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One of the many projects that the City of Friona has underway is Buena Tierra. Phase 1 of the housing project is progressing and will consist of one 3-bedroom home and two 4-bedroom homes. This

first phase is scheduled to be completed by August 13th. Other projects on deck include community

center renovation, street lights on main, demolition of 4-Way Pump building and adding new busi-

nesses on the property, daycare center renovation, fire station remodeling, and more on the horizon.

\$1.00

Thursday, June 15, 2023 **Friona Blood Drive Calvary Baptist Church**

Fellowship Hall 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Parmer County burn ban lifted

Parmer County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, June 12th, 2023 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.

A public hearing on vote centers in Parmer County was held and 14 individuals spoke in favor of having 4 polling locations that any Parmer County voter could utilize.

Commissioners voted to lift the burn ban. Most of the county is very green due to the abundant rains received during the past 4-5 weeks. Precipitation maps show that nearly all of Parmer County received at least 10 inches of rain. The lifting of the ban will be in effect for ninety days.

date on recent legislative activity. Commissioners approved a resolution supporting inclusion in the Texas CountyWide Polling Place Program.

Sealed bids were opened and First Bank Trust of Lubbock was awarded the banking depository contract with Parmer County.

Sheriff Geske reported to the Court that the Parmer County Law Enforcement Center is currently housing 33 inmates of which 14 are paying customers from Dawson County.

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approved.

There were no public

comments. The Minutes

of the May 8, 2023 regular

meeting were reviewed

and approved. The Min-

utes of the special called

meeting on May 25th

and May 30th were also

Marie Samarron was

sworn in by Mayor Greg

Lewellen as the new

Municipal Court Judge.

Available records show

In other business, the yearly salary contribution agreement with Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Services was renewed. A budget amendment for Precinct 3 was approved. The biennial interlocal agreement for E9-1-1 and PSAP Equipment was approved. A water line under a coun-

The Friona City Counager Lee Davila to solicit bids for the Friona Comcil met in regular session on Monday May 8, 2023 munity Center Bathroom at 6:30 p.m. in the City Remodel Project. Plans Council Chambers at 617 are to include showers Main in Friona, Texas. in the remodel in order The meeting began with to obtain Red Cross aproll call, an invocation, proval to use the building and the Pledge of Alleas an emergency shelter.

A motion was approved authorizing City Manager Lee Davila to solicit bids for a Street Construction Project for 8th Street between Grand Ave. and Ashland Ave.

storefront Business grant applications were approved for Pam's Kitchen, Chuck's Barbershop, Gems Salon, Dale Hart Rentals, Parmer County Museum, and A-1 Service Center. The grant program, to encourage owners to update their business appearance, is implemented by the Friona Economic Development Corporation (FEDC). Council members Bruce Fleming and Esmeralda Mills recused themselves from the vote.



Mayor Greg Lewellen swore in Marie Samarron as the new Municipal Court Judge at the city council meeting last Monday evening.

building at no cost was approved. The City of Friona will then be responsible for removing the concrete pad.

ity would encompass the entire city block currently shared with Kendrick Oil Company and one dwelling.

A Road Use, Repair, Improvement and Agreement with Lazbuddie Wind Energy LLC was approved. The Lazbuddie 1 Wind Project is scheduled to begin in December.

In response to Governor Abbott's disaster declaration for Parmer County due to recent flooding, Commissioners passed the necessary motions to be considered for any possible reimbursement. There is a \$48,000 threshold or deductible amount.

County Clerk Susie Spring provided an upty road in Precinct 3 was approved.

There were no comments from the public during the open forum. Minutes from the May 22nd 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. The next regular meeting is Monday, June 26th.

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

that Judge Samarron is the 7th person to serve as municipal judge for the City of Friona. Judge Deborah Campbell had served for the previous 14 years. Previous judges were Donice Jones, Eddie Mays, Nelda Ellis, JoAnn Mills, and Thelma "Granny" Jones.

A&S General Contractors of Amarillo were awarded a \$451,898 contract (including alternatives 1,2, and 3) for the construction of the Friona Community Park Redevelopment Project. A motion was approved authorizing City Man-

All Together Now

Sirena Del Rio (left) and Kim Lehman (right) entertained kids with stories, music, and dance at the first two summer reading programs sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

An agreement with West Texas Protein to remove the 4-Way Pump

A motion was approved to direct publication of a Notice of Intention to issue combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation in an amount not to exceed \$3.5 million. The funds would used for Fire Station Improvement Projects. The Certificates of Obligation tabled. would be on a 20-year amortization schedule. A remodeled Fire Sta-

In other business, the accounts payable for May 2023 were approved as well as the financial statement for May 2023. Consideration of an agreement with NetData regarding a new data management system for the municipal court was

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Community Calendar

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

June 15

 Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center • Friona Community Blood Drive at Calvary Baptist Fellowship Hall from 2-7 p.m.

June 18

• Father's Day

June 19

• Juneteenth Holiday

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

June 21

• Summer Reading Program at 10:00 a.m. at the Friona Public Library • Library Book Shop at 618 Euclid is open from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

June 22

 Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

June 26

 Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

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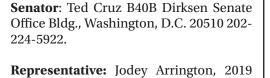
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Mayor's Minutes

I want to start my article this month by recognizing Clint Mears, our editor of the Friona Star. Clint was honored a few weeks ago at a luncheon with the Coffee Memorial Blood Center for his work over the years in coordinating our local blood drives through the Friona Lions Club. There is a critical shortage of blood supply currently, and I would encourage everyone that is able to come out today to Calvary Baptist Church until 7 p.m. to donate.

The city council recently appointed Marie Samarron as the Municipal Court Judge to fill the spot vacated by retiring Judge Deborah Campbell. We look forward to working with Mrs. Samarron over the coming years. She had strong competition from three other candidates, and I want to thank all of those that applied for the position. The Municipal Court Judge and the City Manager are the two city positions that are directly appointed by the council, and report directly to the council in all matters according to our city charter.

The city council approved several items on Monday's agenda, including funding for the renovation of the Fire Department. The current building was built around 1970 and is the last major city building in need of extensive renovation. The current building will be renovated and expanded to accommodate the larger modern fire vehicles, provide a regional training center and a centralized command center for emergency response for the area. The fire department currently responds to calls across the county as some of the smaller departments in the area lose volunteers and need continual assistance.

In continuing the review of the city budget, the Fire Department budget for the current fiscal year that ends September 30th is \$80,015, or 2% of the overall city budget. The majority of their funding is used for equipment and maintenance, given that the firemen are all volunteer. Our current Fire Chief is Gary Stowers, with Danny Campbell serving as assistant chief with a volunteer force

of 28 people. The fire department has yearly fundraising events to help with some expenses, and I encourage everyone to find a fireman,

thank them for their volunteer service, and buy a raffle ticket for the mower they are giving away at Maize Days this year.

City of Friona

By Greg Lewellen

By the Numbers May 2023 **Public Library** 20 days open 325 e-visits 701 in-house visits 40 new patrons 343 items circulated 98 new items added Book Shop open 7 times \$76.41 in sales **Police Department** 126 calls 6 arrests 25 citations 55 warnings 80 stops 2,270 miles driven **EMS** 9 transports (911) 4 Prairie Acres (911) 27 transfers 8 non-transports (911) 2 no patient or disregard 0 standby 50 total service calls **Volunteer Fire Department**

May 19 Helium Leak sent 2 trucks, 7 firefighters May 21 Controlled Burn sent 0 trucks, 4 firefighters May 24 Weather Watch sent 4 trucks, 12 firefighters May 25 Controlled burn sent 3 trucks, 7 firefighters

May 26 Wreck sent 2 trucks, 7 firefighters May 26 Stranded Vehicle sent 4 trucks, 11 firefighters May 29 Wreck sent 0 trucks, 5 firefighters





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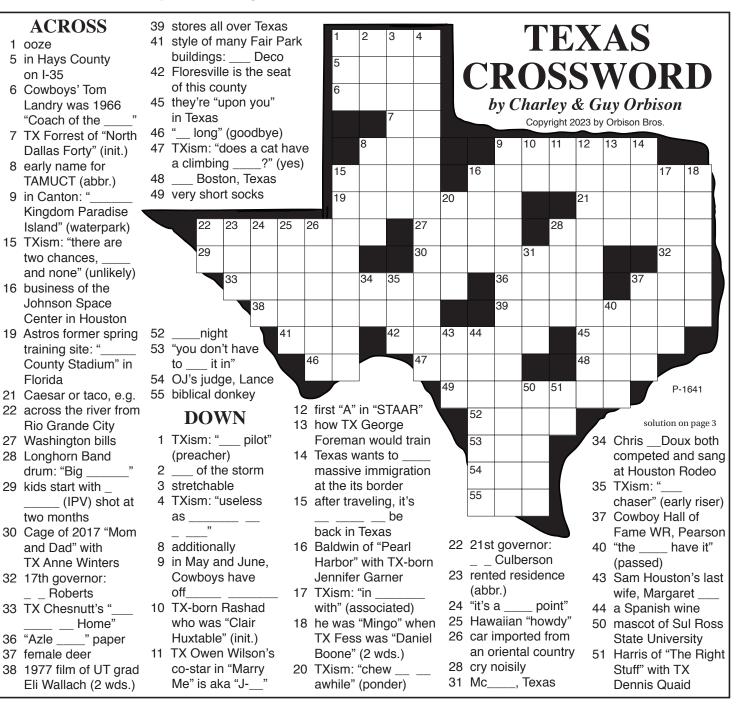
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Friends and family packed the City Council chambers Monday evening as Marie Samarron took the oath of office as the new Municipal Court Judge.

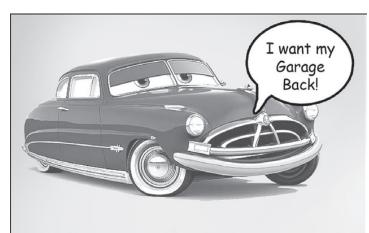


COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from June 1, 2023 to June 8, 2023

(6/2/23) Charles Wilkins, Rhonda Wilkins — Billy Rucker, Sherry Rucker — A Tract of Land in the Northeast Quarter of Section 8, Block E, Capitol Syndicate Subdivision, Parmer County, Texas

(6/7/23) Iris Anahi Saucedo — Thomas Garcia — North 5' of Lot 7 and All of Lot 8, Block 6, Staley Addition Unit No. 1 and Lot 2, Block 13, Staley Addition Unit No. 2, City of Friona, Parmer County, Texas



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Carnival in Town — Garry Moore Amusements arrived in town on Tuesday and began setting up rides in the Community Center parking lot. The carnival is scheduled to open on Wednesday, June 14th and ride through Sunday, June 18th. If there is a good turnout, a spokesperson said they could stay in Friona an extra few days.

★★★ The Last to Know —

Juneteenth is the holiday commemorating the end of slavery in the United States. It commemorates June 19, 1865, the day Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston with an announcement. As the community listened to the reading of General Orders, Number 3, the people of Galveston learned for the first time that the Civil War was over. After more than a century of slavery and years of war, it was official. All slaves were now freedmen. The name "Juneteenth"

references the date of the holiday, combining the words "June" and "nineteenth." In June 2021, the U.S. Congress passed legislation making Juneteenth a federal holiday. President Joseph Biden signed the legislation into law on June 18, 2021, declaring Juneteenth National Independence Day.

Shake it up! — National Vanilla Milkshake Day celebrates the cold beverage made with vanilla ice cream, vanilla, and milk. However, this frosty drink didn't begin with those three ingredients. In 1885, the term "milkshake" showed up in print for the first time and was a concoction of cream, eggs, and whiskey which was often served with other alcoholic tonics such as lemonades and soda waters. By 1900, a milkshake also referred to "wholesome drinks made with chocolate, strawberry or vanilla syrups." but ice cream was still nowhere to

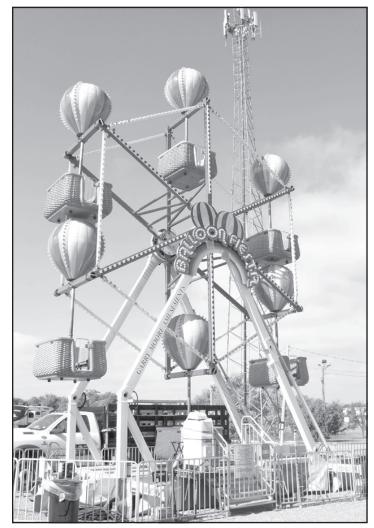
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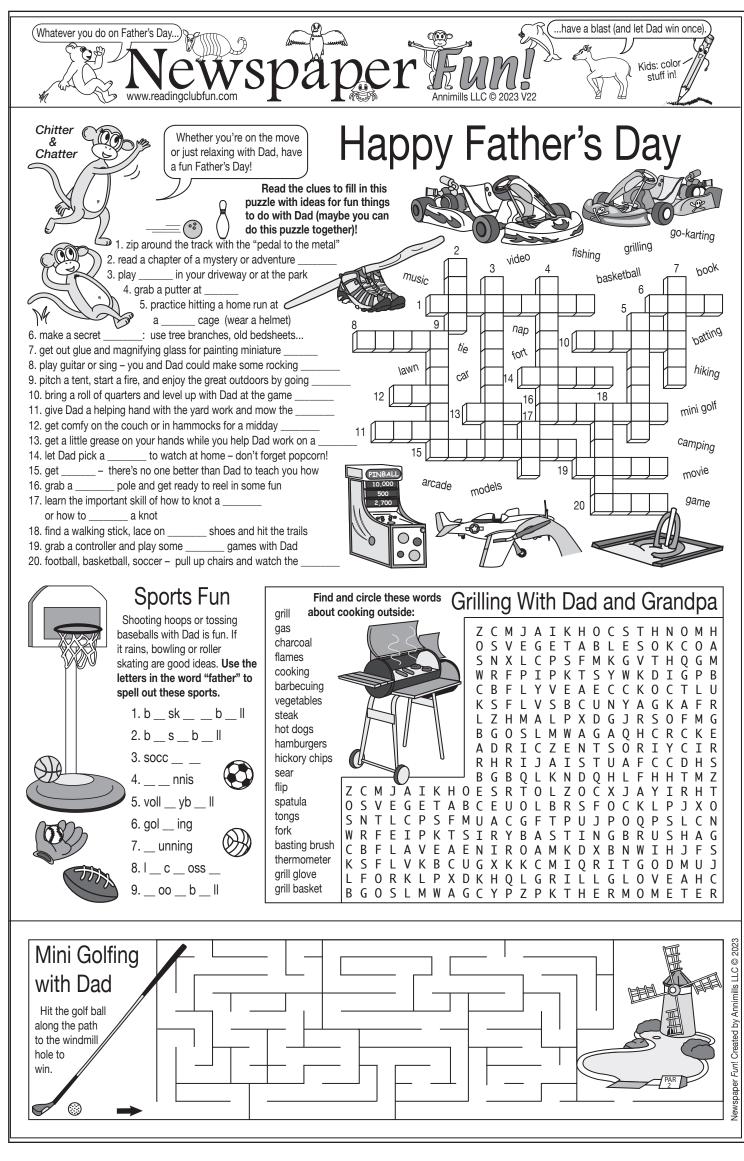
TOWN TALK

be found. A few years later people began asking for this new treat to be served with a scoop of ice cream. By the 1930s, malt shops were serving milkshakes all over the United States.

National Days

June 15 — Smile Power Day June 16 — Fudge Day June 17 — Mascot Day June 18 — Father's Day June 19 — Juneteenth June 20 — Vanilla Milkshake Day June 21 — Summer Begins





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June 19

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Chris Hunt

Ian Martinez

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June 21

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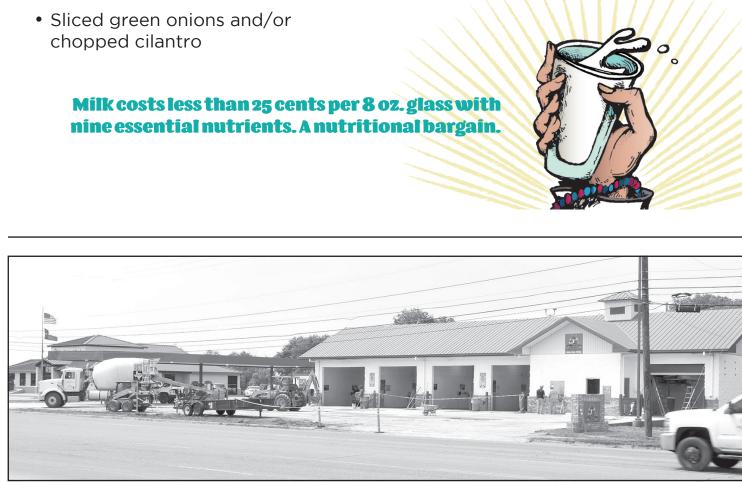
BY WOLF LEGENDAIRY

INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups (16 ounces) sour cream
- 2 ($10^{3}/_{4}$ -ounce) cans cream of chicken soup
- 2 (4-ounce) cans diced green chiles
- 4 cups cooked cubed chicken
- 10 medium flour tortillas
- 4 cups shredded Colby-Jack cheese
- chopped cilantro

INSTRUCTIONS

In a large bowl, combine sour cream, soup and chiles. Spray 9x13-inch baking dish with cooking spray. Spread $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sauce in dish. Stir chicken into remaining sauce. Fill tortilla with about 3/4 cup of chicken mixture. Add sprinkle of cheese. Wrap and place in dish. Continue with remaining tortillas. Cover enchiladas with remainder of cheese. Cover loosely with foil; bake for 30 minutes at 350°F. Remove foil and bake 15 minutes more. Garnish with green onions or cilantro.



Happy Birthday

June 15 Patty Haile Lynn Hutson Tonya (Potts) Harmon Shannon Hurst Karigan Tongate **Rosa Macias** John Everett

June 16 Genevia Braillif Carter Lewellen **Chevenne Widner Glen Schueler** Malina Williams Jessica McClure Peace

> June 17 Danny Hand Johnny Spring Kirby Frye Oscar Schlenker Trudi Johnson

June 18 Nita Clark Kayla Vaught Shauna (Stokes) Jackson **Casey Sims Randy Chavez Isabel Salinas**



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Diesel prices drift lower

By GasBuddy

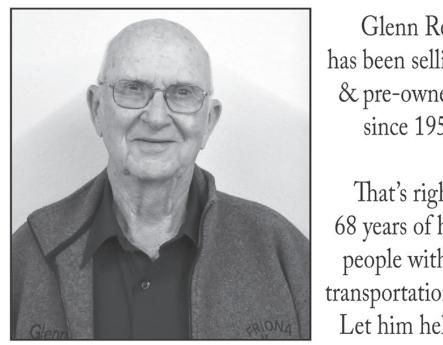
Average gasoline prices in Texas have rose 8.9 cents last week, averaging \$3.13 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. According to Gas-Buddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas was priced at \$2.19 while the most expensive was \$4.17 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 5.6 cents in the last week, averaging \$3.57 per gallon. The national average price of diesel has fallen 1.6 cents in the last week and stands at \$3.87 per gallon. "We've seen some hefty gas price increases in several states in the Great Lakes and also in Florida. These areas saw prices jump up in line with behaviors that see such jumps every couple of weeks. Exacerbating these routine jumps was government data that showed the third straight week with U.S.

gasoline demand over the critical 9 million barrel per day mark, putting upward pressure on average prices in other areas as well," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

"With the Fed meeting this week to potentially alter interest rates again, we could see some turbulence in oil markets, potentially impacting states where gas prices were quiet this week, while the states that saw a big jump last week could see some moderate relief in the week ahead. The good news has continued for average diesel prices, which again fell last week to their lowest since early 2022, helping to relieve some pressure on hardhit consumers of diesel," De Haan added. GasBuddy data is compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

Friona will be next grime scene - Scott Hicks and Jason Blacklock have purchased the Soapy Springs car wash and plans are to reopen the facility under the new moniker "Grime Scene" in 2-3 weeks. Renovations are currently underway and will feature a new automatic vehicle wash experience. Friona is the 6th car wash that the entrepreneurs have opened in the past 5 years. Muleshoe became the first Grime Scene location in 2019. Since then, locations in Littlefield, Canyon, Levelland, and Slaton have been added to the grime family. Some of the locations were renovations of previous buildings and the others involved all new construction.



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Batteries Required

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Have you ever purchased something that was a wonderful trinket or electronic gadget that required batteries? The wonders of such a device are dependent upon a power source that allows you to enjoy the benefits the device brings. In a similar way, God's blessings often have requirements for you to partake of them as He intends. For example, to partake of eternal life that God gives, you must have saving faith in Jesus Christ. To have a marriage that is blessed by God, you must actually get married, not shack up and convince yourself you're married.

In Deuteronomy the Israelites history reminds us that many of God's blessings have a requirement of obedience. In Deuteronomy 2 the Israelites are marching closer to the promised land after their wilderness wanderings, but they are reminded that to experience God's blessings, obedience is required. After passing peacefully through Edom, Moab and Ammon they sought to pass through the land of King Sihon of Heshbon, but this pagan king would not allow it. Therefore,

God gave them this land (Dt 2:31), but for the Israelites to receive this land they would have to go to battle for it. This is exactly what they did, and the Lord gave them tremendous victory as they marched forth in obedience. If they would have shrunk back in fear, as did their fathers, they would not have received the blessing of the land, but they did go forth in obedience and received the land God gave them.

As Christians, God wants you to live out an abundant life filled with His blessings, but you must live in obedience to enjoy them. That's why Jesus said in Matthew 6:33 that we must "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness," and in Luke 11:28 he said "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!" When you are saved, you aren't going to be perfect, but your aim is to love the Lord with all that you are, which shows in faithfulness and obedience to him. This is the life of dying daily to self and faithfully obeying the Lord's word as you draw nearer to the Lord and live life pleasing to Him.

Panhandle Parables

D.A.D.

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

What is in a name? There are many names used to call someone a father. Fathers in many cases are increasingly rare. It is not that there are less fathers in our world, just less present in the lives of their children. Masculinity in our culture has come under attack and many men have stepped out of the game and on to the sidelines. That being said, there are also many men who would love to be the father of their children, but circumstances thwart that opportunity.

So keep these men in your prayers: Those who can be dad to their children, to do so well. Those who do not desire that responsibility, for their hearts to change. For those who have been denied the privilege give them peace and opportunity.

That dedication provides emotional, physical and spiritual stability, because dad is a constant not a variable. His devotion is expressed in his love, and that love comes from Father God himself.

A- A dad is aware. He is aware of the victories of his children, as well as their struggles. He is aware of what provokes them and what encourages them. He is aware because he is there. His awareness of his children's needs helps him equip them for the future.

D- A dad is a **doer**. He does what he says. His yes is yes and His no, no. His actions teach little boys how to treat a lady. His actions teach little girls what to look for in a husband. His actions often will speak for themselves, but sometimes words are necessary too and I love you should be at the top of the list. In just these three your kids will see God. God is dedicated to His kids, He is aware of our needs, and He keeps His promises. So be a D.A.D. and let them see God. Happy Father's Day.

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So what makes up a Dad?

D- A dad is one whose dedication and devotion is not merely a paycheck and pat on the head. They are part of the lives of their children and their wife.

Ultimately, God is Still in Control

By Teena Hughs

The last two and a half weeks have been wonderful and a huge blessing!!! We got to see our Olen Mack, and I discovered that nothing in this world is better than hugs from a precious grandchild!!!

We attended a fundraiser for the Ranching Heritage Museum; you can't beat Cagle steaks and dancing outdoors to Jake Hooker. Lightning and thunder took the activities indoors about 9:00, and we decided to leave. It was raining in the west, and a full moon was shining in the east. Only God can do that!

We worshipped with friends in Lubbock Sunday morning; attended a surprise 50th anniversary party for friends in Muleshoe; and, I attended a celebration of life service for a friend in Clovis.

I was supposed to go to Camp New Dawn, but we couldn't get into Ceta Canyon due to high water. So, I went back to Lubbock. I was able to get some letters written that I wanted to get in the mail before camp. Monday morning, we got the all-clear to go to camp, where we had a GREAT week!!! I can't explain it, but every activity went smoothly, and every single skit on Thursday night was AWESOME!!! Feller and I aren't vacation people, but this was the BEST "vacation" I have ever had!!!

When I got in the car to leave camp, my radio was on Lubbock talk radio station KFYO. All that was being talked about were the latest indictments handed down on Donald Trump. Welcome back to the real world! I hadn't been gone from camp 15 minutes, and I wanted to go back to my "vacation" world where life was good, with great people, and God!

I still have a problem of balancing life: getting enough news to keep up with what is going on in the world, but not letting it consume my life. I have worked on it, but at times, I find myself watching and listening to the news more than I should. I listen to Steve Bannon from 9:00 - 11:00, but I use that time to write letters, so I don't hang on every word and get upset with what is going on in the world.

I have started changing the channel to re-runs of "Touched by an Angel", seeing stories of God at work. It is much better than re-hashing what I heard on Bannon's show!

Later in the day, I turn on Bannon at 4:00 and I watch Rob Schmidt's show at 6:00 on Newsmax. I just love Schmidt's sense of humor while reporting the news.

Anyway, I try not to get as absorbed by the news as I used to. I remember one time when Don Boren was visiting our church in Friona. Something was going on in the world that I thought was earthshattering, and everyone was supposed to care about it. I said something to Don about it, and he just shrugged it off. I wish I could remember exactly what he said, but it was something like he didn't have any control over it, so why waste your time being concerned about it.

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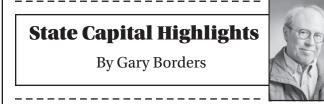
New members inducted into honor societies



New National Honor Society members (l-r) — Kitzy Welch, Alexis Soto, Angel Saucedo, Angelica Reyes, Vanessa Peneran, Sophia Leon, Azarel Gutierrez, Gisselle Dorame, Antonio Avila Cortes. Not in photo - Josiah Dominguez.



New National English Honor Society members (I-r) — Andres Pinon, Duvy Ortiz, Mercedes Espinoza, Yeslie Faudoa, Reece Stowers, Naara Saucedo, Yvonne Legarreta, Jacquelyn Falcon, Reagan Daniels, Jarrett White, Ellie Galaviz, Valeria Corralez, Isaac Olmos, Gabriella Castillo, Jonathan Gonzales, Michael Bautista, Jose Alvidrez, Emily Anderson, Dieter Ally. Not in photo - Amy Montana, Karlee Osborn



New \$321.3 billion budget sent to Abbott

Texas comptroller Glenn Hegar has certified that the recently passed \$321.3 billion, two-year state budget is balanced. The budget legislation is the only task required of lawmakers by the Texas Constitution, the Texas Tribune reported. That means Gov. Greg Abbott can now review the 1,115-page document and potentially veto certain items that do not meet his approval. The deadline to do so is June 18.

Abbott's line-item veto authority only applies to the state budget. The 2024-2025 budget allocates tax money toward tax cuts, broadband internet expansion, border security and raises for state employees, to name a few items. It does not provide increased pay for teachers. Although \$4 billion has been set aside to increase teacher salaries and public-school funding, that will occur only if the Legislature acts separately to create a private school voucher program. Legislation for that failed in the regular legislative session but likely will be considered again in a special session later this year.

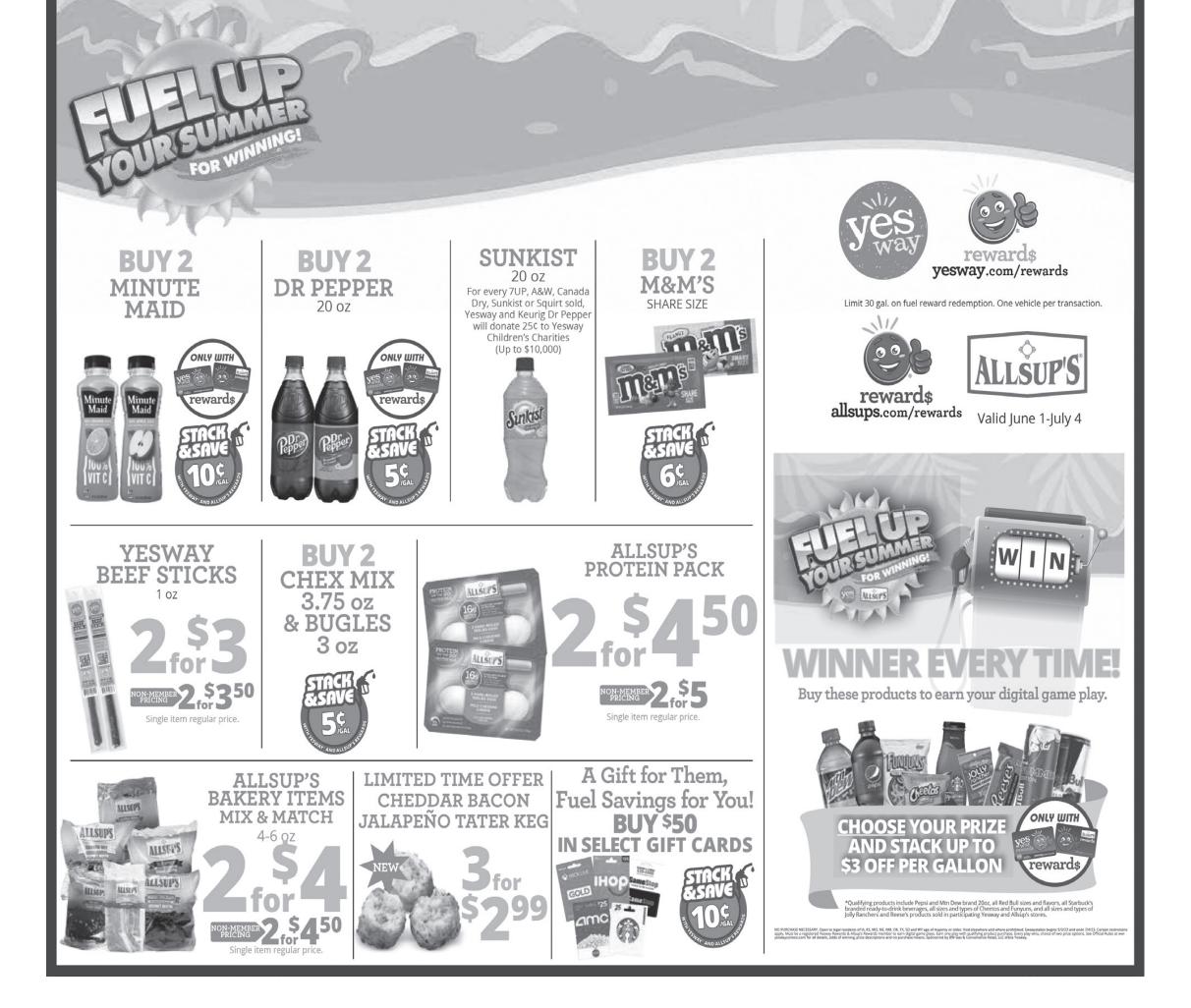
Jackson named interim chair of PUC

Kathleen Jackson, recently confirmed to the Public Utility of Commission by the Texas Senate, has been named interim chair by Abbott. That follows the resignation of chair Peter Lake, who will remain on the PUC until July 1. He joined the PUC in April 2021 in the wake of the major failure of the electric service after Winter Storm Uri the previous February.

"I'm honored and humbled by Governor Abbott's trust and confidence in me to lead the Public Utility Commission at this very important time for the agency and for Texas," Jackson said.

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.

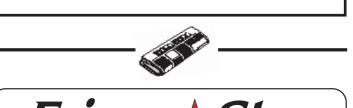




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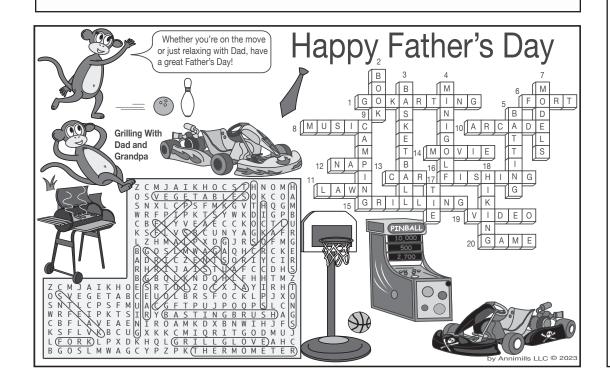
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Parmer County Commissioners Court is currently accepting sealed bids to Chip Seal and Re-Build Shoulder for one (1) mile of CR 19 and ½ mile of CR G in Parmer County. Bids must be brought or mailed to Isabel Carrasco, County Judge at 401 Third Street, Room 104, PO Box 506, Farwell, Texas 79325, to be received no later than 10:00 a.m., Friday, June 23, 2023. Bids will be considered Monday, June 26, 2023 during regular session of Commissioners Court. Please include an original and four copies in your sealed bid packet.

All questions concerning specific bid requirements please contact Kirk Frye, Commissioner, Precinct #1 at 806/265-7514.

The Parmer County Commissioners Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

By order of the Parmer County Commissioners Court, Isabel Carrasco, County Judge.



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Continued from page 5 There is so much truth in that, but I still think you need to stay aware of what is going on in the world so

By Teena Hughs

is going on in the world so you can pray and inform those in power of your opinions.

Ultimately, God is in control. That is why it is important to read and study His Word. It helps us know where He stands, and what He wants us to do. Nowhere in the Bible does it say we are to consume our days with the news, but we can pray for our communities, state, nation, and world, and then we can turn it all over to God, and let the only One who knows everything, handle it all!

Thankfully, I didn't let myself get bogged down by the news. I went to Canyon and had lunch with a friend; ran to Amarillo to run errands; and, at 6:00, I was in Denver City at a family reunion!!! I am back home catching up on life here and helping with Vacation Bible School at the Baptist Church in Barksdale! Tomorrow, I have lunch with some girls from my class, and Saturday is my junior college reunion. We live in turbulent times, but life is still good, and God is still in control!!!



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Jean Baize, his uncles

Bob Clark and Steve

Clark, his aunt Deborah

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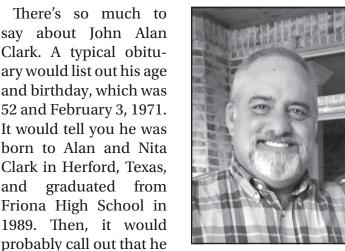
sister in law Tammy.



Obituaries



John Alan Clark



when he left this earth. He never met a stranger and would talk your ear off. He was blessed beyond measure to call Dorothy Faye Clark the love of his life for 30 years. He was the proud father of Brittney Clark, Jacob Clark, and Emily Peterson - and later adopted their spouses Nickey Clark and Alex Peterson into the fold. He cherished every rowdy second with his granddaughter Kami, who he called Kamilita-Chiquita-Chihuaua, and his grandson Kolt, who he called Booger Bear. Though husband, father, and pawpaw were his favorite names to be called on this earth, some also called him construction worker, real estate agent, firefighter, EMT, farmer, rancher, and the list goes on. But those who really knew him would have also called him "a stubborn pain in the ass."

It was only fitting that the hardest worker we knew would fight until the end and call it quits on Memorial Day as he was a proud Air Force veteran. He went out like a true dad, waiting for his son to join the rest of his family in holding him until the last second. We thank the Sweet Lord for every minute we got to spend with John, and we especially thank Brooke, Kim, Stuwart and the rest of Inhabit Hospice for truly taking care of him.

Our family held a celebration of life - "absolutely not a funeral" as John would have said - at 6 Yucca Circle, Canyon, Texas 79015 on Saturday, June 3, from 2 - 5 p.m. Please bring your favorite stories of John and warm hugs when you come.

Christiane "Christine" Putman

Christiane "Christine" Putman, 96 of Friona passed away June 8, 2023 in Friona. Inurnment in Friona Cemetery at a later date. Arrangements by HAN-SARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona. Christine was born December 2, 1926 in Rheims, France to Edward and Rene Tissuere. She later married Delbert Denton Putman on September 28, 1946. She loved cleaning houses, cooking,

Those to mourn her passing include 2 daughters-Shirley Wimberly of Clovis and Nancy Jackson of Friona, 3 grandchildren, 6 greatgrandchildren, and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

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

Freedom Fighter

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith

In a June 12, 1987 speech President Ronald Reagan dared the Soviet Union's president, Mikhail Gorbachev, to "tear down [the] wall" that had separated East and West Germany for more than a quarter of a century. Even with doubtful warnings from White House insiders, Reagan's daring leap crushed Communism in Russia and Europe. The wall came down and East Germany was finally liberated.

History.com explains that "In 1945, following Germany's defeat in World War II, the nation's capital, Berlin, was divided into four sections, with the Americans, British and French controlling the western region and the



Soviets gaining power in the eastern region. In May 1949, the three western sections came together as the Federal Republic of Germany (West Germany), with the German Democratic Republic (East Germany) being established in October of that same year. In 1952, the border between the two countries was closed and by the following year East Germans were prosecuted if they left their country without permission. In August 1961, the Berlin Wall was erected by the East German government to prevent its citizens from escaping to the West."

The Grateful American Book Prize proposes Ronald Reagan and the Fall of the Soviet **Empire** by Bret Baier and Catherine Whitney.

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

Three Chieftains to play in All-Star game

Heston Grimsley, Martin Godinez, and Caleb Geske have been selected to play in the Greater West Texas Baseball Coaches Association All-Star baseball game. All three were seniors this past year and helped lead the Chieftains to their first postseason appearance in seven years.

For the Blue Team, Geske is listed as a pitcher and Godinez will play shortstop. The coach is Blake Jackson of Ropes. On the Red Team, Heston Grimsley is listed as a pitcher and catcher.



Caleb Geske

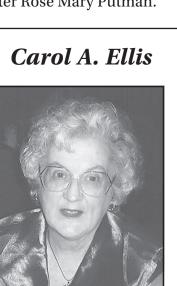




knitting and crocheting. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband Delbert, 2 sons- Jimmy and Daniel Putman, and 1 daughter Rose Mary Putman.

Church service for Carol A. Ellis, age 86, of Friona, Texas, is scheduled for 11:00 AM, Friday, June 16, 2023 at First Baptist Church in Friona with Brett Hoyle of Friona officiating. Burial will be in Bailey County Cemetery at 9:00 AM, Friday, June 16, 2023. Carol died Monday, June 12, 2023 in Lubbock, Texas. She was born May 19, 1937 in Little Rock, Arkansas. Her parents were Frank and Ethel (Shipley) Stone. She married Billy L. Ellis in Lubbock on December 20, 1958.

Carol worked side by side with her husband, Bill Ellis in publishing the Friona Star and the Bovina Blade for over 40 years, as co-owners. They also worked together to publish "Friona on Parade" for the Friona Centennial in 2006. Carol was a founding member of the Community (Santa Fe Depot) Heritage Society in Friona, which was in-



choir. She is preceded in death by her husband, Bill; a son, Richard; and her parents. her two sisters, Murlene Rayburn of Murchison, Texas and Sheila Ellis and her husband, Jim of Sherwood, Arkansas; her son, Stan Ellis strumental in getting the depot moved to the City of Lubbock, Texas; her daughter, Laura Ellis Park in 1987. She was of Lubbock, Texas; her a member of many ordaughter-in-law, ganizations, including, anne Ellis of Lincoln-"Friends of the Library" and "Pens and Pages" wood, Illinois; her three writer's organization. grandchildren, eline Garcia of Lubbock, Carol was also a mem-Texas, Claira Garcia of ber of the Modern Study Austin, Texas and Layla Club and Art Associa-Ellis of Lincolnwood, tions in Friona, Mule-Illinois; and her greatshoe and Canyon, Texas and Clovis, New Mexico. grandson, Murphy Garcia of Lubbock, Texas. She was voted Woman of the Year in Friona in memorials be sent to the 2012 and was inducted Community into the Panhandle Press Society, 700 Main Street, Association Hall of Fame Friona, Texas, 79035. in 2004. Carol and Bill published an Ellis Fami-Online may be made at www. ly Genealogical Newsletellisfuneralhomes.com. ter for 20 years. She was

hansardfamily.com



a member of First Baptist

Church in Friona, where

she also sang in the

Carol is survived by

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The coach will be Jace Chancellor of Slaton. Baseball fans will be

treated to an All-Star doubleheader. The first game will be played at Lubbock Cooper on Saturday, June 17th and will start at 11:00 a.m. It will feature selected players from classes 1A, 2A, 3A, and TAPPS. The second contest will feature players from 4A, 5A, and 6A and will begin at 3:00 p.m.



Heston Grimsley



Martin Godinez

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PARMER COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT 2023 BUDGET

The Parmer County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for the 2023 fiscal year.

The Public Hearing will be held on Monday, June 26th at 5:30 p.m. at the Parmer County Appraisal District Office Boardroom at 305 Third Street. Bovina, Texas 79009.

A summary of the appraisal district budget is as follows: The total amount of the proposed budget is \$761,118.00 The total amount of increase over the current year's budget is \$50,085.04 The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget will be 4. The number of employees under the current budget is 4.

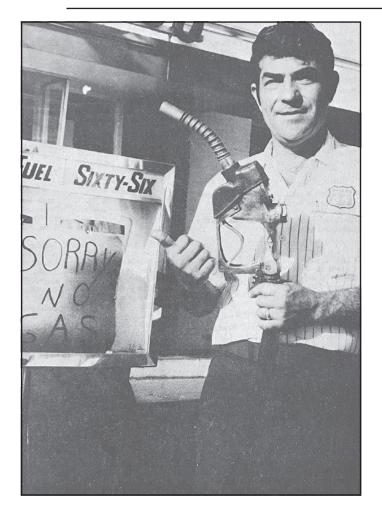
> The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the Parmer County Appraisal District Board of Directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, and cities served by the appraisal district. A copy of the proposed budget is available for the public inspection at the Parmer County Appraisal District Office.

> **Parmer County Appraisal District** 305 3rd Street Bovina, Texas 79009 (806)251-1405

FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



SORRY, NO GAS . . . A lot of Friona people thought they would not see the day that gas wouldn't be available here, but Fred Constancio, manager of a Phillips 66 Station on West Highway 60, knows it is all too true. Constancio, who manages the service station for Kendrick Oil Company, said he has been unable to obtain gas since June 1. Several service stations here have had to stay closed for a day or so, or close early in the day after running out of gasoline. Many are finding it difficult to take care of their regular customers and limiting the amount purchased at one time has become a common practice. (Friona Star, Thursday, June 14, 1973)



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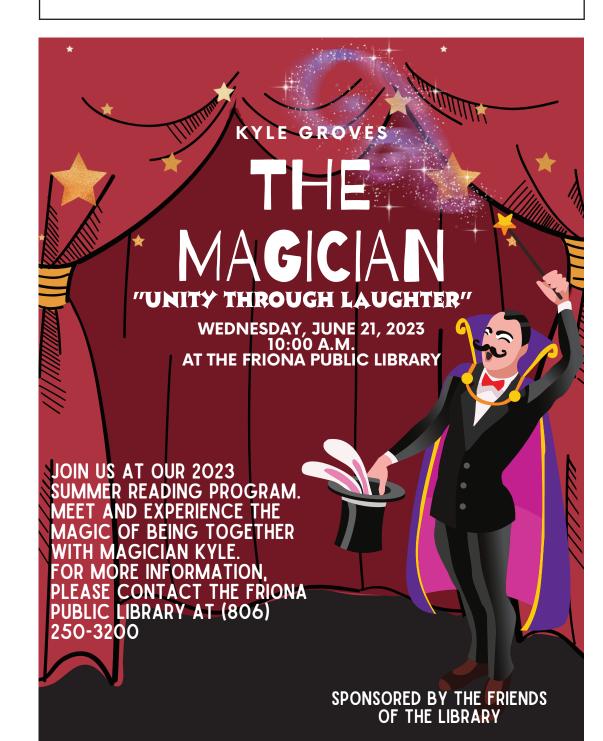
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Questions? Jamie Lewellen 806-206-0743 jamiedlewellen@gmail.com



Applications, job description, and requirements can be obtained on the City web page at https://www.cityoffriona.com/careers/frionatx. All applications need to be accompanied with a cover letter and resume. Applications will be accepted through June 16th.

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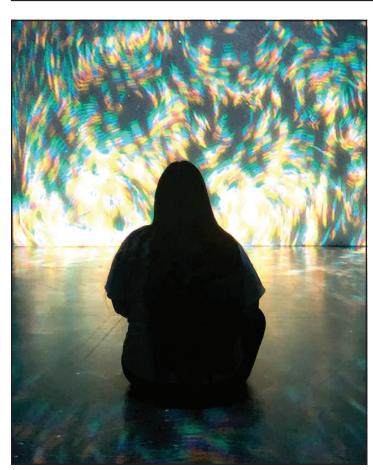
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"All Together Now" Summer Reading Program — Over 140 kids packed the Friona Public Library on Wednesday, June 7th to meet Sirena Del Rio. The indigenous mermaid of the San Marcos River provided a program which included storytelling, singing, playing instruments, and learning about diversity & compassion. The event was sponsored by the Friends of the Friona Public Library.



Senior Level: Shadow/Silhouette Rory Pomper | 3rd Place

District 2 4-H Photography Contest



Intermediate Level: Plant/Flora Ander Pomper | 2nd Place



Senior Level: People Quay Schueler | 1st Place





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