issued for the purpose of refunding certain obligations that refinanced the construction, acquisition, renovation and equipping of a hospital in the District located at 1307 Cleveland Ave, Friona, TX 79035, commonly known as Parmer County Community Hospital (the "Project"). A portion of the proceeds of the Bonds will be used to pay certain expenses in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. The Project is owned by the District and operated under a lease by Parmer County Community Hospital, Inc., a Texas nonprofit corporation and an entity described under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code. The Bonds are secured by and payable from the collection of the District's annual ad valorem tax, levied, within the limits prescribed by law, upon all taxable property within the District.

All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing to express their views, both orally and in writing, with respect to the Bonds and the Project. Any interested persons unable to attend the hearing may submit their views in writing to the President of the District c/o Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, Attn: Cathleen Chang, 609 Main Street, 40th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002, prior to the date scheduled for the hearing.

three separate lenses.

is the rest of the story.

## **Festival of Trees**



Hazel Martin Portillo, 5, and Jennifer Lilly Portillo, 8, daughters of Joshua and Sheena Portillo of Friona were among the kids of all ages who were enjoying the great Lionel train layout and lighted village during the first day of the Festival of Trees at the Hereford Senior Citizens Association on Saturday, November 13th. The event runs through Friday, November 19, and includes a holiday bazaar, baked goodies, and an all-important chance for the kids to visit with Santa. The Hereford Senior Citizens Association is located at 426 Ranger and the hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. this Thursday and Friday. (Photo by Jim Steiert) frionastar@wtrt.net







## FISD Thanksgiving Dinner

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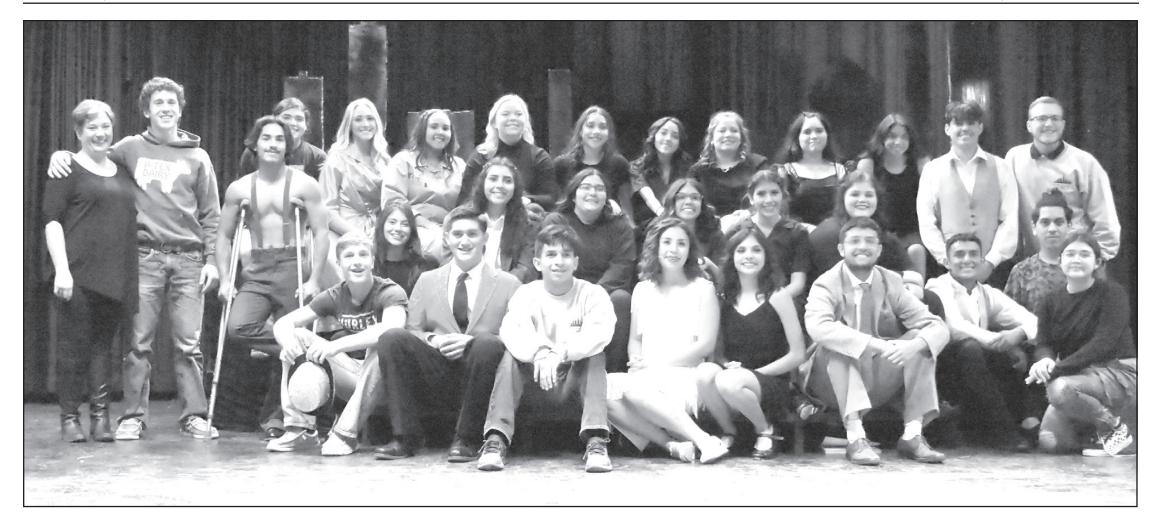
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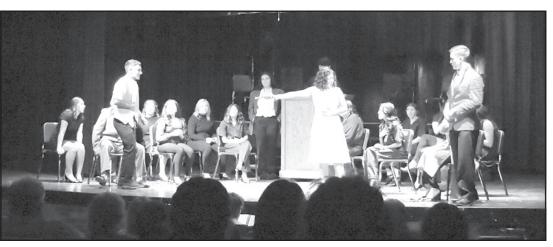


# **Chicago: The Musical**

presenterd by the FHS Theatre Arts Department Director: Shawn Farrar







## Cast

Audrianna Trevino Yvonne Legarreta Andrew Rivera Josiah Dominguez J'Mae Fletcher Kitzy Welch Moises Pina Destini Nava Breanna Rivera Karlee Osborn Amy Montana Litzy Gonzalez Magdalena Licerio Mario Bautista

## Ensemble

Melody Upton Nevaeh Maestas Ahtziri Soltero Katheryne Avila Isaias Olmos Aylin Mendez

**Techs** Tim Ally Michael Bautista Lizett Garcia Dieter Ally



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# **Veteran's Day Program**

## Nov. 11, 2021



FHS Band





**FCCLA Reception** 

# Veterans honored at FHS program

Joe Bob Mann Navy 1969-1973

Marcos Trevino Army 1966-1970

Jessie Stone Army 3 years Vietnam

Coach Thackston USMC 1985-1993

Andy Montana Navy 1997-2001 Matthew Samarron Army Fort Bragg NC 2011-2015

Serapio Cabezuela Navy Desert Storm

Joe Colella Air Force 1988-1992 Desert Storm

Dennis Slagle Navy 1970

Carlos Hernandez Army Active



Friona Elementary 5th Grade Choir



Ramon Ortiz



Mayor Ricky White



Carter Gilley

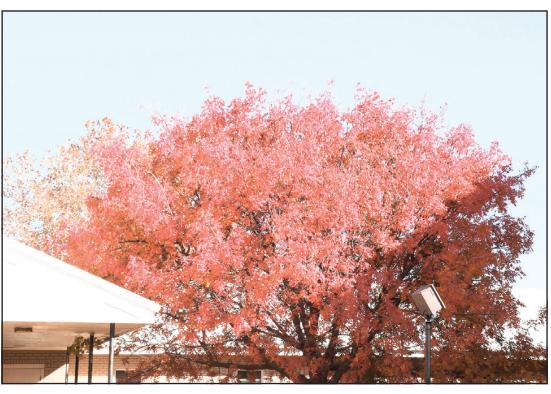


Megan & Kayli Stone receive a Quilt of Valor in honor of their granddad, Jessie Stone (Army).



Valencia Meier and Stormi Choate present Joe Bob Mann (Navy) a Quilt of Valor.





Fall colors on display just north of the Calvary Baptist Church auditorium.

## **Parmer County Cancer Coalition Survivor Dinner**

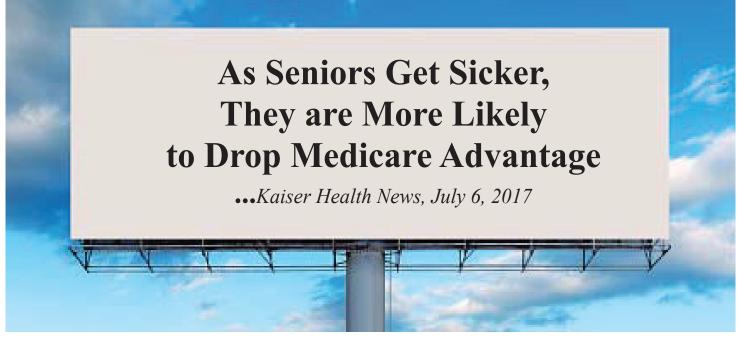
The Parmer County Cancer Coalition hosted its annual Survivor Dinner last Thursday, at the 6th Street Church of Christ in Friona. Approximately thirty-five attendees enjoyed a meal of brisket, ribs, and all the fixin's catered by Vaqueros Smokehouse of Friona. Board of Directors Chairman Greg Lewellen gave a brief overview of the past year's events. An application form for cancer patients to receive a grant from the coalition can be found on the Friona Star website at www.frionaonline.com under the Forms & Schedules tab.



Parmer County Cancer Coalition Board of Directors: Back row (l-r) Randy Geries, Greg Lewellen (Chairman), Rhonda Wilkins, Mike Prather; Front row (l-r) Martha Rodriquez, Jamie Lewellen, Rocio Carrasco, Magali Moralez. Not in photo: Leander Davila



Vaqueros Smokehouse owner/operators are (l-r) Roddy Berend, Sandra Berend, Debbie Gil, Mark Galan



A U.S. Government Accountability Office report reveals that sicker persons are more likely to change their Medicare Advantage Plan or switch back to Original Medicare due to problems with access to preferred doctors, hospitals or other medical care.

If you are considering joining a Medicare Advantage Plan during the Medicare open enrollment period, please be aware that you are opting out of Traditional Medicare for a commercial insurance plan that may or **MAY NOT be right for you.** 

Note: TRS retirees should confirm their Medicare eligibility before making any changes to their health care coverage.

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If you have any questions, please contact Rhonda Wilkins, Director of Senior Services at 806-250-2754



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