



Perryton tornado relief effort

The Hi-Pro Training Center, 1201 E. 11th Street in Friona, has been established as a drop-off location for items that are desperately needed by residents of Perryton who were dislocated by last Thursday's tornado. The training center is located just east of Hi-Pro's main office building.

Needed items include baby formula, diapers, wipes, toiletries, blan-



kets, flashlights, non-perishable foods, and gift cards. Also, towels, cooking oil, laundry detergent, and dish soap. Donations will be accepted until the end of the day Monday, June 26th.

Big turnout for blood drive

The good news is that 60 people came by the Friona Community Blood Drive at Calvary Fellowship Hall last Thursday to donate blood. The final result was 45 units collected which will benefit 135 patients. Another pleasant surprise was that there were 19 new donors. Way to go rookies!!!

The bad news was that there was a computer malfunction and a shortage of workstations. Some donors had a waiting time of 2+ hours and a few over 3 hours. As a result, quite a few possible donors were not able to give.

We are meeting with Coffee Memorial representatives to try to work out the problems. Some priorities for the next blood drive are to bring extra workstations & workers, pre-screen donors with iron and/or blood pressure issues, and emphasize getting donors in and out safely in under an hour.

Thanks to everyone who showed up to donate!!! We are working now to make the August blood drive better for everyone. Please see Thank You from Coffee Memorial on page 2.



Emma Rector and Mari Martinez from the Chamber of Commerce were 2 of the 19 first-time donors.



Three Hereford football players (right) came over to Friona to donate blood.

TakeFive

A Friona Star Interview with Mason Fleming

"Cheeseburger Capital of Texas: A Mural Celebrating Friona's Culinary Culture"



New mural at Joe's Restaurant just south of the city park on Main Street

What was the genesis of the mural project?

It started with a phone conversation with the City Manager Lee Davila. He discussed his love of murals and his desire to have murals in Friona. My company (Camelot) and I envisioned this design and submitted a quote to the city council and the Friona Economic Development Corporation (FEDC).

What were some of the other logistics?

While the location took time to decide, the design was approved from the beginning.

Eventually the city came to an agreement with "Joe's Restaurant" to have the mural painted on their north wall which faces the park. My company and I then collaborated with another Friona artist Eva Herrar to complete the mural. Our goal from the beginning was to celebrate the city's title as Cheeseburger Capital of Texas and to have this piece completed so that it could be enjoyed in time for this year's Cheeseburger Festival on July 15th.

Why did you choose this subject matter for the mural?

As the creator of the mural "Cheeseburger Capital of Texas," I am delighted to share the inspiration and significance behind this vibrant homage to Friona's culinary culture. This mural is a flavorful tribute to the timeless and beloved symbol of American cuisine, celebrating the rich heritage and mouthwatering delights found within the city.

From the very inception of this

project, my intention was to capture the essence of Friona's passion for cheeseburgers and their unique place in the culinary landscape. Through this mural, I sought to honor the legacy of this iconic dish and the community that holds it dear.

"Cheeseburger Capital of Texas" embraces the spirit of gastronomic exploration and the pleasure of savoring a perfectly crafted cheeseburger. It encapsulates the boundless creativity and innovative spirit that Friona has brought to the world of burgers, featuring a dynamic composition that ignites the viewer's appetite.

What should the viewer know about the mural?

The mural's composition is a vibrant tapestry of colors, textures, and shapes that harmoniously blend to form the image of a tantalizing cheeseburger. With meticulous attention to detail, I aimed to capture the juiciness of a perfectly cooked patty, the melty cheese cascading over it, and the fresh and crisp toppings that complete the flavor symphony. Each brushstroke and stroke of color was chosen with care ensuring that every element evokes the mouthwatering sensation of biting into a delicious cheeseburger.

Beyond the delectable subject matter, "Cheeseburger Capital of Texas" speaks to the cultural significance and communal joy that food brings. It is a celebration of the shared experiences and cherished memories created around a dining table, where friends, family, and strangers come together

to enjoy a classic American delicacy. This mural is an invitation for the viewer to take part in that experience, evoking nostalgia, camaraderie, and a sense of pride in the culinary heritage of Friona.

The title, "Cheeseburger Capital of Texas," pays homage to the city's reputation as a hub for delectable burgers and the passionate individuals who dedicate their craft to perfecting this culinary masterpiece. The mural serves as a visual declaration, proudly proclaiming the city's love affair with cheeseburgers and the established sense of identity and pride within the local community.

What impact would you like the mural to have on the community?

Through this mural, I aim to spark conversations, ignite appetites, and create a visual feast that resonates with viewers on both a gastronomic and emotional level. I hope that "Cheeseburger Capital of Texas" becomes a gathering point, a meeting place for food enthusiasts and burger aficionados, and a source of inspiration for future generations.

As you engage with this mural, I invite you to savor the flavors, relish the memories, and celebrate the cultural significance of the cheeseburger. Let us come together in the spirit of culinary exploration, for "Cheeseburger Capital of Texas" is not just a mural but a testament to the enduring legacy of a beloved dish that brings joy and nourishment to our city.

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Community Calendar

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

June 22
• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

June 26
• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

June 28
• Summer Reading Program at 9:30 a.m. at the Friona Public Library
• Library Book Shop at 618 Euclid is open from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

June 29
• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

July 3
• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

July 4
• Independence Day



ON YOUR PAYROLL

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Thank You from Coffee Memorial Blood Center

Dear Friona Community,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. I am writing to express my deepest gratitude and offer my sincere apologies to the Friona Community in light of recent events surrounding our blood drives.

First and foremost, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to each and every individual who participated in our most recent blood drive. The overwhelming response we received was truly remarkable and surpassed our expectations. With great pleasure, we had 60 people attend the event, which significantly exceeded our initial goal of 20 donors. Your willingness to donate blood is a testament to the compassion and generosity within your community, and for that, I am immensely grateful.

I want to extend a special appreciation to the individuals who took the time to attend the meeting we scheduled. It was so nice to honor some of Friona's TOP blood donors. We were also so pleased to see the participation amongst so many different areas. Your presence and support played a crucial role in spreading awareness about the importance of blood dona-

tion. Your efforts in promoting the cause undoubtedly resulted in the increased turnout for your subsequent blood drive.

I do realize that some individuals experienced frustration due to extended wait times during the event. And some that waited and then were deferred. Please accept my sincerest apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused. We understand the value of your time and deeply regret the discomfort caused by the unexpected situation. We genuinely apologize for falling short in managing the influx of donors and will take immediate steps to rectify this for future blood drives.

I am pleased to inform you that we have taken this feedback seriously and have already started implementing measures to ensure a smoother experience for everyone. Our team is diligently working on streamlining the registration process, increasing the number of donation stations, and organizing additional volunteers to assist with crowd management. Our commitment is to create an efficient and enjoyable environment during the upcoming blood drive scheduled for August 17, where we will be prepared to ac-

commodate up to 72 donors.

Once again, I extend my deepest gratitude to the Friona Community for your support and understanding. Your overwhelming response serves as a reminder of the unity and compassion that define your community. Together, we have the power to make a significant impact on the lives of those in need.

If you have any suggestions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us improve and provide the best experience for future blood drives. We value your participation and look forward to your continued support.

Thank you once again for your understanding, and I am eagerly looking forward to your upcoming blood drive and the opportunity to serve your community.

With warm regards,
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State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



Bill restricting local control signed into law

Cities and counties will be further restricted from implementing ordinances or regulations on issues normally addressed by the state after Abbott signed House Bill 2127, the Statesman reported. According to the bill's language, it is a means to "provide statewide consistency by returning sovereign regulatory powers to the state where those powers belong."

Previously, regulations put into place by cities were unenforceable if found to be in violation of a state code. An oft-cited example is an Austin ordinance passed in 2018 aimed at forcing most private employers in that city to provide sick leave. However, that ordinance never took effect since courts ruled it unconstitutional.

Opponents of HB 2127 fear it will further erode local governments'

power to handle community issues.

"We barge into bedrooms, locker rooms, boardrooms, examining rooms and now city council meetings," Sen. Sarah Eckhardt, D-Austin, said during the debate. "We should be doing our job rather than micromanaging theirs."

Abbott praised the bill's passage, tweeting after the signing that he "signed a law to provide a new hope to Texas businesses struggling under burdensome local regulations."

Distracted driving deaths on the rise

Distracted driving has killed more than 2,000 people in Texas since 2017, and the number of deaths attributed to it increased by 10% in 2022. Approximately one of every six crashes on Texas roadways in 2022 was attributed to distracted driving, according to the

Texas Department of Transportation.

"Texting, adjusting audio or navigation systems, or scrolling on a social media site can wait until you're safely parked," said Marc Williams, TxDOT executive director. "We're urging Texans to make the right choice and put the phone away."

It has been illegal since Sept. 1, 2017, to read, write or send a text while driving in Texas.

Drivers are urged to put phones away while driving, to pull entirely off the road to use a phone, and to avoid eating or drinking until parked.

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@texapress.com.

ACROSS

- UH is TX Dennis
- Quaid's ___ mater
- TX Jordan Spieth is on the PGA ___
- out on the Gulf
- mailed a letter
- network of old soap opera "Dallas"
- gun rights grp.
- TXism: "drawing ___ on it"
- "Texas" is an ___ drama in Palo Duro Canyon
- whooping ___ migrate to Texas in November
- church tower, spire
- TXism: "gone ___" (deteriorated)
- 1952 "Viva ___" was filmed in Texas
- rod and ___
- NPR FM station in Commerce
- wheeler-dealer
- TX Charley's "All ___ to Offer You"
- late Texas "Lemon Tree" singer, Lopez
- TXism: "nervous as ___ - ___ cat in a room full of rocking chairs"
- TX Roy Orbison group: "___ Wilburys"
- apple drink, e.g.
- old AstroWorld ride: "Batman ___"
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- "it's not whether you win or ___ how you play the game"
- in Cooke County on U.S. 82
- "I smell ___"
- TXism for "no"
- Coleman was founded on one (2 wds.)
- late TX Kenny Rogers sang "You ___ So Beautiful"
- "___ your age"
- TXism: "I'm so ___ pay attention"
- Midland news/talk AM
- TXism: "a day late ___ dollar short"
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- Sam Houston's 2nd wife, Rogers
- stat for a Ranger or Astro hitter
- this Desmond represented the Rangers at the 2016 All-Star Game
- dir. from Grapeland to Nacogdoches
- "___ up a little" (relax)
- Gulf shrimp catcher (2 wds.)
- ___ Park, Texas
- this TX Winters was drafted by the 49ers in 2023
- TX actress, Duncan (init.)
- hero general in Texas, Zachary (init.)
- Garfunkel of "Catch-22" with TX Paula Prentiss
- Texas actors want to land a ___
- ___ road (unpaved)
- TXism: "couldn't ___ his upper lip" (weak)
- how Bowie crossed Alamo line (3 wds.)
- actress, TX Darnell Buchanan of 1941 film "Texas"
- drug trafficking agcy.
- a boot width
- TX-born Dale Evans cowboy hubby (init.)
- "were" in Spanish
- TXism: "___ grip like a snappin' turtle"
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COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from June 8, 2023 to June 15, 2023

(6/12/23) Eric Daale, Tami Daale — Heritage Family LLLP — All of the SE 1/4 of Section 27, Block B of a Capitol Syndicate Subdivision, Parmer County, Texas; More tracts on document

(6/12/23) Felix Lopez Perez, Socorro S. Perez — Arturo Perez — All of Lot 9, of Block 91, of the Original Town of Friona, Parmer County, Texas

(6/13/23) Bovina Church of Christ — TL Harvesting Inc. — Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10, Block 44, Original Town of Bovina in Parmer County, Texas

(6/14/23) West Texas Farms Inc. — Daniel Chase Wiseman — The East 141.0 Acres of the SE/4, Section 2, T6S, R3E, Capitol Syndicate Subdivision, Parmer County, Texas

SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

(6/10/23) Austin Taylor Ross, 27, of Muleshoe was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on a charge of Driving While Intoxicated/Open Alcoholic Container

(6/12/23) Salvador Paul Herrera, 22, of Friona was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Injury To Child

(6/13/23) Joshua C. Kahanek, 41, of Yorktown was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on two charges of Indecency With A Child Sexual Contact

(6/14/23) Jasmine Marie Murillo, 28, of Friona was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's office on charges of Resisting Arrest Search Or Transport, and Man/Del CS PG1 ≥ 4G < 200G

(6/14/23) Abel Sigala Sanchez, 49, of Muleshoe was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Cruelty To Non-Livestock Animals: Failure To Provide

(6/19/23) Guillermo Marquez, 30, of Bovina was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office a charge of Resisting Arrest Search Or Transport, a charge of Assault Causes Bodily Injury, and five charges of Theft Property ≥ \$2,500 < \$30K

Come have Fun with us at Malouf's Fabric

These are the classes scheduled this summer
June 10..... T-Shirt Class
June 24..... Tote Bag Class
July 8..... Beginning Sewing Class
July 14, 15..... Handi Quilter Education Event
July 22..... 3 Yard Quilt Class

Call 806-250-3575 to register • like us on Facebook

Friona Public Library Story Time

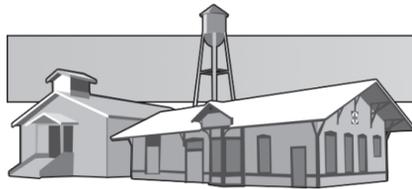
call 806-250-3200 for info

Read and Play Story Time

Every Tuesday in June and July
at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
Ages Birth to 6 years old

Kids Rock Story Time

Every Thursday in June and July
at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
Ages 7 to 12 years old



TOWN TALK

Phone: 806-250-5200
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The Friona Connection — The 65th Annual Texas Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame ceremonies were held on June 11th in Amarillo. 2022-23 Coaches of the Year were announced and they included Randall High School Baseball Coach Cory Hamilton and Randall High School Basketball Coach Leslie Broadhurst. Hamilton guided the Raiders to the state playoffs for the first time in sixteen years. He is a 1995 graduate of Friona High School. Broadhurst led his Raider basketball team to the state tournament for the first time in school history. He

attended Friona schools from 1971-1974 and later graduated from Lubbock Monterey.

Carnival in Town — Garry Moore Amusements has been at the Community Center this past week and has decided to stay in town until Sunday, June 25th.

Catfish Day — Catfish are named for their prominent barbels, which resemble cat whiskers. In the U.S., the most commonly eaten species of catfish are the channel catfish and blue catfish. Traditionally, many catfish lovers coat the fish

in cornmeal and fry it.
Small Town, Big Parade — The hometown patriotic parade is a go. Line-up begins Saturday morning at 9:15 a.m. at 1609 W. 10th Street. Parade will start at 9:30 a.m. and travel around the block and return to the starting area.

National Days
June 22 — Kissing Day
June 23 — Hydration Day
June 24 — Pralines Day
June 25 — Catfish Day
June 26 — Beautician's Day
June 27 — Sunglasses Day
June 28 — Logistics Day

College News

Sam Houston State University Spring 2023 — Deans' List & President's List

Sam Houston State University would like to congratulate **Audrianna Trevino** of Friona for being named to the Deans' List and the President's List for the Spring 2023 semester. To qualify for Deans' list, students must earn a GPA of at least 3.5. A perfect 4.0 is needed for the President's List. Both require students to be enrolled in at least 12 semester hours.



Sam Houston State University is a public research university in Huntsville, Texas. Founded in 1879, it is the third-oldest public college or university in Texas.

Friona Rainfall Data



July 2022	3.25
August 2022	1.99
September 2022	0.53
October 2022	1.80
November 2022	0.38
December 2022	0.25
January 2023	0.55
February 2023	0.31
March 2023	0.13
April 2023	0.20
May 2023	7.23
June 2023	3.61
Total	19.92



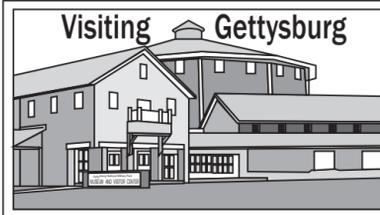
Battle of Gettysburg

July 1, 1863 – July 3, 1863

What do **you** know about the **Battle of Gettysburg**? It was a major turning point of the Civil War. Hmm, where was it on my map? Gettysburg National Military Park contains the battlefield and the Soldiers' National Cemetery. **Read my clues to learn about the battle and to fill in the puzzle.**

- The Battle of Gettysburg was the largest battle fought during America's _____ War (1861-1865).
- The Civil War started after southern _____ began to leave the union of the United States of America.
- These states called themselves "Confederate States of America" and elected their own _____, Jefferson Davis.
- Abraham _____ was just becoming the new president of the United States - and he did not want these states to break away.
- Lincoln declared _____ to try to keep the union together.
- He also wanted to put an end to _____.
- The Confederates raised an _____ to fight for their way of life, which included slavery.
- The northern army fought the Confederate army; members of some _____ had to choose sides, and former friends sometimes had to fight one another on the battlefield.
- The Battle of Gettysburg was fought in and around the small town of Gettysburg, _____.
- On the first day of _____ 1863, in Gettysburg, Confederate soldiers under General Robert E. Lee began fighting with Union soldiers led by Major General George Meade.
- They fought for _____ days. By July 4th, General Lee was withdrawing his army.
- At the end of the fighting more than 50,000 _____ were dead, wounded, captured or missing.
- Even with the battle raging around the town, only one townspeople, Mary Virginia Wade, was killed while baking _____ for Union soldiers - by a bullet that came through the door of her sister's house.
- The town was filled with wounded and sick people. People were afraid that _____ would spread.
- Homes, churches and other buildings became _____. Volunteers buried the dead. Horses and mules that had been killed had to be burned.

Signals from cavalry horns or bugles were used for battlefield charges and retreats, and many other purposes.

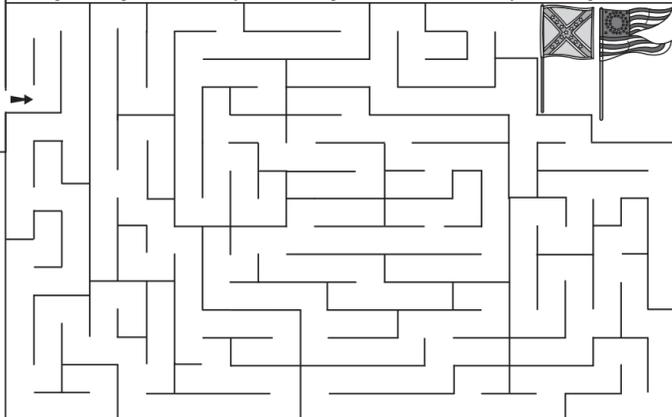


The Visitor's Center will give you information:

- like maps/guides and recordings to listen to as you drive a route to see and learn about the war
- on the hundreds of statues, cannons and the battle
- to find the train station where President Lincoln arrived to give his Gettysburg Address
- to watch a movie about the soldiers, their struggles, their days at Gettysburg and after
- on reenactments of the camps and the battle
- for biking, horseback riding and camping fun

Can you find your way from the visitor's center to two of the flags carried into the battle?

Soldiers from the North and South carried their own units' flags into battle at Gettysburg. The flag on the left below, carried by the 26th North Carolina, was shot down 14 times on the first day of fighting. The flag on the right was carried by the 125th Regiment NY Volunteer Infantry. It had 34 gold stars.



A Soldier's Life Soldiers' lives in the Civil War were hard. When they weren't marching or fighting, they camped. When bored they played cards and made instruments. **Match these words that soldiers used to their meanings:**

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| 1. drill | A. soldier standing guard |
| 2. muster | B. hard, tasteless cracker - had to be soaked to eat it |
| 3. sentry | C. practice marching or firing |
| 4. hardtack | D. to call the troops together |
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| 1. flank | A. nickname for peanuts (a good snack on the move) |
| 2. bedroll | B. easily carried - to cover the side of the enemy |
| 3. private | C. battle position for use sleeping outdoors |
| 4. goober peas | D. lowest rank in the army |

"Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal..."

A few months after the Battle of Gettysburg, President Lincoln traveled by train to that town to dedicate the Soldiers' National Cemetery for soldiers from the north. The President's speech at the event was so short that some people are said to have missed it entirely because they weren't paying attention. Yet, this powerful "Gettysburg Address" became Lincoln's most famous speech. After Lincoln spoke, he did not feel well. Doctors said he had smallpox. Lincoln is said to have joked that now he had something he could give to everyone who came to ask for something from him!

Puzzle Solution

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2 G PROTEIN

306 CALORIES	51 G CARBS	11 G TOTAL FAT
15 MIN PREP TIME	45 MIN COOK TIME	9 SERVINGS

Grandma's Easy Cherry Cobbler

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 cup milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 cup (4 ounces) butter, melted
- 1 (21-ounce) can cherry pie filling
- Ice cream for serving

INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat oven to 350°F. Coat 11x7-inch pan or casserole dish with nonstick spray. In a bowl mix flour, sugar and baking powder. Add milk, vanilla and butter and mix with whisk or mixer; pour into pan. Evenly pour cherry pie filling on top of flour mixture. With a knife swirl flour mixture together with cherries. Cook for 45 to 55 minutes or until edges are golden brown and center is set. Serve with ice cream, if desired.

Nutrient-rich dairy can help you maintain a healthy weight.



To have your birthdays listed in the newspaper, email them to frionastar@wtrt.net or call: 806.250.5200

Gas prices stable for now

By GasBuddy

Average gasoline prices in Texas fell 2.2 cents last week, averaging \$3.10 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas was priced at \$2.60 while the most expensive was \$4.17 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline fell 1.4 cents last week, averaging \$3.56 per gallon. The national average price of diesel has fallen 3.7 cents in the last week and stands at \$3.85 per gallon.

"It has been a quiet week for the national average, with little overall movement in average gas prices nationally even as oil prices have been a bit unstable. Some states have seen minor increases while others have seen decreases, and the mixed bag is likely to continue for the time being with oil prices a bit all over the place," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

De Haan noted, "While gasoline demand continues to inch up, we could see additional pressure on pump prices, while the price of diesel continues to see downward movement. While the uncertainty over the direction of the economy is a major player in preventing oil's rise, inventories of oil and gasoline do remain tight, preventing much additional downward movement as well. We'll have to see which of those factors emerges as a winner to predict when the next large movement in prices could be. We're also seeing more tropical activity in the Atlantic that could pose challenges in the weeks ahead as hurricane season ramps up."

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



Lions Club News

Wes Reeves of Xcel Energy was the guest speaker at the Noon Lions Club meeting on Monday. He is the Senior Media Relations Representative for Texas & New Mexico.

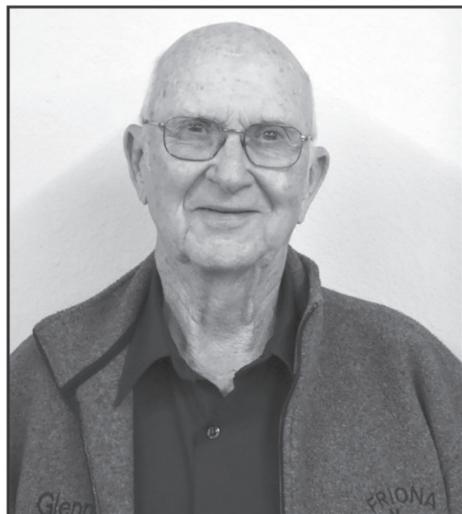
Reeves told attendees that the Xcel substation in Perryton survived the tornado but a lot of people still did not have power because their homes were totally destroyed, especially on the north side of town.

Reeves also stated that carbon-free energy made up 53% of Xcel's energy mix in 2022, compared to an average of 41% nationwide. The company has also reduced carbon emissions associated with the electricity it provides to customers by 53% from 2005 levels.

Xcel Energy also plans to exit



from coal by the end of 2030 if regulators approve its proposal to retire coal operations at Tolk Generating Station in Muleshoe four years ahead of schedule. From 2017 to 2022, company-owned wind projects saved customers approximately \$3 billion through avoided fuel costs and earned tax credits.



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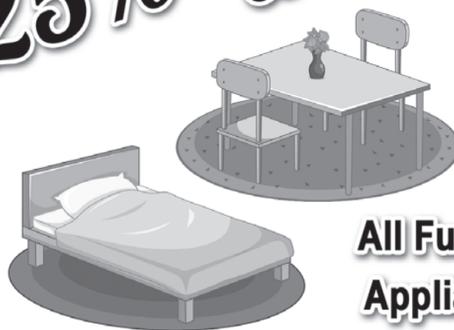
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Trust and Obey

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

“Trust and obey, trust and obey for there’s no other way, to be happy in Jesus, than to trust and obey,” are the words of the classic hymn that summarizes one’s life following the Lord. Trusting and obeying the Lord is easier said than done, but when it is done, it is worth it by far. In Deuteronomy 3:1-22 the nation of Israel is at the end of their time of wilderness wanderings and approaching where they will enter the Promised Land. The people are trusting and obeying the Lord amidst enemies who are rising up against them, and the Lord is giving them victory. Their final battle on the east side of the Jordan was against Og, King of Bashan. This formidable foe had a territory with fortified cities, lush grazing, beautiful forests, and even a ginormous king leading their battle against Israel. Thankfully they did not give in to fear, but trusted and obeyed the Lord, moving forward in battle and expe-

riencing tremendous victory. This event is important not just because they won, but also because the defeated territory was given to tribes of Ruben, Gad and half of Manasseh. Imagine wandering for 40 years, knowing that your parents and ancestors were slaves in Egypt for centuries, and now, after your generation trusts and obeys the Lord, you are blessed with a place to settle down that is your own. God blessed their faith-filled obedience with land to call their own and so that they could be a blessing to others.

As you follow Jesus, know that God expects you to simply trust and obey Him. This means you are obeying the clear things he says in His Word, and obeying the leadership of the Holy Spirit in your life. When you trust and obey, it leads to a deeper walk with the Lord, a stronger witness to others, and you are blessed so that you can be a blessing.

Panhandle Parables

Duck! Bat!

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

When I was in 6th grade, I went to a church camp in New Mexico. It was my second year and it started out great! First, my cabin had triple bunk beds. I climbed to the top bunk which seemed 50 feet in the air. I loved it. Until... the second night. I was up on my bunk getting settled in and had just put my head on the pillow when someone yelled, “Look a bat!” I raised up and met the bat face first for both of us. It’s little wings practically wrapped around my head or so it felt. The next thing I knew I was standing on the floor. I am not exactly sure how I got down there, but let’s just say I had incentive. At that point, it took a little salesmanship, but I got a bottom bunk.

I think bats are great for mosquitos but not so much on my face. Life has a way sometimes at coming at us fast and hits us right in the face. It was not what we had expected, there was no time to prepare it, just bam! Leaving us facing a new reality that before had not been known. Sometimes those are happy memorable experiences that we thank God for, like

when I met my now lovely bride. Other times it may be memorable, but you’re not exactly thanking God, in fact, you’re questioning Him with “Why?”

Life will have those moments for all of us because there are 6 billion people making choices and sometimes those collide with mine and other times they come alongside mine and make life better. The common denominator in all this hopefully is faith. A faith that goes beyond mere intellectual belief, but obedient action. A worn faith, because of use, like a good pair of work boots. A faith that surpasses understanding and gives calm in the face of chaos.

As you go through this year know that there will be experiences both good and bad that can increase your faith if you will trust the One in whom we believe. So, if someone says, “Duck! Bat!” Choose to duck or kiss a bat. Either way, trust God to see you through the experience. If it is a hard lesson then learn from it, if it is a gentle blessing appreciate it. The book of Job is a good reminder as to just how fast life can change. Keep the faith.

Just Do What God Says

By Teena Hughs

Saturday, I was reading about Naaman from 2 Kings 5:1-19. It was a story about me!

Naaman was the commander of the King of Aram’s army. Verse 1 says that, “though Naaman was a mighty warrior, he suffered from leprosy.”

Long story short, Naaman ends up seeing “Elisha, the man of God,” to be cured of his leprosy. Elisha sent a messenger to Naaman, telling him to wash himself seven times in the Jordan River. “Then your skin will be restored, and you will be healed of leprosy.”

This is how Naaman responded in verses 11 and 12: “But Naaman became angry and stalked away. ‘I thought he would surely come out to meet me!’ he said. ‘I expected him to wave his hand over the leprosy and call on the name of the LORD his God and heal me! Aren’t the Abana River and Pharpar River of Damascus better than all the rivers of Israel put together? Why shouldn’t I wash in them and be healed?’”

Naaman’s officers reasoned with him and convinced him to go and wash and be cured! And, that is what he did, and his skin became healthy and he was healed.

Why do we seek advice from people of God, only to be disappointed or angry when they tell us something opposite of what we expected?

I am sure I have written about being concerned about a relative who was going down the wrong path with his life. We went to see a minister who had dealt with people like our relative. We trusted the minister, and that is why we sought his advice.

Just like Naaman, I had expectations of what the minister was going to tell us to

do. I just knew he was going to give us a 5-step program to follow. It would take some time, but we would get through it, and the problem would be solved!

That isn’t what happened. The minister simply told us to pray for our relative every morning and then turn him over to God! Really????? Something that simple? Like washing yourself seven times in the Jordan River???

I wasn’t angry with this minister’s advice like Naaman was, but I remember being so disappointed...until I thought about it. God knew EVERYTHING about our relative, and He knew exactly what he needed to be healed, just like He knew what Naaman needed to do to be healed.

You know, God doesn’t have to do big, miraculous things to heal us, to take care of us, to provide for us; He just does what is necessary. Even Naaman thought God would require more of him to be healed. In verse 13, “his officers tried to reason with him and said, ‘Sir, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, wouldn’t you have done it? So you should certainly obey Him when He says simply to go and wash and be cured!’”

Yes, Naaman was willing to do more; I was willing to do more; because we feel obligated to do more. But, with God, if we will just do what He says, it is enough, and everything will be fine!

Just like everything turned out perfectly with Naaman, so it has with our relative, because we did what our trusted minister, who had knowledge and experience with similar situations, said to do. I have shared his advice, pray about it and turn it over to God, with countless people. I hope they followed his advice, because it works!

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Sports



Friona Youth Sports

Four Friona teams participated in the WTX Fuze Shootout Basketball tourney in Plainview held June 16-17 in Plainview. The 7/8 Girls Team and 7/8 Boys Team finished in 2nd place in their divisions.



3/4 Girls Team (l-r) — Jesalyn Jarecki, Arianna Rocha, Jazmin Sanchez, Coach Jordan Jarecki, Sofia Antillon, Amayah Rojas, Zoey Espinoza; Not pictured: Coach Daniel Martinez, Aryelle Chico, Danay Perez.



5/6 Boys Team (l-r) — Back Row: Coach Yvonne Moreno, Octavio Moreno, Aylen Moreno, Fernando Moreno; Middle Row: Andrew Marquez, Darien Padilla, Jesus Salgado; Front Row: Joel Ramos, Jace Jarecki, Isair Salazar; Not pictured: Coach Gerald Padilla, Hector Mendez.



2nd Place | 7/8 Girls Team (l-r) — Back Row: D’Nasha Shelby, Aylen Moreno, Alexis Antillon, Leah Salazar, Yareli Antillon, Aayliah Padilla, Aimee Jimenez, Lexi Saldana, Caydee Humphree; Front Row: Annison Steelman, Harley London; Not pictured: Coach Trisha Winebrinner, Jaylee Perez.



2nd Place | 7/8 Boys Team (l-r) — Gabriel Martinez, Anthony Diaz, Nate Padilla, Dylan Tyler, Jeremy Polk, David Maldonado, Isaac Tavera, Nathan Perez; Not pictured: Coach Gerald Padilla.



Caleb Geske #7, Heston Grimsley #12, and Martin Godinez #2 played in the Greater West Texas Baseball Coaches Association All-Star game on Saturday, June 17 at Lubbock Cooper Baseball Stadium. Heston was on the Red Team and Martin & Caleb were on the Blue Team. The Red Team defeated the Blue Team by a final score of 17-7. Congratulations to these three young men. — Coach Rosales

Texas Smashes Jobs Record

Governor Greg Abbott celebrated the strength of the growing Texas workforce and the state’s robust jobs economy following the release of May employment data showing Texas again smashing all previous records for total jobs, total Texans employed, and total Texas labor force. Texas has now added more than 2.1 million jobs under Governor Abbott’s leadership.

“Texas’ robust economy stands apart as a model for the nation,” said Governor Abbott. “Not only are more Texans working than ever before, Texas leads the nation for jobs added over the last 12 months.

Texas has also smashed the record for total jobs 20 months in a row, proof that jobs grow and people prosper where free enterprise flourishes. With the Texas labor force now surpassing 15 million people and larger than the population in 46 states, we truly are building an even stronger Texas of tomorrow.”

May employment data released by the Texas Workforce Commission and the Bureau of Labor Statistics shows Texas again setting new record highs:

- Texas reaches a new high for total jobs at 13,918,700 as employers added 51,000 nonfarm jobs over the month.

- Texas reaches a new high for Texans working, including employed and self-employed, at 14,393,000.

- Texas reaches a new high with the largest labor force ever in the state’s history at 15,009,300.

- Texas again leads the nation for job creation over the last 12 months, adding 529,800 jobs and growing at a 4.0% annual rate, well above the annual growth rate for the nation as a whole of 2.7%.

Governor Abbott also recently celebrated Texas as home to the most Fortune 500 corporate headquarters in the nation.

**CITY OF FRIONA, TEXAS
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE COMBINATION TAX AND REVENUE
CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION
TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR FIRE STATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Friona, Texas, at its meeting to commence at 6:30 P.M. on Monday, August 14, 2023, at the City Council Chambers, 619 Main Street, Friona, Texas, tentatively proposes to adopt an ordinance authorizing the issuance of interest bearing certificates of obligation, in one or more series, in an amount not to exceed \$3,500,000 for paying all or a portion of the City’s contractual obligations incurred in connection with (i) acquiring, constructing and equipping a fire station, fire training facility and related improvements; and (ii) legal, fiscal and engineering fees in connection with such projects. The ordinance may authorize an authorized officer of the City to effect the sale and delivery of the certificates of obligation on a date subsequent to the adoption of the ordinance. The maximum interest rate for the certificates may not exceed the maximum legal interest rate. The maximum maturity date for the certificates is February 15, 2043. The estimated combined principal and interest required to pay the certificates to be authorized on time and in full is \$5,078,760. The current principal of all outstanding debt obligations of the City is \$0. The current combined principal and interest required to pay all outstanding debt obligations of the City on time and in full is \$0. The City proposes to provide for the payment of such certificates of obligation from the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes in the City as provided by law and from a limited pledge of surplus revenues of the City’s waterworks and sewer system, remaining after payment of all operation and maintenance expenses thereof, and all debt service, reserve, and other requirements in connection with all of the City’s revenue bonds or other obligations (now or hereafter outstanding), which are payable from all or any part of the net revenues of the City’s waterworks and sewer system. The certificates of obligation are to be issued, and this notice is given, under and pursuant to the provisions of V.T.C.A., Local Government Code, Subchapter C of Chapter 271.

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

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Obituary



J. Vonne Fulks

J. Vonne Fulks, age 89, passed away on June 17th in San Angelo, Texas. Mr. Fulks spent most of his life in ranching and custom cattle care. He was a Navy veteran and lived most of his life in Friena, Texas. He was a Master Mason and Scottish Rite for 60 years.

He met his wife,



Evelyn (Hext) Fulks at Texas Tech University. They married in 1955 and celebrated 62 years together, until her death in 2017.

J. Vonne leaves behind 3 children - Nell (Jessie) Whitlow of

Mertzon, Texas; Jamie (Paul) Stern of Sarasota, Florida; and Cole Fulks of Tyler, Texas. Mr. Fulks also had the joy of having 5 grandchildren - Garrison & Paige Fulks, Kasi (Hunter) Shofner, Jace Whitlow and Tate (Brandi) Whitlow and 5 great-grandchildren - Jett Whitlow, Braylor Shofner, Jordan Shofner, Kyndal Whitlow and Carter Whitlow.

The family will have a small private ceremony at a later date.

Countywide vote centers a possibility

Parmer County Commissioners, along with the County Clerk and Voter Registrar, have requested the implementation of Countywide Vote Centers which will allow registered voters to vote at any designated voting location. The court voted on Monday, June 12, 2023, to approve a resolution petitioning the Texas Secretary of State to allow Parmer County to participate in the program in the November 7, 2023, Constitutional Amendment Election.

All registered voters will have the opportunity to vote at a polling location that is the most convenient to the voter. There are people closer to Bovina whose assigned polling place is Farwell. This program will allow them to vote

in Bovina. In Friena, there are currently three precinct polling places. This program would allow for just one location in Friena where everyone could vote, no matter what precinct they lived in.

There will be 4 (four) Vote Centers strategically located across the county. There will be one in each town at previously used locations. On election day a registered voter can vote at any of the locations from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. A list of the locations will be formally approved by the Commissioners after the State has approved participation in the program.

The County Clerk has discussed this program for almost two years. The County has approved the purchase of

necessary equipment and technology to provide a smooth Countywide Voting process. The County will now wait on a response from the Secretary of State. The County feels confident that it will be allowed to participate in the program.

According to the Texas Secretary of State's Office, more than 90 counties utilize countywide voting in the state. There is a mix of large, medium, and small counties in the program. Lubbock County was the first to utilize this program. Bailey County has used it for several years.

For more information on the program or Parmer County Elections please call 806.481.3691 or visit parmercounty.texas.gov

Hospital Announces Scholarship Recipients

Parmer Medical Center is pleased to announce the recipients of the annual Parmer Medical Center Community Scholarships. The purpose of the scholarships is to promote service excellence in healthcare for Parmer County by assisting capable and qualified students interested in pursuing healthcare related professions. There were seven applicants competing for the four scholarships.

The selection committee was comprised of school staff, hospital staff, and the public at large. They selected four deserving students to each receive

a \$2,500 award. The winners this year were all from Fisd. Jacquelyn Falcon will attend Amarillo College to pursue a nursing career. Gisselle Dorame will also attend Amarillo College for nursing. Judith Coronado will attend Odessa College for her nursing studies and Blanca Chavez will attend Texas Tech University for Pre-Dental.

The PMC Board of Directors and staff all wish a hearty congratulations to each of the scholarship recipients. Parmer County can be proud of the young people in our area.

To Space & Back

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith

On June 18, 1983, Sally Ride boarded the Challenger, and became the first American woman to traverse the cosmos. Originally, NASA had restricted its corps of astronauts to men, but, according to History.com, "in 1978 [the agency] changed its policy...[and] approved six women out of 3,000 original applicants to [emerge as] the first female astronauts in the U.S. space program."

Ride, with "Stanford stamped" degrees in science and physics, was quickly positioned in the inaugural lineup. "She became an on-the-ground capsule communicator for NASA's STS-2 and STS-3 [Space Transportation System]



missions in 1981 and 1982, and an expert in controlling the shuttle's robotic arm. NASA assigned Ride to be part of the STS-7 crew on April 30, 1982, serving as mission specialist and joining Commander Robert L. Crippen, mission specialist John M. Fabian, physician-astronaut Norman E. Thagard and pilot Fred-

erick H. Hauck on the historic flight."

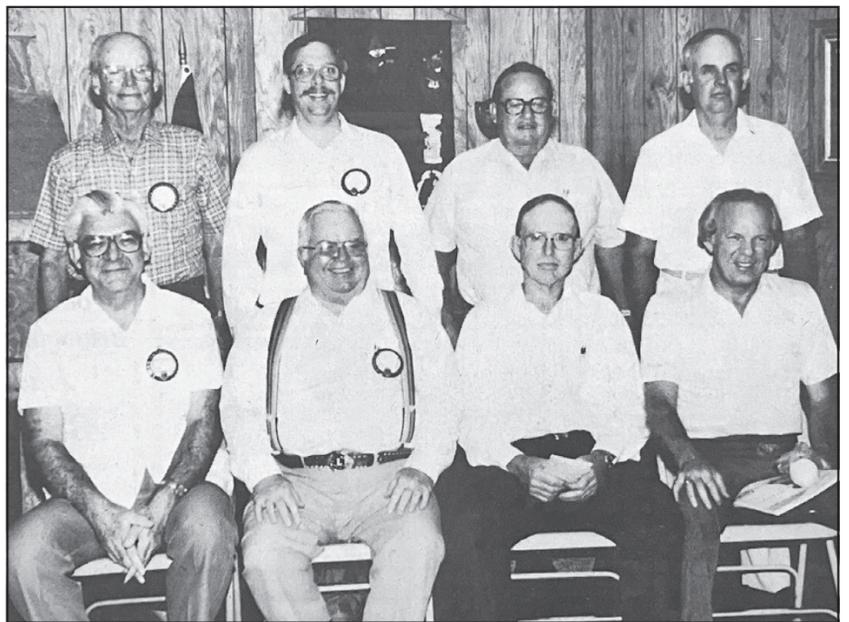
For more information, The Grateful American Book Prize recommends Sally Ride's and Susan Okie's **To Space & Back**.

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



FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friena Star Archives



NEW OFFICERS . . . Among the new officers installed by the Friena Evening Lions Club this week were (front row, l-r) Richard Collard, president; Porter Roberts, secretary; Sam Mears, past president; and Charles Caudill, installing officer. Standing: Roy Miller, treasurer; Mike Hanes, third vice president; Ralph Shirley, director; and Von Edelman, director.



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- Proposed right-of-way acquisition required is estimated to be 15 acres.
- The existing at-grade railroad crossing would be removed.
- TxDOT is proposing that right-of-way would be required in both Texas and New Mexico.
- Displacements would be necessary for this alternative.

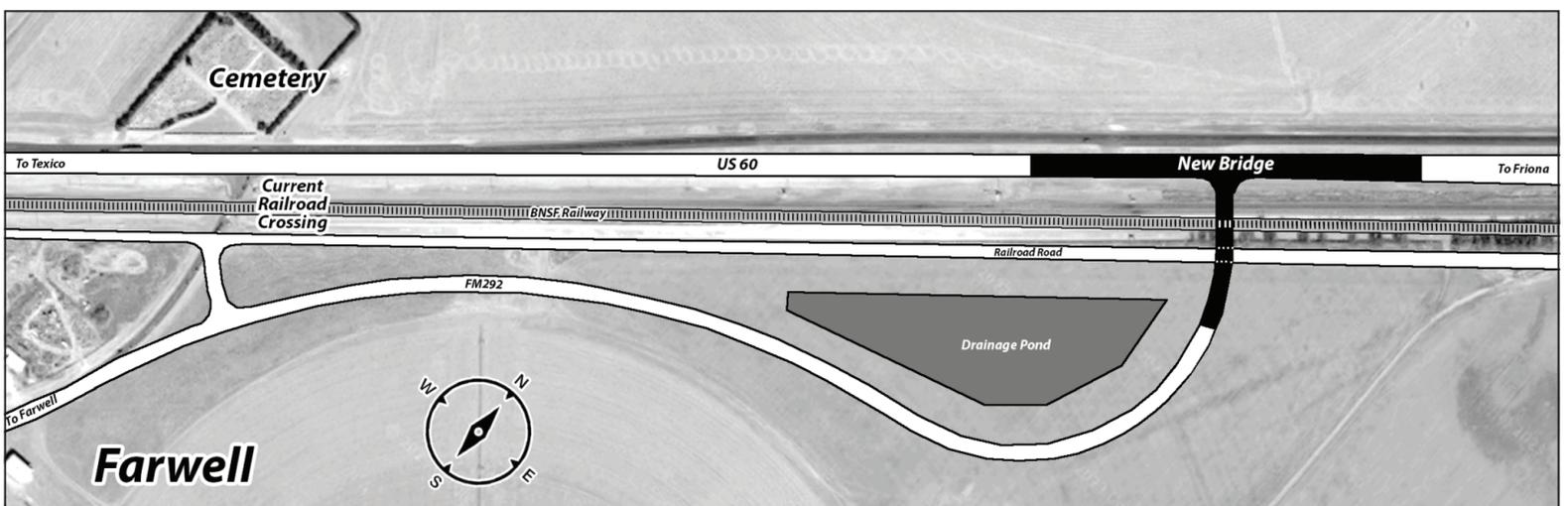
Farwell/Texico Route Study

Submit your comments by:

- **Email:** LBB_projects@txdot.gov
- **Downloading and filling out a comment card and mailing it to:** TxDOT Lubbock District
Attn: TP&D Office
135 Slaton Rd.
Lubbock, TX 79404
- **Online:** Visit www.txdot.gov, search "Farwell Railroad Crossing"
- **Leaving a voicemail:** (903) 224-8390

While comments are always welcome, they must be received on or before Friday, June 30, 2023, to be included in the official meeting documentation. You may call project staff at (806)748-4490 during regular office hours or email project staff at any time in the project development process.

Alternative No. # 2 – US 60 and FM 292 Train Bypass Route



- Alternative # 2 would construct an elevated intersection above the existing US 60 and provide direct access to US 60 in the case of a train delay.
- Proposed right-of-way acquisition required is estimated to be 23 acres.
- The existing railroad crossing will be removed at FM 292 but access to the existing Railroad Road will remain.
- TxDOT is proposing to place a drainage pond in between the existing Railroad Road and proposed FM 292.

NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID

The City Council of the City of Friona, Texas is soliciting sealed bid proposals for a Bathroom Remodel/Replacement Project for Friona Community Center located at 601 W 15TH Street, Friona, Texas 79035.

The City will be the sole arbiter of what offer, if any, constitutes the best value for the City. The City is seeking a combination of the best construction price for the Project as well as the best long-term benefit to the City and the citizens of Friona, Texas.

Sealed bids will be received until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 21, 2023, at City Hall located at 623 Main Street, Friona, Texas 79035. All bids received at or prior to such time will be opened and read aloud on Monday, July 24, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. Bids received after such time will not be opened or considered. The highest, best or most acceptable bid or bids will be presented to the City Council for review and possible approval at a meeting on August 14, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Bidders are expected to inspect the property and to inform themselves of all local conditions. Bidders may also contact the City of Friona to schedule an onsite inspection of the property by calling (806) 250-2761. Additional information, such as designs of the bathroom, may be obtained at City Hall, 623 Main Street, Friona, Texas 79035 or by calling City Manager Leander Davila at (806) 250-2761.

WAIVER OF CLAIMS: BY TENDERING A BID TO THIS INVITATION TO BID, THE BIDDER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT HAS READ AND FULLY UNDERSTANDS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMITTING A BID AND THE PROCESS USED BY THE CITY FOR SELECTING A BEST BIDDER. FURTHER, BY SUBMITTING A BID, THE BIDDER FULLY, VOLUNTARILY AND UNDERSTANDINGLY WAIVES AND RELEASES ANY AND ALL CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY AND ANY OF ITS COUNCIL MEMBERS, OFFICERS, AGENTS AND/OR EMPLOYEES THAT COULD ARISE OUT OF THE ADMINISTRATION, EVALUATION, OR RECOMMENDATION OF ANY BID SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO THIS INVITATION TO BID.

Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope and must be plainly marked "City of Friona Bathroom Remodel/Replacement Project Bid" in the lower left-hand corner and must be received before the above stated time. To be valid, the bid must be manually signed in ink by an authorized person. The following pieces of information must also be included in the bid:

- List of Subcontractors (*contact info*)
- Total cost
- Completion Date
- Past Job Samples (*minimum of 2*)
- By such signature, the bidder agrees to strictly abide by the terms, conditions, specifications contemplated in this invitation for bids. Failure to comply with any bid requirement will result in the bid being considered void by the City.
- References (*minimum of 2*)
- Longevity of business
- Ties to the community
- Proof of Liability Insurance

Bids may be withdrawn at any time prior to the official opening. Alterations made prior to the opening time must be initialed by the Bidder to guarantee authenticity. After the official opening, bids may not be amended, altered or withdrawn without the approval of the Friona City Council.

The City reserves the rights to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids received and to accept the bid that best serves the interest of Friona, Texas.

• CITY OF FRIONA, TEXAS
By: Leander Davila
City Manager

- Publish Two (2) Times – Affidavit of Publication is Required
- Thursday, June 22, 2023 and Thursday, June 29, 2023.

NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID

The City Council of the City of Friona, Texas is soliciting sealed bid proposals for a Street Construction Project for 8th Street between Grand and Ashland Avenues, Friona, Texas 79035. This will include the paving of 8th Street with curbing and gutters.

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Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope and must be plainly marked "City of Friona Street Construction Project Bid" in the lower left-hand corner and must be received before the above stated time. To be valid, the bid must be manually signed in ink by an authorized person. The following pieces of information must also be included in the bid:

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Kyle the Magician visits Friona Public Library



Kyle Groves, The Magician, presented his "Unity Through Laughter" program in front of 60 spellbound kids at the library on Wednesday. The magic show was part of the Summer Reading Program sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Sirena Del Rio will return to the library next Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. for the final event of the season. In the photo — Magician Kyle and a volunteer perform the "Fishing for Friends" magic trick.

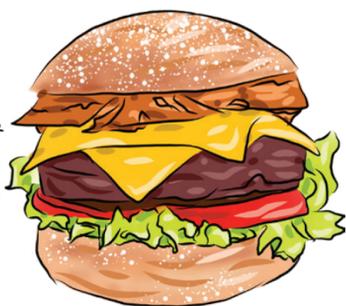
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