



Commissioners approve budget

Parmer County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, September 11, 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 concerning the 2024 budget and 2023 tax rate was held at 9:30 a.m. prior to regular session. No one was in attendance to address the Court.

A motion to adopt the 2024 Parmer County Budget was approved by a unanimous 5-0 vote. A motion to adopt the 2023 Parmer Tax Rate at 0.4026 per \$100 was also approved by a unanimous 5-0 vote.

Judges and alternate judges for the 2023-24 General Election were chosen announced. Polling location judges are: Loraine Anthony, Rhonda Murphree, Patty Haile, Norma Villarreal, Esther Steelman, Makenzie Hettinga, Larry Archambault, Debbie Weir, and Doyle Weir. Judges for central count and ballot by mail board are: Kathryn Goddard, Jade Holt, Melissa Randolph, and Michelle Agee.

Bermea Construction was awarded the contract to sealcoat the courthouse parking lot. The \$17,521 project includes re-striping the parking lot and will be paid for with ARPA funds. White Service Company of Wolfforth was awarded the HVAC Installation Project for the District Clerk's Office. The \$7,500 project will also be paid for with ARPA funds.

The purchase of a new road grader for Precinct 1 was approved. The \$210,000 machine was obtained via a buyback program in which the current grader is traded in after a 6-year period. Final cost for the county is \$30,000 for the new grader.

Sheriff Geske reported to the Court that the Parmer County Law Enforcement Center is currently housing 35 inmates of which 21 are paying customers from Lubbock County. The sheriff's office is also in the process of conducting Guardian Training for local school districts.

In other business, discussion of a county burn ban was tabled until the next meeting. An inter-local agreement with Cochran County was approved and will be in effect until Cochran County hires a new probation officer.

There were no comments from the public during the open forum. Minutes from the August 28th 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, September 25th.

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



Let's Get Started — Chieftain mascot Yaselene Faudoa led the charge as the Chieftains took the field last Friday against Muleshoe. The first home football game and free pre-game tailgate meal kicked off two weeks of Maize Days celebrations. The Little Miss and Miss Friena contests are this Sunday and next week's festivities include Homecoming and the Maize Days Parade.

Council passes budget and tax rate

The Friena City Council met in regular session on Monday August 14, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 617 Main in Friena, Texas. The meeting began with roll call, an invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

A public hearing was conducted for comments concerning the proposed 2024 city budget and the proposed 2023 tax rate. There were no public comments. Minutes of the August 14,

2023 regular meeting were reviewed and approved. Minutes of the August 25th tax rate hearing meeting and August 30 budget workshop meeting were also approved.

A motion to approve a special warranty deed for the Federated Women's Club House located at 304 East 9th Street was approved.

The proposed 2023-23 Budget for the City of Friena was approved by a unanimous 5-0 vote. The proposed tax

rate of .5900 per 100 was also approved. A separate vote for the General Fund and the Interest & Sinking Fund was required. By law, council members voted individually. Both motions passed by a 5-0 unanimous vote.

The 2023-24 proposed budget for the Friena Economic Development Corporation (FEDC) was approved. The FEDC receives 25 percent of the sales tax allocation money distributed to the City of Friena from the State of Texas. The Chamber of Commerce receives 10 percent of the FEDC amount to help fund its operations.

End-of-year transfers from the water account and the sewer account to the capital improvement fund in the amount of \$161,509 were approved. The funds will be used for capital improvement projects in the future.

A motion was passed to authorize the City Manager to solicit bids for city-owned property located at Block 106, Lot all of 106 of the Original Town of Friena.

Myra Olmos and Bill White were approved to serve 2-year terms on the Parmer County Appraisal District Board

of Directors representing the City of Friena and FISD, respectively.

A 45-day extension request from TW&M Properties LLC for Phase 1 of the Buena Tierra Project was approved. Heavy rains in late May and July delayed construction of the new homes. The extension began as of August 31st. Council member Cindy Moreno did not participate in the discussion or the vote.

A contract with Netdata to provide a management system for the Municipal Court was approved. The move from Encode to Netdata will begin soon and the funding for the changeover is already in the new budget.

In other business, the proposed 2023-24 Fee Schedule was approved. Also, the accounts payable for August 2023 were approved as well as the financial statement for August 2023. City Hall will be closed on September 28th and 29th in order to conduct year-end procedures. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, October 9th.

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Welcome to Friena



The Friena Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture conducted a ribbon cutting ceremony last Thursday at Panhandle Community Service's Grand Opening and Open House event. PCS's mission is to work as a community leader and partner to change the lives of low-income people by bridging the gap from poverty to self-sufficiency. PCS is located at 104 W. 9th. **In the photo** — Front row (l-r) Christy Hilbert, Mari Martinez, Terrie Fuentes, Magi York, Alice Holguin, Liliana Palacio, Susie Ybarra, Emma Rector; Second Row (l-r) Leander Davila, Benita San Miguel, Dalene Burns, Flora Gaitan, Julie Carasco, Melissa Darsey, student, Esmeralda Mills, student, Kaitlin Mosley, Amanda Hypollite; Back Row (l-r) Mario Moreno, Yvette Williams, Greg Lewellen, Gayla Quillin, student, Student, Lylene Springer, student, Randy Cazarez. The students are part of the inaugural class of Empire Academy.



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Friona Weather September 14-20	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	Precipitation September 0.25 Year 15.36	Burn Ban No
	 77 57 SE 5-10	 75 55 NNE 5-10	 77 52 NNE 5-10	 80 56 WSW 5-10	 84 57 SW 10-20	 87 58 WSW 10-15	 86 57 SW 10-20		

Community Calendar

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

September 14

• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

September 17

• Little Miss Contest at 2:00 p.m. at FHS Auditorium
• Miss Friona Contest at 6:00 p.m. at FHS Auditorium

September 18

• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

September 19

• Packing for Snack Pak 4 Kids at Methodist Church north entrance @ 2:30 p.m.

September 20

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

September 18

• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

September 22

• Friona Homecoming Football Game starting at 6:30 p.m. at Chieftain Field

September 23

• Maize Days Parade at 10:00 a.m. with line-up at 9:00 a.m.

ON YOUR PAYROLL

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Mayor's Minutes

By Greg Lewellen



The City of Friona has had a busy few months, culminating in the last month of our year, September. Last month I didn't get the opportunity to write to everyone as we prepared the budget to be approved at this month's meeting. I am pleased to report that the City passed a balanced budget of \$5,836,272 at Monday's meeting, which is an increase of \$804,646 over the prior year. The increase in the budget is being used primarily to fund debt service for the fire department renovation, scheduled to begin in the spring of 2024. This is all while maintaining the second lowest property tax rate in the past 25 years. I am pleased that the council and city administration have been good custodians of taxpayer money while still meeting the increasing costs and inflationary pressures of the past couple of years.

The council also created a priority list for the upcoming fiscal year to direct the city administration towards improvements in the city. I will be detailing those priorities over the next couple months, but this month I wanted to recap some of the highlights the city accomplished from their 2023 priority list. Our first priority was to provide for an updated and expanded fire department building, which was accomplished through a bond for construction and the planning over several months with the fire department and city officials. The city has also applied for a grant to create a splash pad at the pool, which

will also be constructed during the 2024 fiscal year. A cardboard recycling program was created through grant funding, and the city is looking to expand upon its recycling capabilities over the next few years. We successfully completed the updated water main loop in Friona through a TXCDBG grant and saw the beginning of new home construction in the city for the first time in almost 20 years. We added an Animal Control Officer and a Code Enforcement / Fire Marshall to the staff and have seen the emergence of Friona's first trade school at Empire Academy.

Another priority of the city in the prior year was the availability of childcare, which will begin at the end of this month in the Louisa Wilson house on Ashland. For the first time in almost forty years, Friona is paving some of the dirt streets in the city, beginning with 8th Street between Grand and Ashland Avenues. The City has also completed its five year plan of updating the community center, with construction currently ongoing to the outside of the building and the restrooms, both of which are scheduled for completion at the beginning of January 2024. Finally, the city conducted a water survey through our engineering firm that will help guide future city leaders to make decisions over the next 50 years. Results of the survey were favorable to growth within the City, which is not the case in much of the panhandle.

All of the accomplishments the City has made over the past year have been through the cooperation of the city council and the eagerness of our City Manager, Leander Davila, to continue to improve Friona to attract new residents and businesses. Through Leander's leadership, now in its 6th year, Friona is becoming

known for continued economic growth and put our small town in the spotlight statewide as a leader in community involvement. The City has built good relationships over these years with the county, Friona ISD, Cargill, PRPC, Texas Department of Agriculture, and the Governor's Office through his leadership.

**City of Friona
By the Numbers
August 2023**

Public Library
22 days open
328 e-visits
515 in-house visits
22 new patrons
33 items circulated
50 new items added
\$138.05 copy fees
\$119.00 fax fees
Book Shop open 7 times
\$97.00 in sales

Police Department
156 calls
4 arrests
37 citations
101 warnings
138 stops
2,101 miles driven

EMS
16 transports (911)
6 Prairie Acres (911)
9 transfers
10 non-transports (911)
0 no patient or disregard
3 standby
44 total service calls

Volunteer Fire Department
Aug. 3 Structure Fire - 6 trucks, 15 firefighters
Aug. 5 Lift Assist - 2 trucks, 7 firefighters
Aug. 14 Grass Fire - 2 trucks, 9 firefighters
Aug. 14 Vehicle Fire - 3 trucks, 9 firefighters
Aug. 14 Wreck - 2 trucks, 5 firefighters
Aug. 14 Controlled Burn - 3 trucks, 6 firefighters
Aug. 15 Wreck - 4 trucks, 9 firefighters
Aug. 17 Grass Fire - 2 trucks, 9 firefighters
Aug. 18 False Alarm - 1 trucks, 2 firefighters
Aug. 20 Wreck - 3 trucks, 8 firefighters
Aug. 25 False Alarm - 2 trucks, 12 firefighters
Aug. 26 Attic Fire - 5 trucks, 11 firefighters
Aug. 29 Wreck - 4 trucks, 12 firefighters

ACROSS

- 1 dog tail movements
- 5 TXism: "tame as ___ dog"
- 6 TXism: "he's a little shy in the hat ___"
- 8 enjoyed chicken fried steak
- 9 ___ Falls, Texas
- 15 UT grad Marcia Gay Harden film: "___ the Wild" (2007)
- 16 braided hair
- 19 TV ratings company
- 21 an unusual animal raised in Texas
- 22 changes political districts
- 27 TX Jordan Spieth won 2015 U.S. ___
- 28 assigned fault
- 29 Tritt hit: "___ Quarter (Call Someone Who Cares)"
- 30 Laredo is known as the "___ to Mexico"
- 32 Farm-to-Market passage (abbr.)
- 33 TXism: "he'll be ___ own funeral" (unreliable)
- 36 ___ Ward, Texas
- 37 TX-born Birmingham of TV series "Yellowstone"
- 38 related to heredity
- 39 Texas redback currency, today
- 41 Gov. Ross (init.)
- 42 A&M's "Corps of ___"

- 45 once a Texas Oatmeal Festival race: ___-_-thon
- 46 Chris ___Doux performed and competed at Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo
- 47 mother of TX Ginger
- 48 ___dale, Texas
- 49 Erik of film "Honeyboy" with TX Morgan Fairchild
- 52 Texas' Comanche Peak Nuclear ___ Plant
- 53 jar topper

DOWN

- 1 TX Miranda Lambert's "If I ___ a Cowboy"
- 2 he took the tile from TX George Foreman in 1974
- 3 newspaper in Pittsburg, TX
- 4 type of cave study in Sonora, e.g.
- 8 birds found at Bentsen Rio Grande State Park
- 9 Mitch Garver went to the Rangers from this northern AL team (2 wds.)
- 10 job from which Ken Paxton's suspended
- 11 late Texas actor, Rip (init.)
- 12 hyped, promoted
- 13 this Cockrell was San Antonio mayor twice
- 14 this Jack was "Tex" in "Vera Cruz" film
- 15 TXism: "natural as a duck ___"
- 16 Amanda of "2012" with TX Harrelson
- 17 woman who retired from TWU, e.g.:
- 18 TXism: "skee ___ out of here" (flee)
- 20 pamperin' places
- 22 Ron, producer of "The Alamo" (init.)

TEXAS CROSSWORD

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- 31 spider creations
- 34 first half of the bible (abbr.)
- 35 "he got the ___ cups"
- 37 "___ grip" (gain your self-control)
- 40 lamp containing a colored waxy goo
- 43 "go off the ___ end" (outburst)
- 44 Mexican novel: "___ Texas"
- 50 "___ a beet"
- 51 state where Jerry Jones came from (abbr.)

COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from August 31, 2023 to September 7, 2023

(8/29/23) Mercadal General Contractors LLC — Tiffany Le — the East One Half of Lot 1, Block 1, Ridgecrest Unit 1, an Addition to Farwell, Parmer County, Texas

(9/5/23) Ricky N. Stewart — Francis Landry, Sharla Landry — All of the East 12 feet of Lot 4 and All of Lot 5, Block 1 of the Hillcrest Addition to the City of Farwell, Parmer County, Texas

(9/5/23) Frances Kathryn Merritt — Frances Kathryn Merritt — South 27' of Lot 11 and 12, in Block 66 in Friona, Parmer County, Texas

(9/5/23) Frances Kathryn Merritt — Frances Kathryn Merritt — All of Lot 1, Block 66 of the Original Town of Friona, Parmer County, Texas; A Tract of Land out of Capitol League 484, Being out of the NW 1/4 of Section 12 and the SW 1/4 of Section 1, Township 3 South, Range 3 East, of a Capitol Syndicate Subdivision in Parmer County, Texas

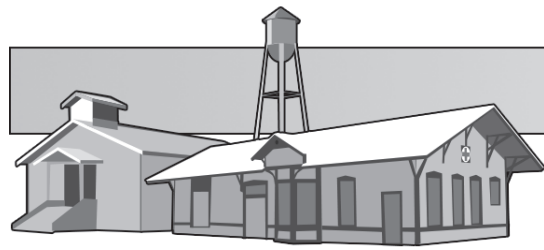
(9/6/23) Mitchell Thad Reeve — Margie Bridges — The South 30' of Lot 5, All of Lot 6, Block 4, Lakeside Addition to the City of Friona, Parmer County, Texas; All of a 0.4325 Acre Tract of Land out of the North Portion of Section 1, Township 3 South, Range 3 East, of a Capitol Syndicate Subdivision of Parmer County, Texas

(9/6/23) Greg Glover, Vanda Tate Glover — T and G Land LLC — A Tract of Land Described as Being Parts of Section No. 38 and 50, Block H, Thomas Kelly Subdivision of Parmer County, Texas

(9/6/23) Lynn Tate, Sondra Tate — T and G Land LLC — A 10.0 Acre Tract out of Section 38, Block H, Thomas Kelly Subdivision, Parmer County, Texas

(9/6/23) Dave Lynn Tate, Cassandra A. Tate — T and G Land LLC — A Tract of Land out of section No. 38, Block H, Thomas Kelly Subdivision and Being Out of League No. 534, Abner Taylor, Original Grantee, Certificate No. 32M Abstract No. 87, Patent No. 532, Volume 1

(9/6/23) Lynn Tate, Sondra Tate — T and G Land LLC — An 85.38 Acre Tract out of the Northwest Quarter of Section 50, Block H, Thomas Kelly Subdivision, Parmer County, Texas



TOWN TALK

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To the Rescue — Judge Carrasco informed the Friona Star this week that the Bovina Fire Department had an opportunity to use their ladder truck when they were asked to assist with the fire at the Wal-Mart in Clovis last week. The fire truck has an extended reach capability which proved invaluable when working on a large structure like the Wal-Mart building. The preliminary investigation into the cause of the fire points to arson.

Raffle Reminder — The Parmer Paws animal outreach shelter is raffling off a new flattop grill from Traeger. Tickets are \$5 each (5 for \$20) and are available at LoneStar Ag or by calling 806-240-1821. Winner will be announced at Maize Days on Saturday September 23rd at 1:30 p.m. in the city park. Must be 18 or older and do not need to be present to win. Proceeds will benefit the shelter with its mission.

See Page 9 — The Friona Volunteer Fire Department is selling raffle tickets in advance of their drawing to held after the parade at 1:00 p.m. in the city park on September 23rd. See their ad on page 9.

Coming Next Week — Coverage of the Little Miss and Miss Friona contests, FHS Homecoming Queen candidates, and a schedule of events for Maize Days activities.

Wednesday is Punch Day — This combination of fruit juice and a carbonated beverage sparkles at parties, weddings, and other celebrations as part of the centerpiece at the beverage table. It's believed sailors in the early 17th century en route to England via India created the drink. The word punch is a loanword from Hindi panch (meaning five). Originally, punch was made with five ingredients: alcohol, sugar, lemon, water, and tea. It was called paantsch. Today, there are many types of "fruit punch" beverages. However, they contain very

little fruit juice. Sugar, corn syrup, citric acid, and artificial flavors are the main ingredients.

Pun Fun — At first I couldn't figure out how to put on my seatbelt, but then it just clicked.

Source: www.pun.me

National Days

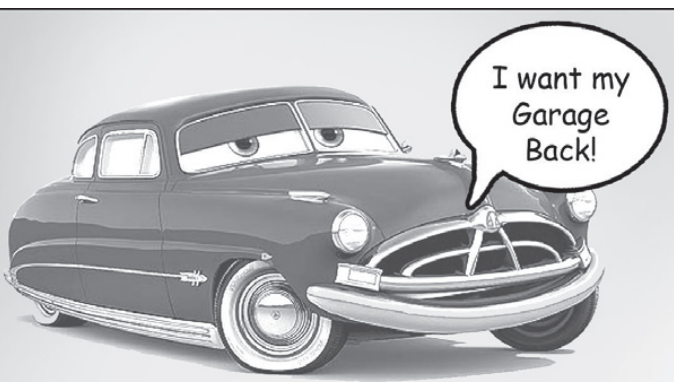
- September 14 — School Picture Day
- September 15 — Online Learning Day
- September 16 — Mayflower Day
- September 17 — Constitution Day
- September 18 — Cheeseburger Day
- September 19 — Butterscotch Pudding Day
- September 20 — Punch Day



Welcome to Friona — Panhandle Community Services opened its new office in Friona last week at 104 W. 9th (see photo on front page). Liliana Palacios (left) will work full-time in the Friona office. Magi York (right) is the Executive Director of PCS.

Come have Fun with us at Malouf's Fabric

- These are the classes scheduled this summer
- September 9: Free Motion Quilting on Domestic Machines
 - September 23: Binding Class
 - October 7: Snowflake Table Topper Class
 - October 21: 10-4 - Working with Cork Fabrics and Projects
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Newspaper Fun!

Today, we have 2 crosswords about the fall game of football. The first one is about the great tailgating parties before the game, and the second about the game itself. **Work with a friend to fill them in.**

Fall Sports Action!

touchdown time outs huddle Go Lions gridiron

1. tasty side dish often made with brown sugar

2. people devoted to their teams

3. beef patties cooked over a fire and served on a bun

4. place where tailgate parties take place (where you keep the car)

5. favorite thirst quenchers filling coolers

6. people use this to decorate their bodies with their team's colors

7. vehicles from which 'tailgate' parties get their name

8. people party outside the stadium until this starts the game

9. slang term for football; old footballs were made from this

10. heated surface where delicious food is cooked

face paint fans 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

1. score 3 points by kicking the football

2. leader of the team, usually throws the football

3. slang term for the field teams play on

4. when all the players get together to discuss the next play

5. coaches use these to stop the clock in tight situations

6. groups of players that work together

7. place fans go to watch a game

8. when a player is on wrong side of "scrimmage" line as play starts

9. when a player tackles the quarterback before he throws the ball

10. bringing the football into the end zone; main way to score

quarterback field goal offsidess teams I love football! CHEER

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Keeping Fit in the Fall

With **so many choices** of sports and physical activities offered at schools, churches and town rec departments you're sure to **find fun ways to exercise** this fall!

What programs and teams are offered in your area?

CROSS COUNTRY
FALL BALL BASEBALL
FALL BALL SOFTBALL
CHEERLEADING
FLAG FOOTBALL

BASKETBALL
FOOTBALL
SOCCER
VOLLEYBALL
BOWLING

FIELD HOCKEY
GYMNASTICS
HIKING
BICYCLING
GOLF

I like to see the people in the stadium eating hotdogs, waving, cheering and having fun at a great fall event!

Wear the right gear to protect yourself while playing sports.

T H Z E R A Y Q G R N U Q V O W M A O T Z A X P O E G O Z Z A X B S
L V T B N H X W W M D I J R O V B I C Y C L I N G Y J Q L V Q B R C
K T I B F S I R E C C O S N B L Z F N O U I Z U M O Y Y R A F S P A
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Small Town Cookin' By Jeri Lynn White

Zucchini Cornbread Casserole
www.allrecipes.com

Ingredients

- cooking spray
- 4 cups shredded zucchini
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 (8.5 ounce) package dry corn muffin mix
- 2 large eggs, beaten
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper
- 8 ounces Cheddar cheese, shredded

Directions

Preheat the oven to 350oF. Grease a 2-quart baking dish with cooking spray. Mix zucchini, onion, muffin mix, beaten eggs, salt, and pepper in a large bowl until well combined. Stir in 4 ounces cheese. Spread evenly into the prepared baking dish. Sprinkle with the remaining 4 ounces cheese. Bake in the preheated oven until the top is lightly browned and a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean, about 60 minutes.

Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



“Gather ye rosebuds...”

Poetry. Yep, I am writing about it again because of 100 minutes spent in Wal-Mart with my granddaughter. But before I get to that, here’s a poetry story from just last week that made me want to pen a limerick.

*There was a darn man from the South
Who let mean things ooze from his mouth.
He lived in one state but represented another,
This darn old man from the South.*

Senator Tommy Tuberville, who was elected to represent Alabama but with a primary residence in Florida, decided that poetry nights on aircraft carriers were “woke.”

“Secretary [Carlos] Del Toro of Navy, he needs to get to building ships, get to recruiting, and he needs to get wokeness out of our Navy,” Tuberville said Wednesday evening on Fox News. “We’ve got people doing poems on aircraft carriers over the loudspeaker. It is absolutely insane the direction we’re headed in our military.” (reported by Business Insider, Sept. 7, 2023)

Them’s fighting words to a former English teacher,

people. Them’s should be fighting words to anyone affected by Tuberville holding up military promotions for political reasons.

The poetry in question had to do with a USS Gerald F. Ford service member who read something with a LGBTQ theme in honor of her grandfather. The Navy’s 2023 response to Senator Tuberville came from its highest-ranking officer, Adm. Mike Gilday (Business Insider, Sept. 7, 2023).

“I’ll tell you why I’m particularly proud of this sailor,” Gilday said in response. “Her grandfather served during World War II, and he was gay, and he was ostracized in the very institution that she not only joined and is proud to be a part of, but she volunteered to deploy on Ford. And she’ll likely deploy again next month when Ford goes back to sea.”

Tuberville makes me want to write about poetry just to spite his excuse-of-a-former-Texas-Tech-football-coach self. But to be fair, I was going to anyway. All because of Lillie and Wal-Mart on a Labor Day holiday afternoon.

Eight-year-old Lillie expressed a wish to have a day with me. Her little sister is still not in school, so I keep four-year-old Ellie every Thursday for our fun day. Lillie is left out because she’s sitting in a second-grade classroom. She’s too young to remember Tuesdays with Lillie when she was a baby.

So, I suggested to my older granddaughter that she make a list of things she wanted to do. Her no-fun parents implemented a strict policy of no buying anything but lunch and dessert. Lillie and I complained but complied.

She asked for and received two Allsup’s burritos capped off with a Brownie Blizzard. Then came the visit to the store with everything but my favorite pita chips. For an hour and forty minutes, I pushed a buggy down every aisle, savoring her joy. Lillie browsed, touched, explained, gawked, and provided a child’s commentary on \$5 DVDs and doll clothes. We bought nothing, but she got everything: time.

*Gather ye rosebuds while ye may,
Old Time is still a-flying;
And this same flower that smiles today
Tomorrow will be dying.* – Robert Herrick

A non-poet can express the same thought.

*Spend time with those you love
because tomorrow is no guarantee.*

I view this time with two little girls as the poet did with his flowers, gathering all the memories that I may.

And Tommy Tuberville, get a life—and a primary residence in Alabama.

DPS Names First Female Texas Ranger Major in History

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) announced the promotion of Texas Ranger Captain Wende O. Wakeman to the rank of major, making her the first female Ranger major in the organization’s storied two-hundred-year history.



Wakeman now serves as the major of Texas Ranger Company “F” stationed in Waco. As Ranger major, Wakeman oversees 27 Rangers and three lieutenants across the region that spans just south of Dallas to south of San Antonio, encompassing the central part of the state.

“It is an unbelievable honor to have the opportunity to serve the citizens of this great

state and to lead my fellow Texas Rangers in this capacity,” said Major Wakeman. “This moment in Ranger history is only possible because of the dedication and the sacrifice of so many that have come before, along with the incredible strides made by this organization over the years. I will strive to do my very best to represent the men and women of this department every day.”

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Friona To Receive a \$55,754.88 Sales Tax Payment

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced last Thursday that he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts \$1.1 billion in local sales tax allocations for September. The amount is 3.4 percent more than the total distributed in September 2022.

The City of Friona will receive \$55,754.88 in sales tax allocation for the month of September. This payment is a 7.73 percent increase from the \$51,750.93 received in September of 2022. For year-to-date 2023, Friona has

received \$496,958.91 which is a 13.06 percent decrease from the YTD amount of \$571,672.87 received in 2022. The Friona Economic Development Corporation (FEDC) will receive \$13,938.72 of the September allocation for its operating budget.

Texas cities will receive \$687.6 million, transit systems will get \$225.4 million, counties will get \$65.7 million, and special purpose districts will receive \$102.8 million. These allocations are based on sales made in July by businesses that report tax monthly.

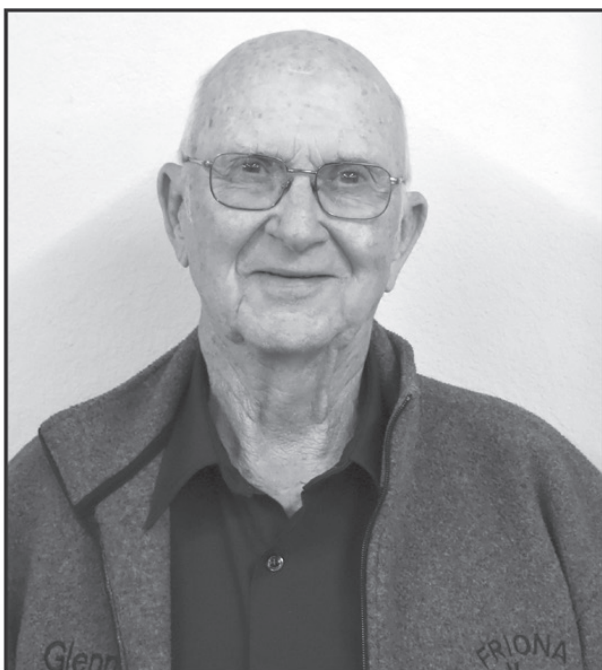
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#5 Honor Your Parents

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

The Ten Commandments are one of the most well known biblical truths, which were a huge influence on the founding of our country, forming our legal code and are essential if a society will flourish under a rule of law that discerns what is right and wrong. The Bible records the Ten Commandments in Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5. The first four commandments deal with one's relationship toward God and the last six focus on relating to others.

It is interesting that right after the God directed commandments, the next command focuses on the family.

Commandment #5 says "Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may go well with you in the Land that the Lord your God is giving you," Deut 5:16. Honoring your father or mother is a command that deals with the heart, and does not have an expiration date. Children in the home are to honor their parents by godly obedience, and adult children are to honor their parents through a caring relationship that will most likely see the children grow into a caretaker role. Honoring one's parents may be difficult when one dwells on dif-

ficulties, imperfection, and disappointments, but in honoring one's parents, the Lord is not asking one to ignore sin, or even abuses, but simply to honor God in how your attitude is toward your parents, which will then affect your actions. This commandment is not to affirm abuses, or to be a weapon to domineer in one's parenting, but it is a clear reminder of the priority of the family and the priority of one's heart. God's design and plan for the family leads to great blessing, for individuals, the family, and society, and the USA is in desperate need of following God's design for the home.

Taking Jesus to Kids

By Teena Hughs

Every once in a while, it does one's soul good to get out and see what is going on in the world. Our chance came last weekend when we attended a fundraiser for the House of Faith Church in San Angelo. This church's mission is to take Jesus to children and youth.

For some programs, it takes money to take Jesus into the world and into lesser neighborhoods; so, 11 years ago, this fundraiser was born to help fund Backyard Bible Clubs for elementary children at 15 sites in San Angelo. The church also has 321 for middle school and high school students in a "converted warehouse where social, physical and spiritual needs are met."

I talked to a man from another town who feeds pizza to countless high school students and 100 middle school students once a week while they hear about Jesus, IN THE SCHOOL. It costs over \$4000 a month to provide pizza, water and a cookie to these students. In their town, they formed a foundation to help kids; it has evolved into taking Jesus to the students. Of course, they have to fundraise and do a lot of behind-the-scenes work to be able to take Jesus into the schools.

It takes time, effort, people, money, and a willingness to serve Jesus to take Him to the world. The fundraiser in San Angelo is a two-day event where some of the best country-western dance bands come in and play from noon until 11:30 pm. It is a great way to have fun and raise money for Jesus and kids at the same time! In the other town, they put on an Extreme Bull Riding that raises about \$25,000. Once again, it is a great way to have fun getting to watch the best bull riders in the world while

spending money to help kids.

It may seem ridiculous to have to raise money so kids can meet Jesus, but you have to go where they are; you have to meet them and talk to them where they are. We all know we are living in a different world these days, and the things that used to work no longer work. Sadly, entertainment is a big part of today's world for kids, as well as for those spending money to help fund church ministries. That's why we get to have fun at dances and bull ridings!

By the way, the man who feeds pizza to middle and high school students is from Uvalde. I had no idea anything like this was going on in Uvalde. He told me they don't advertise what they do; they just do it! He teared up telling me about it, because he has seen the fruit of the foundation's labors; he knows how important it is to take Jesus to those kids in Uvalde. Besides pizza, they give each graduating senior a Bible; the House of Faith helps graduating seniors get scholarships. He said they don't push their way around; they just take baby steps, and they take what they can get when they can get it from school administrators.

Are you willing to help take Jesus to our kids? Are you willing to help with a program at your church? Teach Sunday school? Start a program to take Jesus to youth? Are you willing to give God some of His money to bring local children and youth to Him? Are you willing to pray for those who are willing to take Jesus into the world? If you are breathing, there is something for you to do! God is counting on us to help our children get to know Jesus. Please don't disappoint Him by not helping!



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First Bale Cotton Draws Premium for J.L. Stowers. Left to Right: Wright Williams, Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Stowers, J.G. McFarland. (Friona Star, Thursday, September 17, 1953)

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Obituary



Altagracia "Gracie" Ortiz

Altagracia "Gracie" Ortiz of Bovina passed away peacefully with family by her side September 5, 2023 in Farwell. Viewing will be held Friday, September 8, 2023 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM with the Rosary Services beginning at 6:00 PM at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina. Mass of Christian Burial Services is set for Saturday, September 9, 2023 at 10:00 AM at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina with Father Gregory Bunyan as Celebrant. Burial following in the Bovina Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.



Mother/Grandmother, Altagracia "Gracie" Ortiz was born 91 years ago on April 16, 1932, to Bonifacio and Micaela (Ramirez) Castro in Hays County, Texas. She married Ireneo Ortiz on June 29, 1957, in Rensselaer, Indiana. On their journey through the U.S. chasing work, they found their way to Bovina, Texas, which became their home in 1969.

She spent all her years dedicating her time and love to the two most im-

portant things to her. Her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and her Family. She was a devoted member of the St. Ann's Catholic Church of Bovina for over 50 years, where she was an active member of the Guadalupe, the Legion of Mary, the Cursillos, and served as an Eucharistic Minister. She was very involved with the Catholic Youth Organization, which she took many youths to the SEARCH retreat, including each of her sons. She was so passionate about her Faith and her Family, at times it seemed unreal that one could love and care the way she did. Most importantly she served as the ROCK of her family. There wasn't an occasion she missed good or bad, she was always there. She valued

the importance of displaying her love not only for her Lord, but for her family as well.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ireneo Ortiz, two sons, Andrew Ortiz and Ireneo (Eddie) Ortiz, a grandson, Michael Ortiz, and a great grandson, Thomas Ortiz, her parents Bonifacio and Micaela Castro, and three sisters, Betty Chagoya, Elena Pina, and Angelita Estrada.

She is survived by three children, Celia (Earl) Quintana, Delia (Ben) Cantu, and Noel (Susie) Ortiz all of Bovina. Siblings, Janie Ortiz of Lubbock, Texas, Dominga Hernandez, Jesus (Aurora) Castro and Felix (Becky) Castro, all of San Antonio, Texas, 15 grandchildren, 43 great-grandchildren, 10 great-great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

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



NOTICE OF INTENT TO SELL OR EXCHANGE REAL PROPERTY AND INVITATION TO BID

The City Council of the City of Friona, Texas is soliciting sealed bid proposals for the sale or exchange of certain city property ("Property") described as THE SURFACE ONLY of:

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Sealed bids will be received until 12:00 p.m. on Friday, September 29, 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 October 2, 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 October 10, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Bid security in the amount of five percent of any cash bid amount submitted is required. Bidders must also submit with their bid evidence that they have legal title to any property offered in exchange for the Property or sufficient funds, or access to funds, to pay the entire purchase price within five business days of the City accepting the bid.

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

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City Manager

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Youth Fishing Day Results

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In the photo — (l-r) Jeff Scott (Arlington), Sylvia Mendoza (Hereford), and Danny Kinney (Fort Worth). Jason Smart (Arlington) was unable to attend this event.



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EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS FOR THE NOVEMBER 7, 2023 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION

Proposition Number 1 (HJR 126)

HJR 126 proposes a constitutional amendment to protect a person's right to engage in generally accepted farm, ranch, timber production, horticulture, or wildlife management practices on real property that the person owns or leases. The proposed amendment would not affect the authority of the legislature to authorize the regulation of these practices by: (1) a state agency or political subdivision as necessary to protect the public health and safety from imminent danger; (2) a state agency to prevent a danger to animal health or crop production; or (3) a state agency or political subdivision to preserve or conserve the natural resources of the state under the Texas Constitution. Additionally, the proposed amendment would not affect the legislature's authority to authorize the use or acquisition of property for a public use, including the development of natural resources under the Texas Constitution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment protecting the right to engage in farming, ranching, timber production, horticulture, and wildlife management."**

Proposition Number 2 (SJR 64)

SJR 64 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the governing body of a county or municipality to exempt from property taxation all or part of the appraised value of real property used to operate a child-care facility. The proposed amendment would authorize the governing body to adopt the exemption as a percentage of the appraised value of the property, but that percentage could not be less than 50% of the appraised value of the property. The proposed amendment also would allow the legislature to define the term "child-care facility" and to establish additional eligibility requirements to receive the property tax exemption.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing a local option exemption from ad valorem taxation by a county or municipality of all or part of the appraised value of real property used to operate a child-care facility."**

Proposition Number 3 (HJR 132)

HJR 132 proposes a constitutional amendment to prohibit the legislature from imposing a tax based on the wealth or net worth of an individual or family. The proposed amendment also would prohibit the legislature from imposing a tax based on the difference between the assets and liabilities of an individual or family.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment prohibiting the imposition of an individual wealth or net worth tax, including a tax on the difference between the assets and liabilities of an individual or family."**

Proposition Number 4 (HJR 2- Second Special Session)

HJR 2 proposes a constitutional amendment to modify certain provisions of the Texas Constitution related to property taxes. The proposed amendment would authorize the legislature to temporarily limit the maximum appraised value of real property for property tax purposes in a tax year. The proposed amendment also would increase the mandatory homestead exemption for school district property taxation from \$40,000 to \$100,000. The proposed amendment would require the legislature to provide for a reduction in the amount of the limitation on school district property taxes imposed on the residence homestead of the elderly or disabled. Additionally, the amendment would exempt appropriations not dedicated by the Texas Constitution and used for property tax relief from being considered as appropriations when determining whether the rate of growth of appropriations in a biennium has exceeded the constitutional tax spending limit. The proposed amendment would further authorize the legislature to provide that members serving on an appraisal board in a county with a population of at least 75,000 serve terms not to exceed four years.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to establish a temporary limit on the maximum appraised value of real property other than a residence homestead for ad valorem tax**

purposes; to increase the amount of the exemption from ad valorem taxation by a school district applicable to residence homesteads from \$40,000 to \$100,000; to adjust the amount of the limitation on school district ad valorem taxes imposed on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect increases in certain exemption amounts; to except certain appropriations to pay for ad valorem tax relief from the constitutional limitation on the rate of growth of appropriations; and to authorize the legislature to provide for a four-year term of office for a member of the board of directors of certain appraisal districts."

Proposition Number 5 (HJR 3)

HJR 3 proposes a constitutional amendment to redesignate the national research university fund as the Texas University Fund (TUF), and to appropriate funds from the economic stabilization fund to the TUF. The proposed amendment would appropriate to the TUF an amount equal to the interest income, dividends, and investment earnings attributable to the economic stabilization fund for the preceding state fiscal year. The appropriation amount could not exceed \$100 million for the state fiscal year beginning September 1, 2023, or an amount adjusted for the increase in the general price index, not to exceed two percent, in subsequent state fiscal years. The proposed amendment also would prohibit any state university that is entitled to participate in dedicated funding provided by Article VII, Section 18 of the Texas Constitution from receiving money from the TUF.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment relating to the Texas University Fund, which provides funding to certain institutions of higher education to achieve national prominence as major research universities and drive the state economy."**

Proposition Number 6 (SJR 75)

SJR 75 proposes a constitutional amendment to create the Texas water fund. The Texas water fund would be a special fund in the state treasury outside the general revenue fund, administered by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) or its successor to assist in financing water projects in the state. The proposed amendment would direct the Texas water fund administrator to use the fund only to transfer money to other TWDB funds or accounts. The proposed amendment would authorize the legislature to appropriate money for deposit to the water fund to be available for permitted transfers. No further legislative appropriation would be required for the water fund administrator to transfer money from or restore money to the fund, including the transfer of money to or the restoration of money from certain designated TWDB funds and accounts. The water fund would consist of: (1) money transferred or deposited to the fund by general law; (2) other revenue that the legislature by statute dedicates for deposit to the fund; (3) investment earnings and interest earned on amounts credited to the fund; (4) money from gifts, grants, and donations to the fund; and (5) money returned from any authorized transfer. The proposed amendment would require the legislature, by general law, to provide for the manner in which money from the Texas water fund may be used. The proposed amendment also would require that at least 25% of the money initially appropriated to the Texas water fund be transferred to the New Water Supply for Texas Fund.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment creating the Texas water fund to assist in financing water projects in this state."**

Proposition Number 7 (SJR 93)

SJR 93 proposes a constitutional amendment to establish the Texas energy fund. The Texas energy fund would be a special fund in the state treasury outside the general revenue fund, administered by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) or its successor. Money in the Texas energy fund could be used, without further appropriation, only by PUC or its successor to provide loans and grants to finance or incentivize the construction, maintenance, modernization, and operation of electric generating facilities necessary to ensure the reliability or adequacy of an electric power grid in the state. The proposed amendment would require PUC to allocate money from the fund for loans and grants

to eligible projects for electric generating facilities that serve as backup power sources and in each region of the state that is part of an electric power grid in proportion to that region's load share. The Texas energy fund would consist of: (1) money credited, appropriated, or transferred to the fund by or as authorized by the legislature; (2) revenue that the legislature dedicates for deposit to the fund; (3) the returns received from the investment of the money in the fund; and (4) gifts, grants, and donations contributed to the fund.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the Texas energy fund to support the construction, maintenance, modernization, and operation of electric generating facilities."**

Proposition Number 8 (HJR 125)

HJR 125 proposes a constitutional amendment to create the broadband infrastructure fund. The broadband infrastructure fund would be a special fund in the state treasury outside the general revenue fund, administered by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (Comptroller). Money from the fund could be used, without further appropriation, only for the expansion of access to and adoption of broadband and telecommunications services. The broadband infrastructure fund would consist of: (1) money transferred or deposited to the fund by the Texas Constitution, general law, or the General Appropriations Act; (2) revenue that the legislature by general law dedicates for deposit to the fund; (3) investment earnings and interest earned on money in the fund; and (4) gifts, grants, and donations to the fund. The proposed amendment would authorize the Comptroller to transfer money from the broadband infrastructure fund to another fund as provided by general law, and the state agency that administers the fund to which any money is transferred could use the money without further appropriation only for the expansion of access to and adoption of broadband and telecommunications services. The broadband infrastructure fund would expire on September 1, 2035, unless extended by adoption of a joint resolution of the legislature. Immediately before the expiration of the fund, the Comptroller would be required to transfer any unexpended and unobligated balance remaining in the broadband infrastructure fund to the general revenue fund.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment creating the broadband infrastructure fund to expand high-speed broadband access and assist in the financing of connectivity projects."**

Proposition Number 9 (HJR 2)

HJR 2 proposes a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide a cost-of-living adjustment to eligible annuitants of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS). The proposed amendment also would authorize the legislature to appropriate money from the general revenue fund to the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts to pay the cost-of-living adjustment.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing the 88th Legislature to provide a cost-of-living adjustment to certain annuitants of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas."**

Proposition Number 10 (SJR 87)

SJR 87 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to exempt from property taxation tangible personal property held by a medical or biomedical manufacturer as a finished good or used in the manufacturing or processing of medical or biomedical products.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation equipment or inventory held by a manufacturer of medical or biomedical products to protect the Texas healthcare network and strengthen our medical supply chain."**

Proposition Number 11 (SJR 32)

SJR 32 proposes a constitutional amendment to expand the authority of the legislature

with regard to conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County. The Texas Constitution permits conservation and reclamation districts in certain counties across the state to issue bonds to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities but does not currently provide this authority to El Paso County. The proposed amendment would add conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to those districts currently allowed, if authorized by general law, to issue bonds supported by property taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities. The proposed amendment would not limit the powers of the legislature or of a conservation and reclamation district with respect to parks and recreational facilities as those powers currently exist.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities."**

Proposition Number 12 (HJR 134)

HJR 134 proposes a constitutional amendment to abolish the office of County Treasurer in Galveston County. The amendment would authorize the Galveston County Commissioners Court to employ or contract with a qualified person or designate another county officer to perform any functions that would have been performed by the County Treasurer. The proposed amendment would take effect only if a majority of the voters of Galveston County voting on the proposition favor the amendment.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment providing for the abolition of the office of county treasurer in Galveston County."**

Proposition Number 13 (HJR 107)

HJR 107 proposes a constitutional amendment to increase the mandatory retirement age for state justices and judges. Currently, the Texas Constitution establishes that justices and judges of the appellate courts, district courts, and criminal district courts must retire on the expiration of the term during which they reach the age of 75 years or an earlier age, not less than 70 years, as the legislature may prescribe. The proposed amendment would change the mandatory retirement age for justices and judges of the appellate courts, district courts, and criminal district courts to 79 years or an earlier age, not less than 75 years, as the legislature may prescribe. The proposed amendment also would remove the provision stating that justices and judges may only serve until December 31 of their fourth year in office if they reach the age of 75 years in the first four years of a six-year term.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment to increase the mandatory age of retirement for state justices and judges."**

Proposition Number 14 (SJR 74)

SJR 74 proposes a constitutional amendment to establish the centennial parks conservation fund as a trust fund outside the state treasury. The fund could be used, in accordance with general law, only for the creation and improvement of state parks. The centennial parks conservation fund would consist of: (1) money appropriated, credited, or transferred to the fund by the legislature; (2) gifts, grants, and donations received by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) or its successor for a purpose for which money in the fund may be used; and (3) investment earnings and interest earned on amounts credited to the fund. The proposed amendment would authorize the legislature to appropriate money from the centennial parks conservation fund to TPWD or its successor for the creation and improvement of state parks.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the centennial parks conservation fund to be used for the creation and improvement of state parks."**



Sports



Muleshoe 48 Friona 28

Scoring Summary

1st Quarter

M — Josue Sigala 90 yard kickoff return (Mauricio Herrera PAT good)

M — Yahir Quezada 32 yard pass from Nathan Martens (Mauricio Herrera PAT good)

M — Daniel Sianez 3 yard run (Mauricio Herrera PAT no good)

2nd Quarter

F — Cade Seaman 30 yard run (Isaac Olmos PAT good)

M — Josue Sigala 60 yard run (Mauricio Herrera PAT good)

3rd Quarter

M — Josue Sigala 62 yard run (Aaron Morales PAT good)

F — Jonathan Gonzales interception return (Isaac Olmos PAT no good)

M — Josue Sigala 33 yard run (Aaron Morales PAT no good)

4th Quarter

M — Sebastian Kirven 20 yard pass from Nathan Martens (Yahir Quezada 2 pt. conversion good)

F — Cade Seaman 29 yard run (Isaac Olmos PAT good)

F — Cade Seaman 33 yard run (Carson Seaman 2 pt. conversion good)



Rushing Stats	Carries	Yards	TDs	Avg
0 Carson Seaman	19	11	0	5.8
4 Cade Seaman	29	218	3	7.5
21 Jose Alvidrez	2	6	0	3.0
33 Edwin Munoz	8	28	0	3.5
Rushing Totals:	58	362	3	6.2

Receiving Stats	Receptions	Yards	TDs	Avg
21 Jose Alvidrez	1	7	0	7.0
Receiving Totals:	1	7	0	7.0

Passing Stats	Comp	Att	Yards	TDs	INTs
0 Carson Seaman	1	14	7	0	1

Kicking Stats	Extra Pt	Att	Field Goal
1 Isaac Olmos	1	3	0

Defensive Stats	UN	AST.	TOT	TFL	FR	FC	INTSACK
1 Olmos, Isaac	1	6	7	-	-	-	-
3 Sanchez, Damian	5	6	-	-	-	-	-
4 Seaman, Cade	1	1	2	-	-	-	-
7 Rosales, Aaron	-	-	0	-	-	-	-
8 Arias, Joaquin	3	1	4	-	-	-	-
10 Daniels, Jameson	2	-	2	-	-	-	-
11 Garcia, Jorge	1	2	3	1	-	-	1
14 Gonzalez, Johnny	2	4	6	-	-	-	1
15 Ramos, Gabriel	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
17 Rocha, Abram	2	2	4	2.5	-	-	2
21 Alvidrez, Jose	1	2	3	-	-	-	-
28 Ally, Deiter	-	2	2	0.5	-	-	-
33 Munoz, Edwin	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
50 Quezada, Diego	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
58 Jaramillo, Erik	1	7	8	-	-	-	-
Rodriguez, Aaron #74	1	-	1	-	-	-	-

Yards allowed; Rushing 261, Passing 157, Total 418



Sports News

High School Football

The Chieftains fell to 0-2 for the year after a 48-28 loss to Muleshoe at Chieftain Field. Cade Seaman rushed for 218 yards and 3 touchdowns for Friona. Erik Jaramillo (8) and Isaac Olmos (7) were the leading tacklers. Johnny Gonzales returned an interception 45 yards for a touchdown. The Chiefs are on the road again this week as they face the Wolves Friday evening starting at 7:00 p.m. in Dalhart.

Junior High Football

The 7th grade Braves fell to Muleshoe 32-10 last week in their opening game of the season. Jesus Salgado returned a missed extra point attempt 100 yards for a 2 point score. Later, Fernando Moreno scored on a 44 yard pass from Eli Rosales. Andrew Marquez ran for the 2 point conversion. Eli Rosales had 75 yards to lead the team in rushing. On defense, Hector Mendez recorded a fumble recovery.

The 8th grade Braves defeated Muleshoe 38-16 at Chieftain Field in their opening game. Hector Aguirre scored on a 74 yard kickoff return. The extra point was no good. Octavio Arias ran 30 yards for a touchdown. The extra point failed again. Arias scored his 2nd touchdown on a 22 yard run and the extra point failed. Nate Padilla added a touchdown with a 1 yard run. The extra point was no good. Aguirre recorded his 2nd touchdown with a 26 yard run and finally Arias ran for the 2 point conversion. For his 3rd touchdown, Arias returned a kickoff 66 yards for 6 points. The extra point was no good. Hector Aguirre led the team with 78 yards rushing and Octavio Arias had 66 yards rushing. On defense, Colt Avalos and Isais Casas each had an interception. Also, Max Reyes recovered a fumble.

The 7th and 8th grade Braves travel to Dalhart this Thursday to battle the Wolves. Game times are 5:00 p.m. for 7th and 6:30 p.m. for 8th.



Cross Country

All Cross Country teams competed last Saturday in the Amarillo ISD Invitational Cross Country Meet at Rick Klein Park. In the Varsity Small School Girls Division, Yvonne Legarreta won first place with a time of 13:03.19 in the 3200 Meter Finals. The Cross Country teams will be competing this Saturday in Friona at the Maize Days event.

2023 Little Miss Friona Contest



2:00 p.m. Sunday, September 17 Friona High School Auditorium



Little Miss Friona Contestant



Mila Santiago

Parents: Benjamin & Sandra Santiago



Little Miss Friona Contestant



Harper Carrillo

Parents: Elias & Shelby Carrillo



Little Miss Friona Contestant



Laryah Miller

Parents: Kiesha Aragon

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Little Miss Friona Contestant



Haylee Aragon

Parents: David & Liliana Aragon

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Little Miss Friona Contestants

- Contestant #1 — Mila Santiago
Sponsor | The Looks of Impression
- Contestant #2 — Harper Carrillo
Sponsor | Steven's Five Star
- Contestant #3 — Laryah Miller
Sponsor | Bucky's Trucking
- Contestant #4 — Haylee Aragon
Sponsor | Bucky's Trucking
- Contestant #5 — Liz'Marie Quezada
Sponsor | Creative Chaos Boutique
- Contestant #6 — Aubree Guerra
Sponsor | FNB Friona Banking Center
- Contestant #7 — Ayva Lozoya
Sponsor | NewTex Feedyard Inc.
- Contestant #8 — Yaretzi Vazquez
Sponsor | Vazquez Builders

Little Miss Friona Contestant



Liz'Marie Quezada

Parents: Oscar & America Quezada

Little Miss Friona Contestant



Aubree Guerra

Parents: Noel and Jessica Guerra



Little Miss Friona Contestant



Ayva Lozoya

Parents: Ulises and Jacque Lozoya



Little Miss Friona Contestant

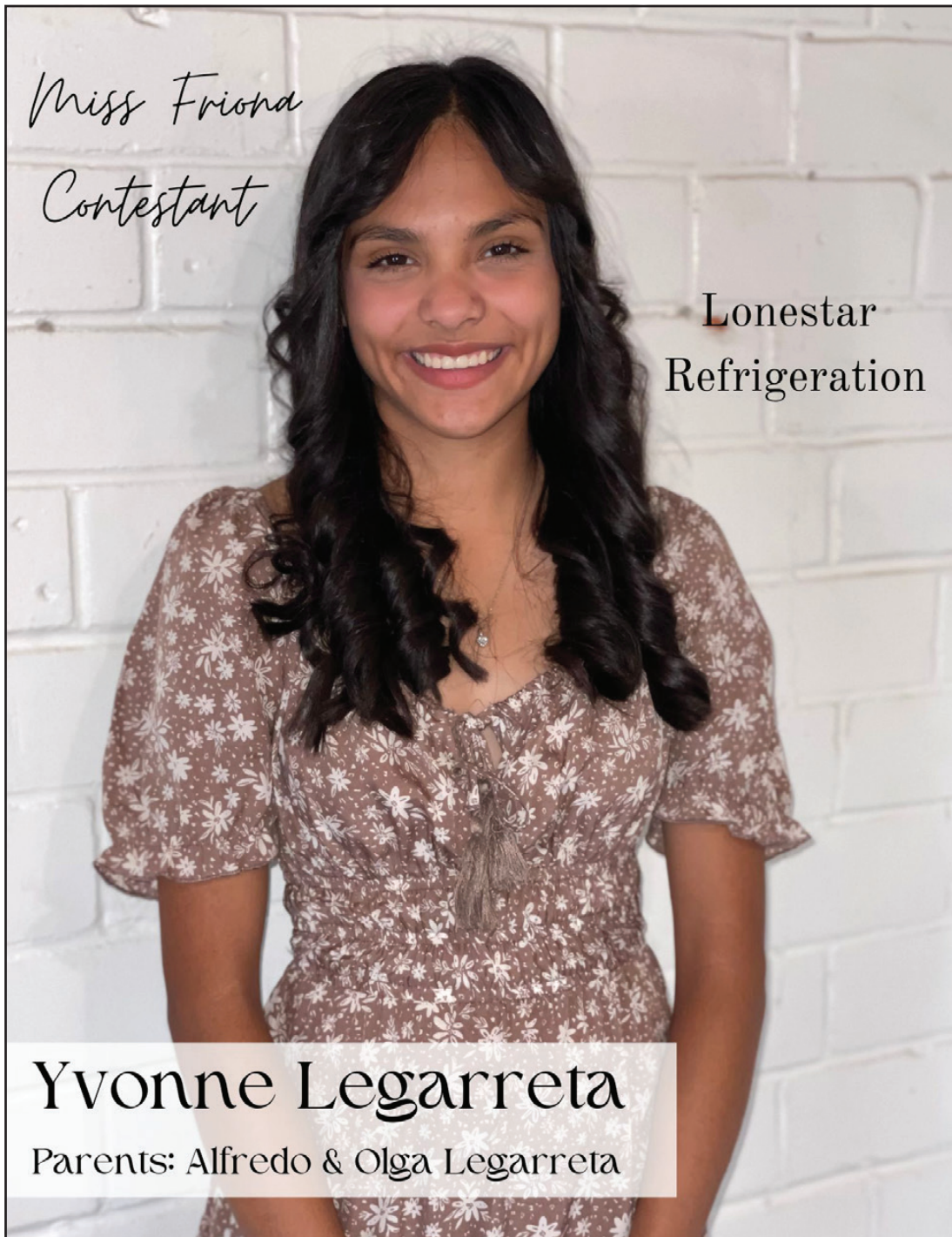


Yaretzi Vazquez

Parents: Rodrigo and Joana Vazquez

Contestant #1 - Yvonne Legarreta
Sponsor | Lonestar Refrigeration

Contestant #2 - Emily Anderson
Sponsor | FNB First National Bank



**2023 Miss Friona
Scholarship Pageant**



6:00 p.m. Sunday, September 17
Friona High School Auditorium



Contestant #3 - Reese Steelman
Sponsor | JEL Land & Cattle LLC

Contestant #4 - Delynda Wium
Sponsor | MAX HVAC and Plumbing Solutions



Contestant #5 - Anna Jo London
Sponsor | TL Harvesting

Contestant #6 - Nadia Snyder
Sponsor | The Looks of Impressions



**2023 Miss Friona
Scholarship Pageant**



6:00 p.m. Sunday, September 17
Friona High School Auditorium



Contestant #7 - Jalie Cook
Sponsor | Interbank

Contestant #8 - Duvy Ortiz
Sponsor | Ward Kellner Properties



Contestant #9 - Pamela Cardona
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Contestant #10 - Leah Hernandez
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**2023 Miss Friona
Scholarship Pageant**



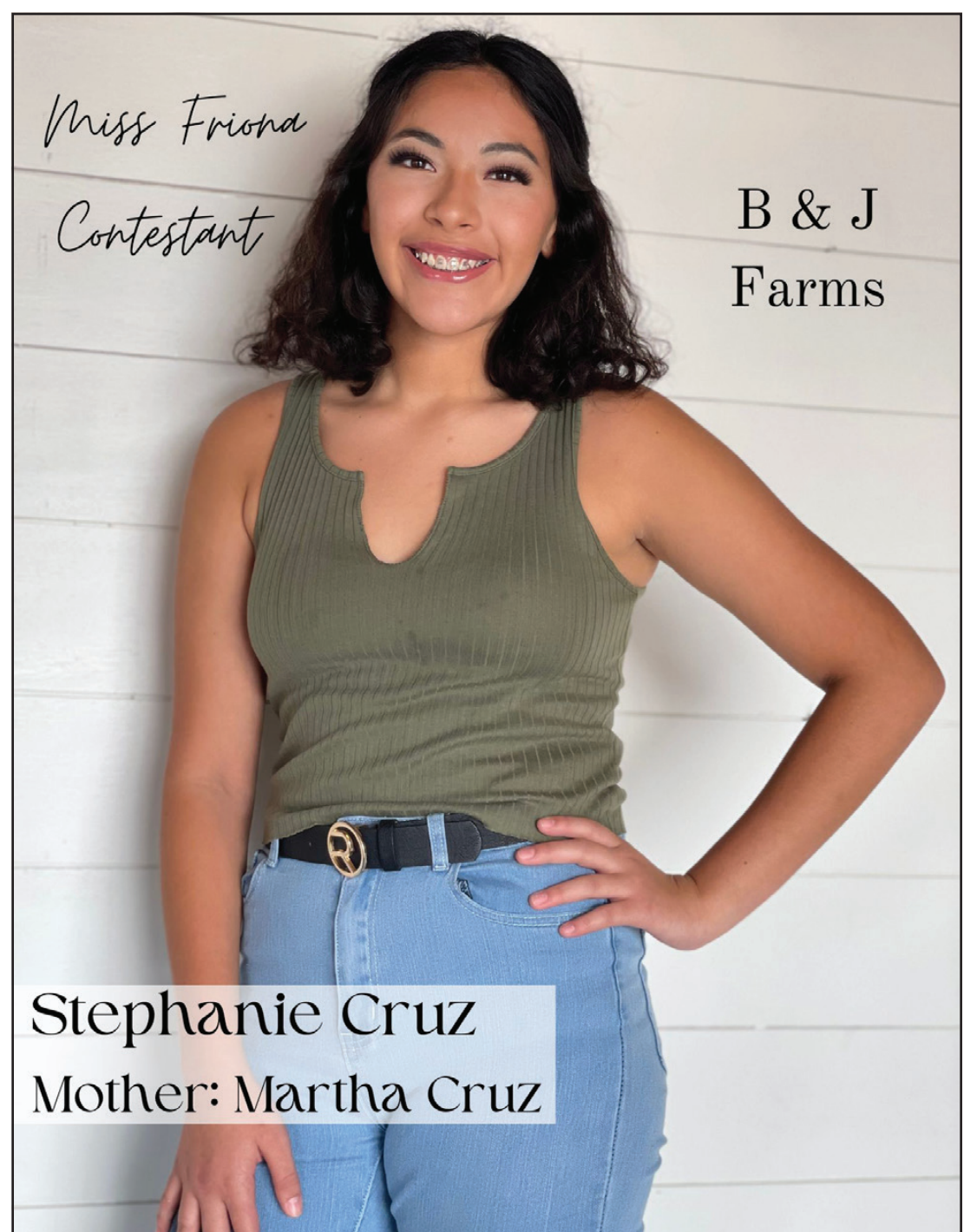
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