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Saturday, July 16th

#### Friona to receive \$49,852.04 in sales tax allocation for July

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced that he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$1.03 billion in local sales tax allocations for July, 15.3 percent more than in July 2021. These allocations are based on sales made in May by businesses that report tax monthly.

The City of Friona will receive \$49,852.04 in sales tax allocation for the month of July. This is a 7.87% increase over the \$46,210.73 received in July of 2021. The Friona Economic Development Corporation (FEDC) will receive \$12,463.01 of the amount for its operations.

The 2022 year-to-date total of \$448,427.79 is 36.69% higher than the \$328,056.35 received last year during the same time frame.

## **Commissioners renew** health insurance

Parmer County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday July 11, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the County Courtroom of the Parmer County Courthouse in Farwell, Texas. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Texas Flag.

Minutes from the June 27th 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.

Commissioners heard a presentation on the CSI Plan from Texas Association of Counties representative Stacey Bruington. Guidelines to motivate employees to practice more preventative medicine through incentive programs (i.e. gift cards, extra vacation) was discussed. Next, TAC Employees Benefits Specialist Kathy Davenport presented a mid-year review of the county's insurance policy. Insurance rates for Parmer County only increased 4.2% which was far below most Texas counties which saw double digit increases. Commissioners later approved a renewal of the insurance policy with Jerry Killion Employee Benefits Associates Insurance Company of Lubbock. The new county insurance plan will cover 53 employees at a cost of a \$1,014.00 per month each with a \$250 deductible. Last year's premium was \$973 per month.

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FCCLA sponsor Erin Barnett, Region 1 President Blanca Chavez, and gold medalist Nadia Snyder served up pancakes last Sunday at the Community Center. The FCCLA fundraiser was the opening event for Friona's Cheeseburger Festival Week.





An agreement between Allegiance Behavioral Health Center of Plainview, Hale County and Parmer County was renewed. The LLC, dba Freedom Behavioral Hospital of Plainview, will handle all of the mental health cases for Parmer County.

Commissioners approved the use of the Courthouse lawn for Bordertown Days and also approved a water line under a county road in Precinct 4.

Parmer County Sheriff Eric Geske reported that the Parmer County Law Enforcement Center was currently housing 39 inmates. Of those, 17 are paying customers from Deaf Smith County. Three bids were considered concerning the new HVAC and Negative Pressure Cell for the Law Enforcement Center. WTC Heating and Air Conditioning was awarded the bid for \$566,000 which will be paid for with funds from the American Rescue Plan Act.

All meetings are open to the public. Information in this article is only a summary. Any questions concerning specific actions should be directed to the Commissioners Court.

B-I-N-G-O — City employees Pam Mercado (right) and Rosa Mendez, along with granddaughter Makayla, (left) conducted Bingo Night at the Community Center on Tuesday. There were 56 players who competed for a various assortment of prizes. Use of the vintage bingo machine was courtesy of Jim & John Taylor.



Let the drama begin — These young actresses are displaying the many emotions needed to become a serious performer. See page page 9 for the Summer Drama Workshop schedule of performances.

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## **Community Calendar**

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

#### July 14

• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

#### July 15

• Summer Drama Workshop Junior High and High School presentations beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium

#### July 16

Cheeseburger Festival from 11:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. at Reeve Lake Park and Friona Community Center
Summer Drama Workshop Elementary presentation beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium

#### July 18

Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center
Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at The Farmwife Kitchen

#### July 18-22

• Kidz Building Camp 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. each evening at the Boy Scout Hut

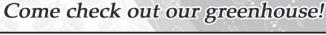
#### July 21

• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

#### July 30

55th Annual Border Town Days in Farwell with parade at 11:00 a.m. and activities in the Farwell city park
Snack Pak 4 Kids Auction Fundraiser starting at 7:30 p.m. at Alpo's Barn







## **Check Your Mirrors**

By Sue Jane Sullivan



#### I Miss the Wild West

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I want people to bear witness. I don't want people to be numb to events. – Craig Goldstein, husband of Katie Goldstein, one of seven victims of the Highland Park, Illinois, shooting on July 4

Westerns were a mainstay in my household on Hill Avenue.

Have Gun--Will Travel (I had a little girl crush on Paladin and the little Remington Derringer he carried in his boot)

Rawhide (most effectual them song ever because I can still sing keep them doggies rollin')

The Rifleman And of course, Bonanza and Gunsmoke, the pillars of television westerns.

There was reason for shooting people in those shows. Cheaters at poker got lead in the gut. So did cattle rustlers and horse thieves. In general, the use of a gun to secure justice in the Wild West was accepted, understood, and at times necessary. The western setting demanded guns for protection from animals as well as to hunt for food supply. All of this made perfect sense to me without my parents having to explain how guns were used then and how they were used in the 1960s when I was an impressionable kid.

I miss the Wild West when a person wore his or her holster and gun into the saloon, general store, or on the streets

enforcement) walking down the street with an AR-15 strapped across his or her back is probably doing so for defiant show, and I am not impressed. Exception: seeing Buster Taylor back home in Borden County carry whatever guns he wanted always made me feel safe. Buster knew guns. Buster knew how to use guns. Buster was our Festus, and I loved him. I am not referring to Busters in the world.

In 2022, we simply cannot view mass shootings with assault weapons in our country solely through the lens of mental illness. We have had mentally ill people in our country for over two hundred years. We also have had guns for over 200 years. So why now in the past two decades do we wake up so often to hear of another Columbine, Parkland, Southerland Springs, Uvalde, Highland Park, Brooklyn, or El Paso?

What we all want is to go to a parade, a church, a grocery store, a dance club, a place of business and a school—a school—without fear of having bodies shredded by assault weapons.

Craig Goldstein's wife

to change. If we grow numb and do not bear witness to the events that have unfolded in the United States in the past two decades, we all lose.

Texas Republican Senator John Cornyn is trying to bear witness, sponsoring legislation that recently passed both houses of Congress. It is the first major gun legislation in over 30 years.

*"While the discussion* surrounding this topic causes emotions to run high, and I understand why," Cornyn, "doing nothing is an abdication of our responsibility as representatives of the American people here in the United States Senate," he added, while stressing he "would not support any provisions that infringed on the rights of law-abiding gun owners."

[The legislation will enhance background checks for potential gun buyers under the age of twenty-one, re-

quiring for the first time that authorities have time to examine juvenile records, including mental health records beginning at age 16. It provides millions of dollars for states to implement so-called red flag laws that allow officials to temporarily confiscate guns from people deemed in court to be too dangerous to own them, and other intervention programs. And it strengthens laws against straw purchasing and trafficking of guns. In addition, the measure pours more federal money into shoring up mental health programs across the country, and toughening security in schools. And the bill tightens a federal ban on domestic abusers buying firearms, including recent or current serious dating partners, to close what has come to be called the boyfriend loophole]. - NYTimes, 6/24/2022



#### **ON YOUR PAYROLL**

#### **U.S. Government**

**President**: Joseph R. Biden, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20500. 202-456-1111, fax 202-456-2461, email <u>comments@whitehouse.gov</u>.

**Senator**: John Cornyn, 517 Hart Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510 202-224-2934, fax 202-228-2856.

Senator: Ted Cruz B40B Dirksen Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510 202-224-5922.

**Representative:** Jodey Arrington, 2019 Longworth, House Office Building, 202-225-4005. Lubbock District Office, 1312 Texsas Ave. #219, Lubbock, TX 79401. Abilene District Office, 500 Chestnut St. #819, Abilene, TX 79602

#### State

**Governor**: Greg Abbott, Office of the Governor, P.O. Box 12428, Austin, Tx 78711-2428, 512-463-2000.

**Senator**: Kel Seliger, P.O. Box 12068, Capitol Station, Austin, Tx 78711. 512-463-0131. Amarillo office; P.O. Box 9155, Amarillo, 79105. 806-374-8994.

**Representative**: John T. Smithee, Room CAP1W.10, Capitol P.O. Box 2910, Austin, Tx 78768. 512-463-0702. fax 512-476-7016. Amarillo office; 320 So. Polk, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Lobby Box 28, Amarillo 79101. 806-372-3327, fax 806-342-0327.

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## TASO Seeking New High School Football Officials

The 2022 high school and middle school football seasons are fast approaching and now is the time to apply to become a Texas Association of Sports Officials (TASO) football official. Individuals including men and women from across the Texas Panhandle interested in officiating are encouraged to apply and begin the education and other requirements to officiate. New Amarillo Chapter officials will have the opportunity to officiate games across the Texas Panhandle starting this season after completing organized pre-season training. To apply, please visit TASO.org.

New football officials will be paired with experienced officials to learn the NCAA football rules and officiating mechanics. It is a great way to be on the field, get exercise, learn officiating techniques, and work with other officials and outstanding youth in our region.

If you are interested and want additional information, please visit amarefs. org. There will be a preseason rules clinic on July 30, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, at the Region 16 Education Service Center, 5800 Bell St., in Amarillo. Individuals are encouraged to apply to be an official and register for the clinic.





#### Volunteers needed — Please call the Chamber office at 806-250-3491 if you can help with the 6th Annual Kidz Building Camp from 5:00-9:00 p.m. July 18-22 at the Boy Scout Hut. Family Night and swim party will be Saturday, July 23 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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**Book Shop open this Saturday** — The Friends of the Library Book Shop, located at 618 Euclid, will have a special opening this Saturday morning from 10:00 a.m. until 12 noon. Books of all kinds sell for one dollar a bag. All proceeds benefit Friends' projects such as summer reading, scholarships, Veterans' breakfast, and other library, community and school activities.

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The Eagle has Landed — National Moon Day commemorates the day man first walked on the moon in. NASA reported the moon landing as being "...the single greatest technological achievement of all time." On July 20, 1969, Apollo 11 carried the first humans to the moon. Six hours after landing on

#### the moon, American Neil Armstrong stepped onto the lunar surface. He spent two and a half hours outside the spacecraft. Buzz Aldrin soon followed, stepping onto the lunar surface. After joining Armstrong, the two men collected 47.5 pounds of lunar material. Millions of Americans watched the mission from Earth. Televisions around the world tuned in to the live broadcasts. Armstrong stepped onto the moon's surface and described the event as "one small step for [a] man, one giant leap for

mankind."  $\star \star \star$ 

Buckle Up — The Department of Public Safety (DPS) is always reminding everyone to use their seats belts or get a ticket. Another reason to buckle your seatbelt is to save your life. Two people were killed this past week in singlecar rollovers. The driver in an incident involving standing water on the road was not wearing a seat belt and a passenger in another incident involving a wild animal on the road was unbuckled.

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

(7/8/22) Mindi Johnson, 24, of El Paso was arrested on a Warrant for Theft of Property, a Warrant for Possesion CS PG1 < 4g, and an Indictment for Burglary of Habitation; pending District Court

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Save the Date – The 14th Annual Pudge Kendrick Memorial Golf Tournament is scheduled for July 30-31 at the John Pitman Golf Club in Hereford, Texas. The charity event raises money to provide grants to local cancer patients. Corporate and personal sponsorships are available. Go to the Parmer County Cancer Coalition facebook page for more info.

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Next Week — Cheeseburger Festival and SDW Highlights. ★★★

National Days

July 14: **Tape Measure Day** July 15: **Give Something** Away Day July 16: Friona Cheeseburger Festival July 17: Ice Cream Day July 18: Sour Candy Day July 19: Daiquiri Day July 20: Moon Day

#### LEGAL NOTICE

**RE-PUBLICATION OF NEW BID OPENING DATE AND TIME** 

Sealed Proposals addressed to Leander Davila, City Manager, City of Friona for the reconstruction of approximately 3,700 square feet of sidewalk, decorative lighting, and all associated appurtenances entitled:

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS DRP No. CDM21-0158 Friona, Texas

will be received in the office of the City Manager, City of Friona, at City Hall, 623 N. Main Street, Friona, Texas, 79035 until:

10:00 A.M. July 26, 2022

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

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

Contract Documents are on file and may be examined in the office of the City Manager, City of Friona, 623 N. Main Street, Friona, Texas, 79035, phone (806) 250-2761 and the offices of Hi-Plains Civil Engineers, Consulting Engineers, 4537 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110, telephone (806) 353-7233.

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

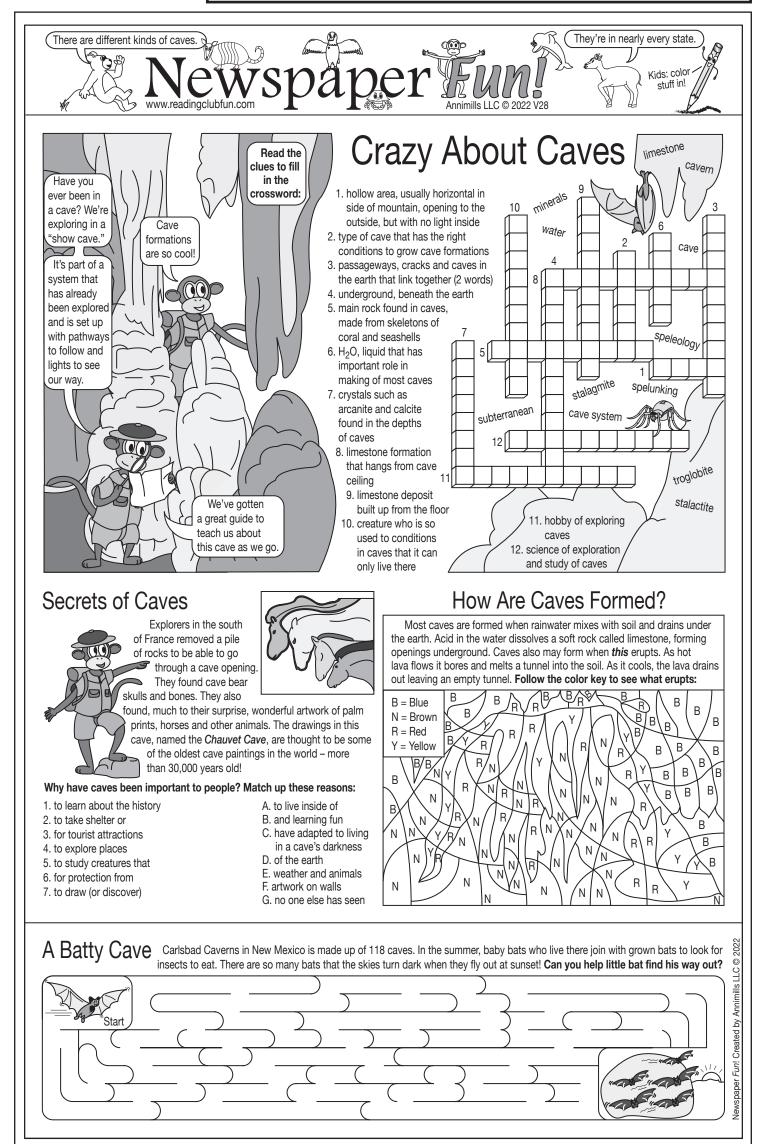
Cost: One hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00), non-refundable, for each set of paper plans and specifications or seventy five dollars (\$75.00), non-refundable, for each set of digital plans and specifications on flash drive.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and inform themselves regarding all local conditions. All contractors/subcontractors that are debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation on federal assistance programs may not undertake any activity in part or in full under this project.

Performance and Payment bonds shall be set forth in the Contract Documents.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in the bidding. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness, the Owner reserves the right to adopt such interpretations as may be most advantageous or to reject the bid as informal. No bid may be withdrawn until the expiration of 30 days from the bid opening date.

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(7/10/22) Roman Leonardo Ovalle III of Muleshoe was arrested on a charge of Possession CS PG1  $\ge$  4g < 200g, pending Grand Jury



Susie Spring, County Clerk

#### Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from June 30, 2022 to July 7, 2022

(6/30/22) Jose Hernandez — Firstbank Southwest — A Tract of Land out of a Part of Section 1, T3S, R3E of a Capitol Syndicate Subdivision, Being the South Part of Tract 9 and 10 West Loop Drive Addition to the Town of Friona and All of the South Part of Lot 5 and All of 6 Block 1 Hillside Addition to the City of Friona, Parmer County Texas

(7/1/22) Joe Saiz, Francis Saiz — Nick Saiz, Cherri Saiz — All of Lot 1, Block 87, Original Town of Friona, Parmer County

(7/5/22) Suzahn Horton — Suzahn Horton — All of Lots 3, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, and 14, of Section 9, Township 16 South, Range 1 East, of a Capitol Syndicate Subdivision of Parmer County Texas; the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 9, Township 16 South, Range 1 East, Capitol Syndicate Subdivision Parmer County Texas

(7/5/22) Alicia Lopez — Amarillo National Bank, Irving O. Flores — A Tract of Land in the SW/4 of Section 31, T1N R4E, Capitol Syndicate Subdivision City of Friona Parmer Co.

(7/5/22) Alicia Lopez, Irving O. Flores Aguilar — Hector Lopez, Tamara Saima Lopez, Ruben Lopez, Maria Carmen Lopez — A Portion of Lot 4, Block 2, First Installment to Welch Acres Addition to the City of Friona Parmer County

(7/6/22) Michael A. Galvan, Tracy Galvan — Fabiola Montoya — All of Lots 23-26, Block 32, Original Townsite City of Farwell, Parmer County Texas



July 17

**Dallas Bass** 

Lauren Buske

Ashley Manning

**Ophelia** Florez

Kevin Steen

Maria Galvan

July 18

**Brent Loflin** 

David Avila

Josh Jameson

Joy Bauer

**Clara Salinas** 

Brandy Castorena

July 19

Joe Kyle Reeve

Karen King

Dana Jameson

**Tony Beauchamp** 

Amy Veggeberg

**Cody Epperson** 

Peggy Goettsch

Karina Trevino

Kim Kimbrough



#### Pina Colada

July 10th is National Pina Colada day. The middle of summer is probably the best time for this cold concoction. Here is a recipe where you can enjoy the flavors of the pina colada without the rum, if that is more to your liking.

#### **Pina Colada Quick Bread** https://gatherforpbread.com

#### **INGREDIENTS**

3 cups all-purpose flour 1/2 cup sugar 1 tablespoon baking powder 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon 1/4 teaspoon salt 3 large eggs slightly beaten 1/2 cup 1 stick butter, melted 1 can 20 ounces crushed pineapple, undrained 1 can 15 ounces cream of coconut 2 tablespoons Greek yogurt

#### Topping

remaining cream of coconut 1/2 cup coconut flakes sweetened or unsweetened 1/2 cup sweetened coconut flakes toasted

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

Preheat oven to 350° F. Grease 4 mini loaf pans with

non-stick cooking spray. Combine flour, sugar, baking powder, cinnamon, and salt in a large bowl. In a medium bowl, combine eggs, melted butter, pineapple, and its juice and 2/3 cup of cream of coconut and Greek yogurt. Stir until blended. Add to flour mixture, stirring just until moist. Divide evenly among the 4 pans and bake for 35 to 40 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. Cool loaves in pan for 10 minutes. Remove to wire rack and let cool before cutting and serving.

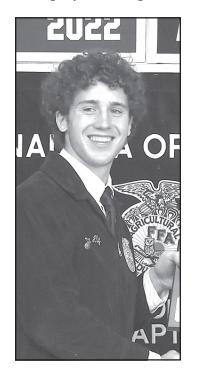
#### For Topping

In a small bowl combine cream of coconut, coconut flakes. Spread over cooled loaves. Sprinkle with toasted coconut, if desired.

**NOTES:** To toast coconut: Spread coconut evenly on a baking sheet. Place in oven at 350° F, until golden brown. Stir several times. Bake for 5-7 minutes.



Members of the Friona Vocational Agriculture Association cooked pancakes, bacon, and eggs for the FCCLA fundraiser last Sunday. The organization was created to support Friona FCCLA, 4-H, and FFA students and their projects and provide scholarships.



WINNERS OF THE

Happy Birthday

#### July 14

Julie (Wiseman) Duenes Bobby Thompson Darla Bracken William Herring Sierra Edelmon Janna Reeve Preston Claudia Alexander Juan Reyes Nathan Moroney, Jr. Kenny Ford Darrell Brewster

> **July 15** Ross Paiz Jared Kuhlmey Dena Stubbs

**July 16** James Bland John Bonner Ab Hendley Penny Mars



#### **July 20** Dee Clark Chance Lewellen Alma Quintana

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

## Gas prices decline for fourth straight week

#### By GasBuddy

Average gasoline prices in Texas fell 17.7 cents in the last week, averaging \$4.20 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. The cheapest station in Texas was priced at \$3.52 while the most expensive was \$5.29 per gallon.

Prices in Texas are 45.0 cents lower than a month ago and stand \$1.36 per gallon higher than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has declined 8.5 cents in the last week and stands at \$5.65 per gallon. The national average price of gasoline has fallen 12.8 cents in the last week, averaging \$4.66 per gallon. The national average is down 34.4 cents from a month ago and stands \$1.54 per gallon higher than a year ago. "The national average has declined for 27 days straight, or four weeks, the longest decline in average gas prices since the pandemic started in 2020. Average gas prices are down nearly 40 cents, with Americans shelling out \$140 million less on gasoline every day than they did a month ago," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "We may see the trend last a fifth week, as long as oil prices remain cooperative and don't surge beyond \$105 per barrel, and as long as refinery production of gasoline remains strong. But we're not completely out of the woods yet - we could also see a sharp reversal in the decline. There remains the risk of a spike in prices that could send us to new record levels in August, should any disruptions occur. It could be a wild ride, but for now, the plummet at the pump shall continue." GasBuddy data is compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

Congratulations to Friona FFA Chapter Vice President Dieter Ally. He was one of the winners of the Work Ethic essay contest. The group will get a chance to meet Mike Rowe at the 94th Texas FFA State Convention this week in Fort Worth.

# Work Ethic ESSAY CONTEST

SAMANTA CARLSON, BRIDGELAND FFA JULIANA HOVER, JAMES MADISON FFA MEGAN WATSON, NORTH ZULCH FFA SUMMER BOWMAN, WHITEFACE FFA CARSON DUGGAR, VALLEY VIEW FFA SHAYLA MADER, STEPHENVILLE FFA ADAM CAMPBELL, PRINCETON FFA ISABEL RESTO, FRIENDSWOOD FFA TREVOR RACHALL, BECKVILLE FFA AIMOREE STEVENS, BORGER FFA HAYLEE FINLEY LAMPASAS FFA JAYCI NICEKLS, FARWELL FFA CLAIRE PAVLU, WEIMAR FFA ADDIE CARLSON, VEGA FFA DIETER ALLY, FRIONA FFA

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## **A Battle Won**

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

Last month was a monumental month in our country as the United States Supreme Court ruled to strike down previous court decisions in Rov v Wade and Planned Parenthood v Casey that legalized abortion across our entire country. The decision from the Dobbs v Jackson case that overturned the legalization and the federalization of the abortion industry is a key battle victory in the cause to protect unborn babies from being murdered in their mother's womb, but the war is definitely not over. In fact, the Supreme Court decision now returns the abortion issue to be handled by each state as they see fit and right. In conservative states, this is good news because abortion will become banned, but in many liberal states the opportunities for aborting unborn babies will sadly abound. The Supreme Court decision is a huge battle victory, but the war is far from over.

In light of the Supreme Court ruling, believers must continue to stand for truth, champion all life from conception to natural death, and stay active

and informed in this area. The abortion issue is a big issue, because it is a clear issue scripturally. The 10 Commandments in Exodus 20 state clearly "Do not murder," and abortion is the murder of the most defenseless and helpless individuals among us. Psalm 139:13-15 says, "For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth." The beauty of this passage magnifies the Lord's work in creating and forming human life inside a mother's womb. An unborn baby is 100% a person, and their life matters to God and matters to believers. Therefore, we must continue to champion the sanctity of life, as well as minister to unwed mothers, or mothers with unexpected pregnancies who are in need of help and direction to carry their babies, and help them be the mom that God intends them to be.

## **Turning to God**

#### **By Teena Hughs**

Have you ever had negative feelings about yourself when you really haven't done anything wrong? Well, it happened to me this evening!

I was the substitute leader for our Tuesday evening Bible study. We were nearly to the end of class when the leader and her husband walked in. One of the class members told them they had missed out on a wonderful lesson. The regular leader said a few things that made me feel like she had to contribute to the lesson, because she is the leader! For some reason, I felt like a teacher who was being observed for my teaching practices, and I just wanted to get the class over as quickly as possible.

left class. I don't feel that way very often, but I do not like it when I do!

When I got home, I looked up Scriptures that deal with feeling like a failure. Reading Scriptures like Psalm 73:26, "My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever." and Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster to give you a future and hope." calmed me down and changed my attitude. I had a peace that helped me get over my feelings of being inadequate and a failure. I also started thinking about the blessings God has given me: my grandson; Will and Lauren and their relationship; the rain we received Sunday afternoon; and, I was so happy that with all we have had going on here with a family reunion, God helped me stay caught up with my daily Bible readings, and I was prepared for class tonight!

I knew my feelings of failure and inadequacy weren't from God. God doesn't want us feeling like a failure when we have made an honest effort, when we have done our best, even when things don't turn out like we think they should.

For once, while feeling badly about myself, I looked for ways to get past it as quickly as I could. I looked to the One who knows everything about me. Even when I felt like a failure for no reason, He understood and helped me. He truly is a loving, caring God, and for that, I am most thankful!!! Send your church news to the

*Friona* **★***Star* 

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# Area Church Directory

#### Friona

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH 15<sup>th</sup> & Cleveland • 806-250-3000 Pastor D.J. Lewis Sunday School 9:30 • Worship 10:45 Wed @ 6:00 p.m. • Like us on facebook

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. David McGaughy

Email-<u>frionoaum@wtrt.net</u> Website-www.frionaumc.com

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

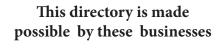
**TEMPLO BAUTISTA DAMASCO** 403 Woodland • 806-250-3472 Pastor William Tapias

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

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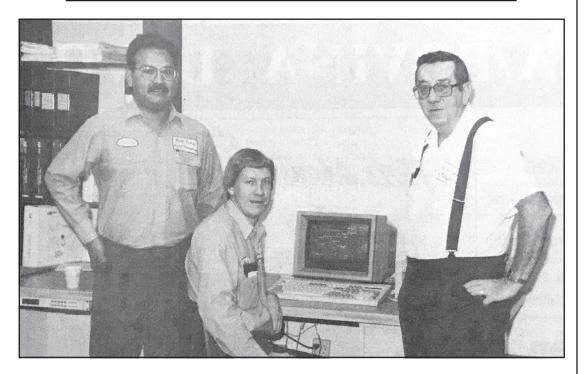
I cannot tell you why, but I felt like a complete failure when Feller and I







From the Friona Star Archives



FOREMAN NAMED....Keith Hacker, center, is the new central office foreman for West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative, which serves customers in Deaf Smith, Castro, and Parmer Counties. Hacker assumes the position from Dan Dotson, right, who retired from the cooperative at the end of June, after serving as central office foreman since 1985. Johnny Flores, left, continues to serve as a central office technician with WTRT. (Friona Star, Saturday, July 11, 1992)

## **FHS Cheerleaders to host camp**

Friona High School Cheerleaders will host a "Littles Cheer Camp" July 25th– 27th for ages 4 through 6th graders at the High School Activity Center from 8:00-10:00 a.m. each day. Registration form available at Friona High School.



2022-23 FHS Cheerleaders & Mascot (l-r); Makayla Ramos, Amy Montana, Mercedes Espinoza, Anaesha Carranza, Jaquelyne Salinas, Yaselene Faudoa, Leslie Ortiz, Stephanie Cruz, Reese Steelman, Yeslie Faudoa, and Yvonne Legarreta.

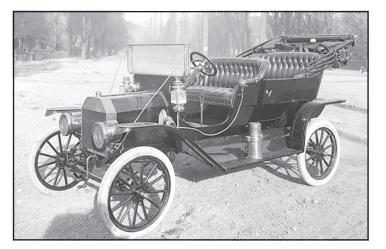
#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

# The Open Road

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith

These days, a gallon of gas costs \$5.00 or more, but for Ernst Pfenninga dentist from Chicago, IL-the price was just a few pennies. On July 15, 1903, he became the first person to purchase an automobile from the Ford Motor Company. According to History. com, it was "an \$850 two-cylinder Model A automobile with a tonneau (or backseat). The car, produced at Ford's plant on Mack Street (now Mack Avenue) in Detroit, [and] was delivered to Dr. Pfenning just over a week later.

"Designed primarily by Ford's assistant C. Harold Wills, the Model A could accommodate two people side-by-side on a bench; it had no top, and was painted red. The car's biggest



selling point was its engine, which at two cylinders and eight-horsepower was the most powerful to be found in a passenger car. It had relatively simple controls, including two forward gears that the driver operated with a foot pedal, and could reach speeds of up to 30 miles per hour (comparable to the car's biggest competition at the time, the curved-dash

Oldsmobile)."

For more information about America's early automobiles, the Grateful American Book Prize recommends *The Life of the Automobile: The Complete History of the Motor Car* by Steven Parissien.

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

## **Koenig announces retirement**

After 44 years of service to Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative, Manager of Engineering Services Jerry Koenig has announced his retirement.

"I don't have any grandiose plans – just do some traveling to see family and work on the family farm some," Koenig said.

When asked what he is going to miss most about the co-op, he said "besides the free coffee?"

Koenig went on to say that he would miss the camaraderie among the



spirit of being a part of a group at DSEC and working with other coops," he said.

Other things on his agenda include helping with church activities and spending time with his wife, Brenda, and their grandkids, all Koenig said.

President and General Manager of DSEC, Tim Burkhalter, said "The coop will miss his knowledge and experience because that is hard to replace," Burkhalter said. "But we are also excited for him and wish him the best in retirement."

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative is a distribution cooperative with headquarters in Hereford, serving portions of Castro, Deaf Smith, Oldham and Parmer counties on the high plains. Founded in 1937, the service area includes about 4,652 miles of line and over 2,600 members.

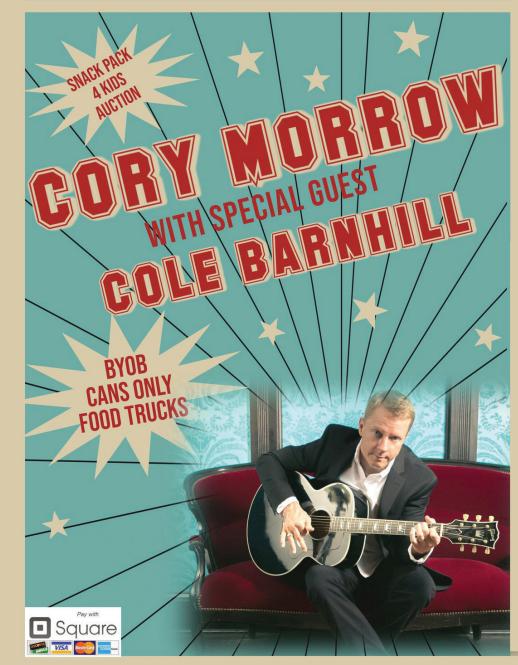
#### CITY OF FRIONA TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

The City of Friona is giving notice of the City's intent to submit a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) grant application for a Texas Fire, Ambulance and Services Truck (FAST) Fund grant request of \$750,000 for the purchase of one (1) engine and one (1) pumper (fire apparatus) in the City of Friona. The application is available for review at the City Office during regular business hours. Para obtener una copia en espanol, comuniquese con Rosa Mendez al (806) 250-2761.

staff and the feeling like he was doing something important for the members each and every day. "I really feel the co-op

of whom live nearby. He would also like to possibly take a Hawaiian Islands cruise. "I want to enjoy whatever we do,"





#### GATES OPEN 7:30 PM / MUSIC STARTS 9:00 PM TX TIME/ ADVANCE TICKETS \$25 / Day of show \$35 /for tickets and more info visit: www.alposbarn.com





Come by and pick up an application today!

#### **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.

## **Part-Time Help Needed**

Part-Time Help needed at Friona Senior Citizens Center. Contact Susan Gonzales at 806-344-6333 (cell phone) or, on Mondays and Thursdays, call 806-250-3645 or go to 1410 Washington St. in Friona.



**Allsup's East** 

Allsup's West

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**\*\*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 insurance, paid time off and sign-on bonuses for those that qualify! Interested? Come by and see us at 201 East 15th St. today!

> **CHS Inc. - Friona** *Hiring Operations Position* Search CHS Careers online to apply or call 806-250-3570

## Covid-19 Vaccines!!!

Please help in keeping COVID-19 at bay here in Parmer County. Pfizer, Pediatric Pfizer, and Moderna Vaccines are all available. First, Second, and Boosters available at vaccine clinics. Vaccine boosters for children 5-11 years of age now available and approved by CDC and FDA. If you have any questions, please call our COVID vaccine hotlines at (806) 240-1562 for English or (806) 240-1761 for Spanish.

**Clinics Schedule:** Thursday July 28th at the 6th Street Church of Christ in Friona. Friday July 8th in Bovina at the XIT building. No appointment times are necessary and walk-ins are accepted. Times for all clinics are from 1:00pm to 4:30pm.



3/2/2 Brick in Western Addition w/central heat & air, storage building, fenced backyard, sprinkler system

### **FRIONA**

**NEW: 3/1 + 1 unfinished bath Country Brick Home** w/cent. h&a, detached garage, den, cedar closets, lots of storage, finished basement, approx. 11 fenced acres, barn......\$495,000

3/2/2 Brick w/cent. h&a, wood-burning stove, f&b sprinkler system, fenced backyard, close to HS, additional metal fenced lot ......\$174,500

**3/1 Stucco Country Home on Highway** w/metal roof, approx. 8 acres, storage container, carport, fenced yard.....**Cont Pend** 

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3/3.5/2	<b>Two-Story</b>	Brick	w/cent.	h&a,	fireplace,
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## Obituaries

Memorial services for

Anna Jo Blackburn, 93,

of Friona Texas, will be

held on Tuesday, July 19th 2022 at 2:00 pm at

the 6th Street Church

of Christ in Friona.

Jeff Procter and Hal D.

Blackburn will officiate.

Burial will follow at the

Lazbuddie Cemetery,

with arrangements by

Hansard Family Funer-

al Home. Mrs. Black-

burn passed away on

July the 12th at Prairie

She was born on Sep-

tember 24th, 1928, on

the family farm near

Lazbuddie, to William Joseph and Arma Eu-

nice (Plant) Coffman.

Upon graduating from

Muleshoe High School

in 1945, she moved to

Amarillo, Texas and

later graduated from

Amarillo School of Cos-

metology. She operated

her own beauty shop on

Main St. in Friona for 10

Anna Jo married Dean

Blackburn on June 6th 1948. They enjoyed 44

years of marriage. Dean

passed away on April 19

Anna Jo was faithful and active member of

vears.

1992.

Acres Nursing Home.



#### **Cruz Perez Gonzales**

Cruz Perez Gonzales, 93, of Friona, Texas went home with our Lord surrounded with her family on July 1, 2022.

Rosary was said at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 7, 2022, at St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Friona, Texas. Mass followed at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 7, 2022, at St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Friona, Texas.

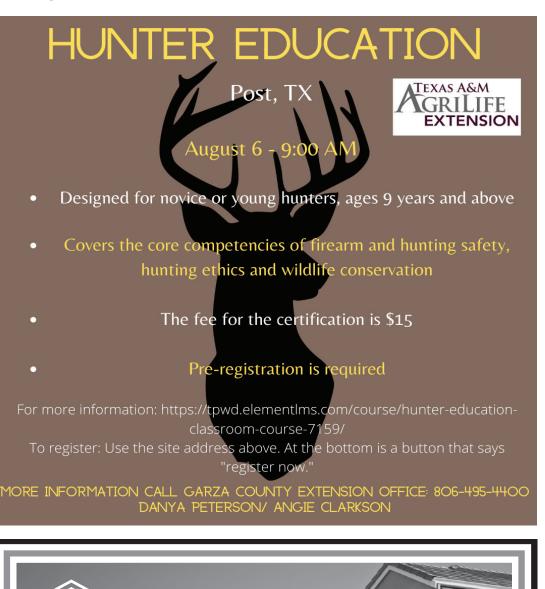
Cruz was born in Malakoff, Texas, Henderson County, on September 14, 1928, to Feliz Lopez Perez and Isabel Sanches Rodriguez.



Cruz was a housewife, hard labor worker in fields, seamstress, and a wonderful mother and grandmother. Her children always came first before herself, she had seven children. She was preceded in death by her children, Pat Toscano, Daniel Gonzales, and Jimmy Gonzales.

Survivors include her children, Josie Gonzales Bauista (Lupe Bauista), Paul Gonzales Jr. (Susan Gonzales), Becky Gonzales Perkins, and Susie Gonzales Hudson (Jack Hudson); twenty-three grandchildren; twentyeight great-grandchildren; six great-greatgrandchildren.

Sign the online guestbook at www.boxwel lbrothers.com.



#### Anna Jo Blackburn



the 6th St. Church of Christ in Friona, Texas for 73 years. As a disciple and servant of Jesus Christ - she was an inspiration and a mentor to many - both far and near. Anna Jo delivered Meals on Wheels for 28 years and proudly wore the title of Friona's Avon Lady for 55 years. During her long career, Anna Jo received the 4 highest honors that Avon bestows on its representatives, including: Honor Society, President's Club, Spirit of Avon Award and Lifetime Achievement Award. She worked as a volunteer at Prairie Acres ever since the doors opened in 1976. She served as hairdresser, and also helped with

visitation and planning social events. Anna Jo happily and peacefully lived at Prairie Acres the last 2 years of her earthly life. She was honored as Friona's Woman of the Year in 2015.

Mrs. Blackburn was preceded in death by two sisters Oneida Allen and Minnie Glasscock; and three stepsisters, Marie Hinds, Esther McKillip and Cordelia Cochran. She was also preceded in death by six brothers, Harold William Coffman, Horace "Hob" Coffman, E.R. "Weedie" Coffman, T.E. Coffman, W.J. Coffman and Cliff Coffman.

She is survived by her son Hal and his wife Marvine of Boys Ranch, Texas and one grandchild, Jennifer Renae Blackburn of Plainview Texas. Anna Jo is also survived by a great host of nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be made to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, Lubbock Christian University Bible Department Scholarship Fund, and the Red River Family Encampment.



TEA releases STAAR results for grades 3-8

The Texas Education Agency has released the grade science, and 8th grade social studies.

Demographic center

• Texas has more Black residents than any other state.

• All urban core coun-



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For full details and to apply, visit TexasHomeownerAssistance.com

The Texas Homeowner Assistance Program is administered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. Providing false, incomplete, or inaccurate information on application forms or seeking duplicative benefits may result in up to 5 years of imprisonment and/or a fine of up to \$10,000 for each occurrence. Program limitations and eligibility requirements apply and not all households may be eligible. See TexasHomeownerAssistance.com for details. Funds are limited and may not be available by the time a household applies. 2022 State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness

Results for grades 3-8, which showed acrossthe-board improvements in all grades and subjects, with especially significant gains in reading.

The spring results include exams in mathematics and reading for grades 3–8, 5th and 8th

#### analyzes state census results

The U.S. Census Bureau has released its 2021 population estimates, and the Texas Demographic Center has crunched the numbers to determine:

• Texas is growing both older and more diverse. Median age increased to 35.4 years in 2021, up from 33.6 in 2010. ties in Texas, except for Travis County, lost non-Hispanic white population.

• The state has the thirdlargest Asian population in the country.

• Harris County has more Black residents than all other counties in the country except Cook County, which includes Chicago.

#### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that PARMER COUNTY SSA intends to destroy records of students who received special education services ending during the 2014-2015 school year. These records include only those located in the Parmer County SSA office located at 618 Main St., Friona, Texas. Records herein described include students receiving special education services in the following school districts: Bovina ISD, Farwell ISD, Friona ISD and Lazbuddie ISD. Legal parent/guardian or adult student with disabilities may request copies of these records by contacting Kimberly Rousser, Director of Special Education, at the PARMER COUNTY SSA office at 618 Main Street, Friona, Texas 79035, phone number (806) 250-3315 by July 29, 2022. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THESE RECORDS MAY BE NEEDED FOR SO-CIAL SECURITY PURPOSES.

#### AVISO

Se está avisando que EL CONDADO DE PARMER SSA tiene intención de destruir documentos de estudiantes que recibieron servicios de Educación Especial antes y durante el Año 20014-2015. Los únicos documentos que van a ser destruidos son los que están en la oficina de PARMER COUNTY SSA localizada en 618 Main Street, en Friona, Texas. Documentos en esta oficina son de estudiantes que recibieron servicio de los siguientes distritos: Bovina ISD, Farwell ISD, Friona ISD and Lazbuddie ISD. Padres/guardianes legales o estudiantes adultos con incapacidades fisicas/mentales pueden pedir copias de sus documentos. Pueden llamar o escribir a Kimberly Rousser, Directora de Educación Especial, en la oficina de PARMER COUNTY SSA, 618 Main Street, Friona Texas 79035, Número de teléfono es (806) 250-3315, antes del 29 de Julio del 2022. POR FAVOR RECUERDEN QUE ESTOS DOCUMENTOS PUEDEN SER NECESARIOS PARA EL SEGURO SOCIAL.

# Putting the "drama" in Summer Drama Workshop



**High School Cast** — Top row (l-r) Delynda Wium, J'Mae Fletcher, Angelica Reyes, Amy Montana, Nicholas Gutierrez, Karlee Osborn, Kamryn Riethmayer; Front row (l-r) Valeria Maulding, Breanna Rivera, Melody Upton, Yvonne Legarreta, Litzy Gonzales.





Friona Fine Arts Council's Summer Drama Workshop is back for its 53rd season. The two-week "boot camp" for actors, actresses, and directors began on July 5th and wraps up this week with performances on Friday and Saturday. Jamie Lewellen is the new SDW Coordinator and she invites everyone to come out and support the kids and enjoy the shows.

#### Junior High Performance Friday @ 7 p.m. at FHS Auditorium Directed by Joy Morton

*The Miser* — The Miser is a five-act comedy by Molière. The plot concerns the classic conflict of love and money. The miser Harpagon wishes his daughter Elise to marry a wealthy old man, Anselme, who will accept her without a dowry, but she loves the penniless Valère.

#### High School Performance Friday @ 8 p.m. at FHS Auditorium Directed by Louie Pacheco

*The Craving*— Screenwriter Terry Kyle Morris has just written his first screenplay, a heartwarming emotional journey. His dreams are answered when a big Hollywood studio decides to produce it, but the dream turns into a nightmare as they transform his beautiful script into a zombie slasher flick.

#### Elementary Performance Saturday @ 6 p.m. at FHS Auditorium Directed by Holly & Brooklynne Johnston

*Twinderella* — Did you know that Cinderella has a long lost twin brother named Bob living in the same kingdom with his own wicked stepfamily? The separated siblings have enlisted the services of the Fairy Godmother, the Godfather (he ain't no fairy!), and two enchanted gerbils to help wile their way into the exclusive royal festivities of Wychwood-under-Ooze. Bob has his sights set on Prince Percy's all-kingdom baseball game, while Cinderella eyes the birthday gala for Princess Petunia. When the two strangers disappear at midnight after Cinderella hits a gamewinning homerun, the search is on to find the feet that fit the glass slipper and the muddy cleat!

**Junior High Cast** — Top row (l-r) Lillian Cramer, Grayson Gutierrez, Max Moroney, Knoxon Procter, Aydan Pena; Front row (l-r) Audrie Field, Ashley Rivera, Aubree Salas, Shelby Lewellen, Anna Butler, Sophie Lewellen. Not pictured: Presley Procter.



**Elementary Cast** — Top row (l-r) Grayson Gutierrez, Presley Procter, Lillian Cramer, Knoxon Procter, Sophie Lewellen, Aydan Pena, Anna Butler, Matthew Riethmayer, Nicholas Gutierrez, Jayleigh Contreras; Second row (l-r) Ruby Moroney, Max Moroney, Christian Reyes, Jace Polk, Asher Sciumbato, Owen Daniels, Caetlie Field, Paisley Osborn, Charlotte Johnston, Katiyah Perez, Kyleigh Juarez, Amy Montana, Kayleigh Juarez; Third row (l-r) Abraham Reyes, Piper Schlabs, Emma Morgan, Jocelyn Polk, Amelia Cramer, Scout Schlabs, Jayden Morgan, Shelby Lewellen; Fourth row (l-r) Bryson Morgan, Pedro Reyes, Demri Rackley, Lauren Pacheco, Reese Johnston, Vida Pacheco.



SDW Coordinator Jamie Lewellen, High School Director Louie Pacheco, and the Junior High Director Joy Morton.



Elementary Directors Holly & Brooklynne Johnston

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