



Welcome to Friona!!! — The Friona Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture welcomed Friona’s newest business, Klassen Country Store, with a ribbon cutting ceremony last Friday. Peter & Helena Klassen (holding the scissors) are the owners of the meat market and bakery and they were joined by their children Adam, Willy, Justina, and Susanna. Also on hand were friends, customers, and chamber officials. Klassen Country Store is located at 1143 Highway 214 which is approximately 13 miles south of Friona past the Running Water Draw and back up the hill. Call 806-965-2992 for more information or to place an order.



Word on the street — work is underway to finish 8th Street between Ashland and Grand. Paving and curbing will be installed. This work is part of the Friona City Council’s goal to finish unpaved streets around town in the upcoming years.

County Clerk encourages voter input

Parmer County Clerk Susie Spring told the Friona Star that the county-wide voting process was deemed a success in the recent November election. A couple of indicators lend support to that determination. First, exit survey results showed that 97% of the respondents stated that they liked the concept of countywide voting and wanted it to continue. Moreover, 87% said it was more convenient to have options concerning



voting locations. The second indicator was turnout. Based on statewide election night returns, the estimated voter turnout for the November 7th Constitutional Amendment Election was 14.4% of registered voters. More than 2.5 million Texans cast a ballot. That was the highest turnout for a constitutional amendment election since 2005. The Parmer County voter turnout of 14.8% showed that local voters adapted

well to the new system. **Parmer County residents are encouraged to attend a public hearing on Monday, November 27, 2023 starting at 10:00 a.m., during Commissioner’s Court to express their opinion regarding the continuation of the Texas Secretary of State’s County-wide Polling Place Program in Parmer County. The Parmer County Courthouse is located at 401 3rd Street in Farwell, Texas.**








Backstage Pass



In the photo — Former and current FHS instructors gathered last week after the Friona Theatre’s performance of *Once On This Island*. Joining cast member Amy Montana backstage was (clockwise from top right) Allison Johnston, Kelley Tucker, Joy Morton, and Erika Montana. From comedy to drama, musicals to one-act plays, and everything Summer Drama Workshop these four have been a driving force behind the scenes teaching generations of kids the value and benefits of the performing arts.

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Community Calendar

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

November 20-24

- No School (Thanksgiving)

November 23

- Thanksgiving Day holiday

November 27

- Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

November 28

- Packing bags for Snack Pak 4 Kids at 3 p.m. north door on 9th street of the Friona Methodist Church

November 29

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

November 30

- Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

December 4

- Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center
Noon Lions Club meeting at the Farmwife Kitchen
Christmas in the Park and Light Parade

ON YOUR PAYROLL

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Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



Thanksgiving—for all the 'nevers' in my life

I have never gone hungry.
I have never gone without water, either for consumption or cleaning or cooking.
I have never had to seek safety in a bomb shelter or a safe room.
In my six decades, not once have I been treated differently due to my skin color.
I have never been tortured, intentionally humiliated, or cast out.
I never got picked last on the playground.
The poverty my father knew as a boy was never in my childhood home.
No physical deformity, no chronic pain, no congenital health issue. Never.
No threats or attacks have ever come my way because of my faith.
The horror of physical assault? Never.
The pain of feeling and actually being unloved? Never.
The grief of a miscarriage? No.
I have never forgotten the details of the days my daughters were born.
My parents never yelled at me or told me to shut up.
My parents never hit me.
My parents never forgot my birthday or my favorite foods or my friends' names.
I have never been truly alone.

Because of good fortune, grace, guardian angels, prayer, fate, and the luck of the Irish I find myself giving thanks with a grateful heart for sixty-seven years of nevers.
May your Thanksgiving 2023 bring you joy.

City of Friona By the Numbers

October 2023

Public Library

20 days open
326 e-visits

534 in-house visits
9 new patrons
354 items circulated
14 new items added
\$170.45 copy fees
\$132.50 fax fees

Book Shop open 6 times
\$74.00 in sales

Police Department

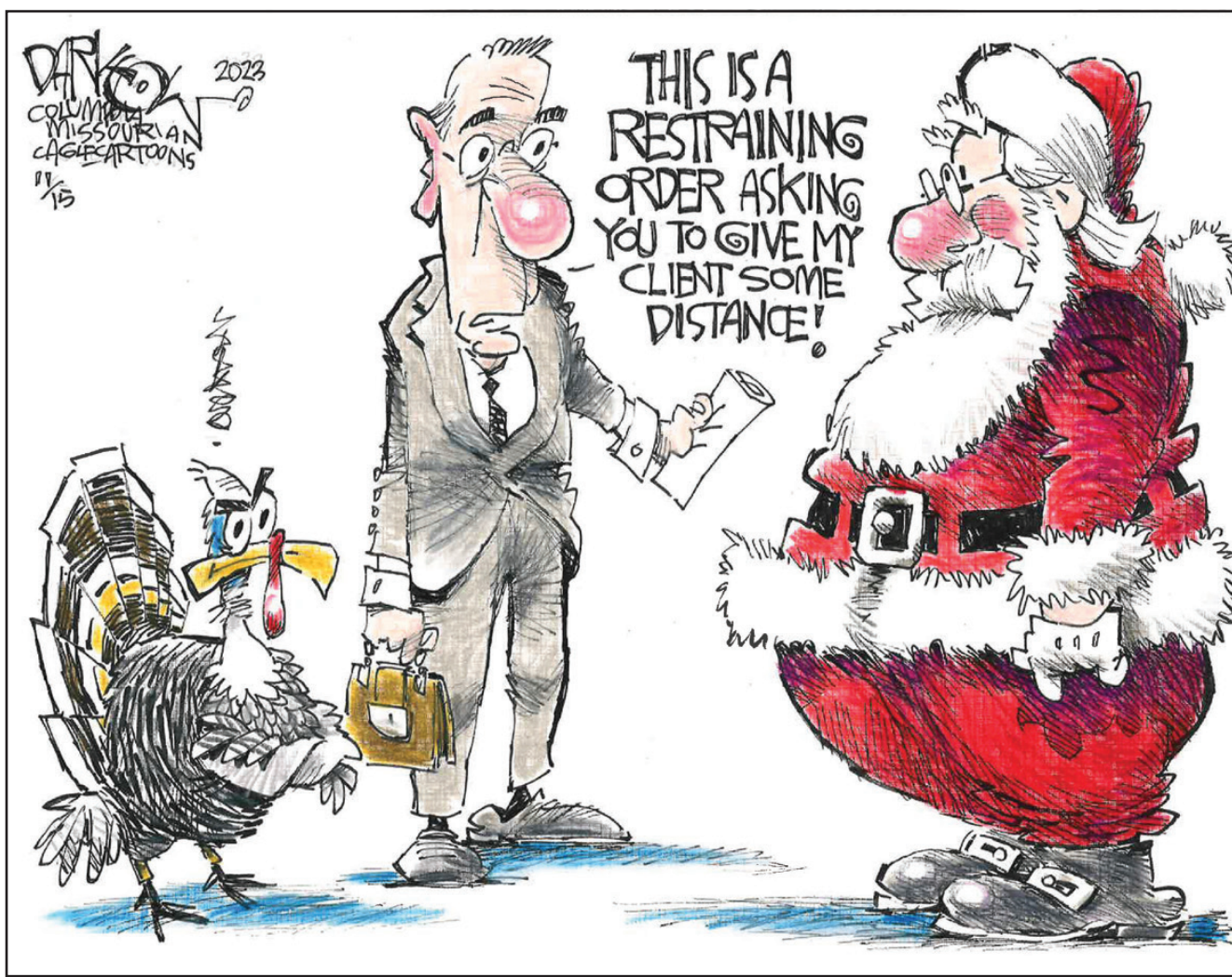
131 calls
4 arrests
38 citations
138 warnings
175 stops
2,504 miles driven

EMS

16 transports (911)
3 Prairie Acres (911)
13 transfers
16 non-transports (911)
0 no patient or disregard
5 standby
53 total service calls

Volunteer Fire Department

Oct. 4 Wreck — 9 firefighters, 2 trucks
Oct. 5 Tripped Breaker — 8 firefighter, 3 trucks
Oct. 6 Wreck — 8 firefighters, 4 trucks
Oct. 9 Lift Assist — 5 firefighters, 1 truck
Oct. 13 Wreck — 11 firefighters, 3 trucks
Oct. 16 Wreck — 6 firefighters, 3 trucks
Oct. 18 Gas Leak — 8 firefighters, 3 trucks
Oct. 26 Wreck — 13 firefighters, 4 trucks
Oct. 29 Wreck — 5 firefighters, 3 trucks
Oct. 29 Wreck — 5 firefighters, 3 trucks
Oct. 30 False Alarm — 6 firefighters, 3 trucks



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COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from November 9, 2023 to November 16, 2023

(11/13/23) Eseban Mendoza, Adela Mendoza — Martin Ibarra, Guadalupe Ibarra — All of Lot 7, block 3, of the Original Town of Friona, Parmer County, Texas

(11/15/23) Louise Hancock — Todd Charles Lingau — All of Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, and All of That Part of Lot 8 Lying South of U.S. Highway 70-84 Right of Way, of Section 4, T16S, R1E, of a Capitol Syndicate Subdivision in Parmer County, Texas

Thanksgiving

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith



In 1941 President Franklin Roosevelt designated the fourth Thursday—of every November—as Thanksgiving.

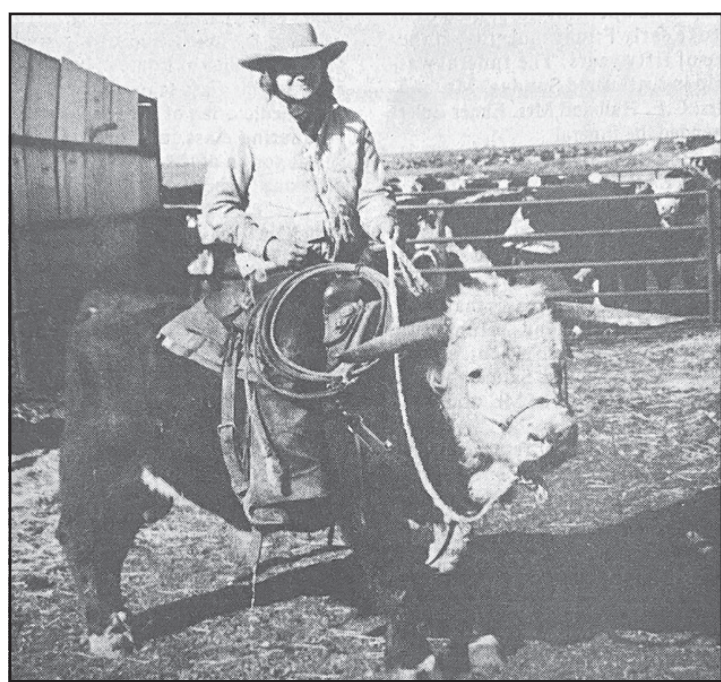
But the celebration had started much earlier. History.com, says it began “in the autumn of 1621, when Plymouth governor William Bradford invited local members of the Wampanoag tribe to join the Pilgrims in a festival held in gratitude for the bounty of the season.” And so it “became an annual custom throughout New England in the 17th century, and in 1777 the Continental Congress declared the first national American Thanksgiving following the Patriot victory at Saratoga. In 1789, President George Washington became the first president to proclaim a Thanksgiving holiday, when, at the request of Congress, he proclaimed November 26, a Thursday, as a day of national thanksgiving for the U.S. Constitution.”

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends **Thanksgiving: The Biography of an American Holiday** by James W. Baker.

Source: *History Matters: Showing our children that their past is prelude to their future at the grateful-americanbookprize.com website.*

FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



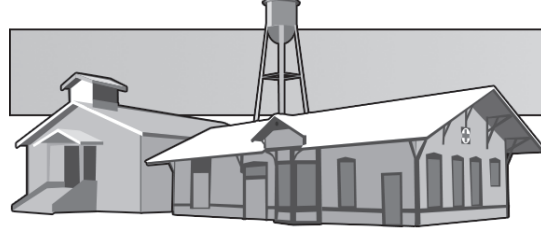
YOUNG COWHAND . . . Daryl Hawkins, an employee of Paco Feed Yard, is shown astride an unlikely steed, a 1000-pound Hereford bull he calls “Prince Albert.” Hawkins has been riding the bull while checking pens, and Prince Albert seems to have taken it in stride. (Friona Star, Sunday, November 20, 1983)

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Puzzle Solution

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Smokin' — members of the Friona Vocational Agriculture Association sold just under 300 smoked turkeys for the Thanksgiving holidays. Thanks to everyone who participated in the event which raised money to support local FFA and FCCLA students. **NOTE: They will be smoking hams for Christmas this year. Order today!!!**

Community Service — Great turnout at the Community Thanksgiving Service Sunday night with over 250 attending the event held at the Victory Family Worship Center. The service was sponsored by the Friona Ministerial Alliance and funds raised benefit those in need in our community.

Empty Stocking Fund — Donations are being accepted for the Empty Stocking Fund which provides clothing and a toy to local needy children. Donations may be made at Friona Inter-Bank or given to project co-chairs Holly Campbell or Jyl Grimsley.

Pun Fun — Weight loss pills were reported stolen this past week. Police say suspects are still at large. Source: www.pun.me

- National Days**
- November 23: Thanksgiving Day
 - November 24: Black Friday
 - November 25: Small Business Saturday
 - November 26: Cake Day
 - November 27: Cyber Monday
 - November 28: French Toast Day
 - November 29: Electronic Greetings Day

Consider giving?

Our local Friona Youth Sports program has been in existence since January of 2018.

We offer football, volleyball and basketball seasons as well as summer camps united with local surrounding colleges. We have approximately 300 plus kids participate each season. We serve Friona residents but also kids in Farwell, Bovina, Lazbuddie, Muleshoe, Dimmitt and much more.

We offer the cheapest participation costs per season at only \$25 per kid and multiple sib-

lings discounts. We also offer camps at no cost to the kids. These are absolutely free to them in the summer.

Help us continue to serve our kids by giving a donation through this year's Panhandle Gives. This donation is amplified.

<https://www.thepanhandlegives.org/organizations/friona-youth-sports>

Giving time ends November 28. As always, we appreciate every bit of help that you give. You are important to every one of our kids!

Come Join Us!

We want to invite friends and family to celebrate **Pat Martin** on her 90th Birthday. We are hosting a “Come and Go” Saturday, November 25th at the Senior Citizen Center from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Please drop by to help us celebrate a lifetime of experiences and memories.



Animals are getting ready for... ...the long, cold winter months ahead. Kids: color stuff in!

Newspaper Fun!

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Whirls of Squirrels!

Invitations to a festival were sent on oak leaves to all squirrel family members:

- These squirrels build nests in branches and hollows. They do not store food, but bury it to find later.
- These are the noisiest squirrels. They like to live in forests. They are the smallest of the tree squirrels, but they are very fast.
- These squirrels sleep during the day. They move and eat at night. They climb to high spots in trees, then jump and glide!
- These members of the squirrel family – woodchucks, prairie dogs and marmots – all have burrows in the earth. They store food and hibernate in winter.
- These dig burrows. They have dark and light stripes on their faces. They carry food in cheek pouches to store it for the winter. They sleep, but they wake up to nibble food.

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle to find out who is at the festival.

1. may be as small as a mouse or as large as a _____

2. fur _____ may be gray, golden brown, red, black or white

3. four sharp front ones; can bite through the hardest nut shells

4. used for steering, balance, shade and warmth

5. use these to hold, bury food

6. over one _____ types of squirrels

7. squirrels _____: bark, squeal and chatter

8. _____ themselves a lot

9. find nuts with this keen sense

10. ground squirrels have these in cheeks to carry food

11. make these in tree hollows, on branches, in ground

12. fruits, nuts, berries, seeds, insects, eggs are _____

Food for Winter

Help the squirrels race to find acorns to store in their nests before the cold weather comes.

The Mighty Oak Tree

From what tree do acorns fall? Why, the mighty oak tree! Do you know that the acorns are the seeds of the oak tree? Read the clues below to learn more about the oak tree and to fill in the puzzle:

- oak wood is used to make boats, flooring and _____
- many animals eat acorns; deer, squirrels, chipmunks, _____, and more
- an oak tree can produce up to 2,000 _____ every year
- only 1 acorn out of every 10,000 grows enough to become an _____ tree
- the Oak is the national _____ of the United States
- a full grown oak can “drink” up to 50 gallons of _____ each day

A Nutty Feast!

Squirrels love nuts! How many different kinds of nuts can you name? The nuts below were served at a feast. Can you find and circle them?

pistachio almond filbert pecan hazelnut peanut acorn chestnut cashew walnut

He's always been a bit squirrely!

Incoming!

Look at the acorns to the left and below. Circle the two acorns that are the same.

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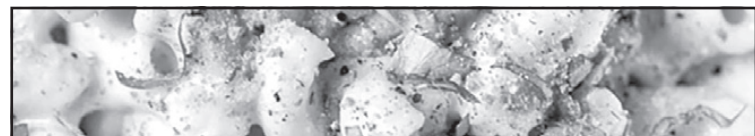
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Small Town Cookin' By Jeri Lynn White

Healthy Comfort Food

This week's healthier version of comfort food is baked macaroni and cheese. To make this dish a little healthier, the author reduced the amount of butter, used reduced fat cheddar cheese, replaced cream with skim milk and chicken broth, and added fresh baby spinach. Hope you enjoy!

Lighter Baked Macaroni and Cheese
www.skinnytaste.com



Ingredients

- 12 oz elbow macaroni, wheat or whole wheat
- 2 tbsp butter
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1/4 cup minced onion
- 2 cups skim milk
- 1 cup chicken or vegetable broth
- 8 oz reduced fat cheddar, for best results shred yourself salt and pepper
- 4 cups baby spinach
- 2 tbsp grated Parmesan
- 1/4 cup seasoned whole wheat bread crumbs
- olive oil spray

Instructions

Cook pasta in salted water according to package directions. Spray a baking dish with buttered flavor Pam. Preheat oven to 375F°. In a large, heavy skillet, melt butter. Add flour and cook over low heat stirring with a whisk. Add onion and cook another 2 minutes. Add milk and chicken broth and continue whisking, raising heat to medium-high until it comes to a boil and becomes smooth and thick. Season with salt and pepper. Once it becomes thick, remove from heat, add cheese 1/4 cup at a time and mix well until cheese is melted. Adjust salt and pepper to taste, add cooked macaroni and baby spinach. Pour into baking dish. Top with grated cheese and breadcrumbs. Spray a little more oil on top. Bake for 15-20 minutes, then broil for a few minutes to get the breadcrumbs golden.

Happy Birthday

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| <p>Nov. 23
Erika Avila
Thania Garcia
Ashley Wiseman
Denae (Reeve) McLellan
Brad Lane
Brandi (Smith) Davis
Lupe Salinas
Lorena Rodriguez
Josiah Reyes
Karina Santiago</p> <p>Nov. 24
Dee Willard
Ashley Schlenker
Angela Van Valkenburg
Pat Martin
Jesus Mata, Jr.</p> <p>Nov. 25
Sharon White
Debra Beauchamp
Harley London
Polly Rivera
Edward Rivera
Laura (Ellis) Garcia
Cathy Christesson
Polly Turner
Cale Bynum
Michelle Reyes
Bella Saiz</p> | <p>Nov. 26
Adaline White
Jamie (Reeve) Epperson
RyLee Vancleave
Don Maynard
Erik McInroe
Jo Phelps</p> <p>Nov. 27
Johnna Blackburn
Jordan (Monroe) Jarecki
Franzella Reynard
Lana (Fangman) Bracken
Lupe Castillo
Mal Manchee
Dean Shipp</p> <p>Nov. 28
Rena London
Cason White
Nelda Talley
Lydia Munoz</p> <p>Nov. 29
Ky Graham
Mitchell Gibson
Lisa Gonzales
Nicole Talley
Jude Ramirez
Gus Procter</p> |
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B·I·N·G·O Night at Legacy Pointe



It was Bingo Night last Thursday at Legacy Pointe. A crowd of about 30 showed up to play, win prizes, enjoy snacks, and learn to count.



Emma Davila took home the turkey as the Grand Prize winner.



Ron Procter is congratulated by Bingo Boss Kathy Borchers.



The first family of Bingo. Martha, Brent, Stormi, and Jayden all took home a prize.

Low gas prices for the near term

By Gas Buddy

Average gasoline prices in Texas have rose 1.7 cents per last week, averaging \$2.77 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Prices in Texas are 24.3 cents lower than a month ago and stand 16.0 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas was priced at \$2.20 while the most expensive was \$4.11 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline fell 6.2 cents per gallon last week, averaging \$3.27 per gallon. The national average is down 25.9 cents from a month ago and stands 36.9 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel fell 6.9 cents last week and stands at \$4.28 per gallon.

"As millions of Americans gear up to hit the road for Thanksgiving, the national average is seeing its longest streak of declines in over a year, reaching a ninth straight week as gas prices fall to their lowest since January," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

"GasBuddy now counts over 65,000 stations with a price of \$2.99 per gallon or lower, while 11 states are seeing average prices below \$3. In addition, we could see five more states join the sub-\$3 club by Thanksgiving. The fall in gas prices, largely seasonal due to weakening gasoline demand, could extend for another week or two, leading to potentially the lowest gas prices since 2021 by Christmas," De Haan added.

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

Frye announces re-election bid



Parmer County Commissioner Kirk Frye announced that he has filed for re-election as Parmer County Commissioner, Precinct 1. "It has been an honor to serve as Precinct 1 Commissioner for the past 23 years," remarked Frye. "I look forward to serving the residents of Precinct 1 for another term."

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- Closed Thanksgiving Day
- Open Friday, Nov. 24, 9am - 1pm
- Closed Saturday, Nov. 25



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Walking by Faith

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

As FBC has been going through the Old Testament on Sunday mornings, two men have stood out because the Bible says both of them "walked with God" in the early chapters of Genesis. The blessing of walking with God is rich with the treasures of heaven, and walking in the fullness of God is something the world cannot produce or offer. Do you know who these two men are? If you said Noah and Enoch you are correct. As you consider these men walking with God, it is encouraging that they walked with God during one of the

darkest times in the history of our world (Gen 6:5). Therefore, if God was able to sustain and uphold these godly men as they lived their lives in faith and obedience with the Lord, how much more so is the Lord able to sustain and strengthen you as you walk with Him and strive to be a witness to the lost world? Walking with God happens when you walk by faith in the Lord, loving him supremely and obeying him diligently. Faith and love are the fuel that propels one's obedience, which is a mark of someone's life who walks with God. Hebrews 11:7

makes this clear regarding Noah, "By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith." Notice that Noah's faith was the difference for him and his family in the midst of a world that experienced the judgment of God. In a similar manner, genuine faith in Christ is what sets believers apart in our world as we walk with Christ and shine his light and spread his kingdom.

Panhandle Parables

Thanksgiving Prayer

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

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

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

Father, we are humbled by the bounty of physical blessings that we should count more often. We thank you for homes, food, and the abundance that many cannot even imagine. We pray that we will keep perspective that we

are mere managers of stuff and may our stuff never take Your place.

Lord, we thank you for this community that lives, loves, and shares as we serve You with all our hearts. May you bless each family in our community, that we may ever abound in sharing our lives with each other.

God, You know we have lost some good folks here in our area and we ask comfort for the families as they face these first holidays with empty seats. Spread your arms around them, and use our arms, as well.

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

Happy Thanksgiving!

By Teena Hughs

I am a person who does not like to give up doing things, even when I am not enjoying doing them. I feel like I am a quitter, and I never have liked that feeling.

This has been a BUSY semester for me. I teach Sunday school and lead a ladies Bible study on Monday mornings. In both classes, I am creating the lessons. In Sunday school, we take the Scripture our minister centers his sermon on, and we do a deeper study; I do the same thing on Mondays about women in the Bible. Then, I lead my group at Community Bible Study and a group I inherited on Tuesday evenings at church.

I love researching and studying God's Word, but this semester has consumed me, and I haven't had time to do some of the other things I also enjoy, like counted cross-stitching and writing letters. I have not complained to a single person, or even to God, about spending most of my time studying and not having time for other things. I have to be honest and say that I feel selfish for feeling overwhelmed with my study and research of God's Word but, here is how

God works....

On November 5th, we needed to leave after church and go to Alpine. My friend Jaclyn had told me she would fill in for me at Sunday school anytime I needed her help; so I asked her to fill in that Sunday. This was her first time teaching, and she really enjoyed it.

Thursday night, out of the blue, she texted me and told me she would be willing to help me teach anytime. I thought about it for a few minutes; I texted her back; and, I offered her the class. I told her I needed to give up some things, and she took the class. Then, I asked Feller if he was still willing to lead the Tuesday night class, and he said he was.

My first real sense of relief came last night after the UCF vs Texas Tech football game. If I had had to teach Sunday school this morning, I would have probably had to finish my lesson, maybe even just start preparing my lesson, after the game. But, I didn't have to since Jaclyn is now the teacher!

As I have gotten older, it has been easier and easier to give up things I really need to give up. By letting Jaclyn and Feller lead

these classes, it not only frees up some of my time, but it also gives them an opportunity to grow in God's Word like I have been. Plus, the classes will be taught by people who will have time to put more effort into them. So, it is a win-win situation for everyone!

This Thanksgiving, I am most thankful for a loving, caring God who arranges for me to have time to stay in the Word, and even dedicate more time to my Monday ladies group and my CBS group, and have the time to do two things I sincerely love doing.

Anytime you don't think God cares about you; anytime you don't think He cares about what you do in your everyday life; anytime you don't think He loves you, look at the opportunities He gives you to make changes in your life and make it better. He sees you, and He knows what you need. Just let Him help you!

Please take the time to remember all the things you are thankful for! It will make you feel blessed!!! Then, remember Who gives you those blessings! Take care and Happy Thanksgiving!!!

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1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NIV

¹⁶ Estén siempre alegres, ¹⁷ oren sin cesar, ¹⁸ den gracias a Dios en toda situación, porque esta es su voluntad para ustedes en Cristo Jesús.
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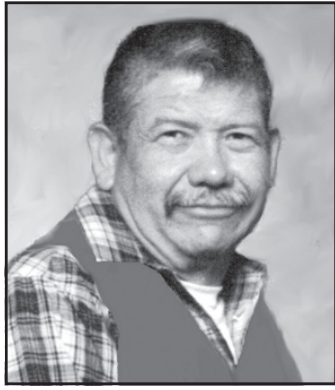


Obituaries



Luis Medrano Vasquez

Luis Medrano Vasquez, 67 of Friona passed away at his home surrounded by family on November 16, 2023. A private memorial will be held by family and friends. Arrangements by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.



dren- Angela and Louis Vasquez. On February 24th, 1983 he married Connie Vasquez, who had 4 children of her own -Maria, Jose, Rosa and Carlos, and their families were then blended. Luis and Connie went on to raise four children of their own- Laura, Leslie, Mason and Lawton. He is also survived by over 20 grandchildren.

Luis was born to Manuel Vasquez and Manuela Medrano on July 31st 1956 in Georgetown, TX. He was known to many as either "Big Louie" or "King Louie". From an early age Luis worked as a Mason. He loved fishing, hunting, keeping roosters and chickens and watching westerns. He always had atlas maps, mechanic books

and loved tinkering with motors. His family will always remember their road trips to south Texas.

Luis is predeceased by parents- Manuel and Manuela Vasquez, daughter- Angela Vasquez, grandson- Tripp Vasquez, brothers- and Carlos and Manuel.

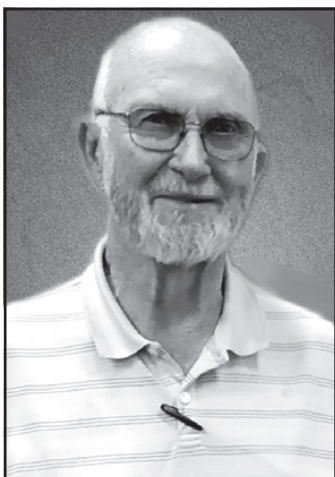
He had two chil-

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



Glenn Reeve, Jr.

It is with deep sorrow and much love that we mourn the loss of Glenn Reeve, Jr. of Friona, Texas. On November 16, 2023, at the age of 88, Heaven gained a great man. Celebration of Life Services have been scheduled for 2:00 PM Monday, November 27, 2023 at the Union Congregational Church of Friona with Randa Reeves, officiating. Inurnment following in the Friona Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.



Richards of Lubbock, Janna Preston of Lubbock, and daughter-in-law, Midori Vaughn of Anna; 3 granddaughters: Valerie Lopez (David) of Rio Rancho, Allison Fluck (Jonathan) of Rockwall, and Melissa Francis (Robbie) of Lubbock; 1 grandson: Duran Vaughan of Allen; 13 great-grandchildren: Jackson, Harrison, Owen, Ryan, Teddy, Toni, Juan, Nuriyah, Rylee, Parker, Brayden, Sabrina, and Marissa (Adam); 6 great-great grandchildren; 2 brothers: Don Reeve (LaVon) of Graham and Max Reeve of Graham; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Glenn was born September 10, 1935 to Glenn and Allo Sparkman Reeve. He graduated from Friona High School in 1954. Glenn went to work for his dad and granddad at Reeve Chevrolet at a young age. He started as a mechanic and worked his way up to salesman. After Reeve Chevrolet Olds sold, Glenn went to work as a salesman for Friona Motors until its closing. He then went to work at Stevens 5 Star in Hereford, and worked for them until Sep-

tember of 2023. Glenn joined the Friona Volunteer Fire Department in 1956, and proudly served until his death. He served as Assistant Fire Chief for several years. Serving on the Friona Fire Department was something Glenn was incredibly proud of; he loved the people he worked with, helping his community, and serving others. Glenn was a devoted husband, a loving father, a proud Papa, and an incredible friend and mentor to many.

Glenn is preceded in death by his wife, Carolin, a son, Jason Vaughn, and a brother, Joe Reeve.

He is survived by his daughters: Glenda

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to the Friona Volunteer Fire Department.

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



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Sealed proposals addressed to City Manager, City of Friona, for the rehabilitation of one 200K gallon elevated water storage tank, including the preparation and painting of the interior and exterior of the tank, and associated appurtenances entitled:

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

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Residents are encouraged to attend and express their opinion regarding the continuation of the Texas Secretary of State's Countywide Polling Place Program in Parmer County. Commissioner's Court begins at 10:00 a.m. at the Parmer County Courthouse, Commissioner's Courtroom, 401 3rd Street Farwell, Texas 79325. The Public Hearing will begin at 10:00 am.

Aviso de audiencia pública

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Se anima a los residentes a asistir y expresar su opinión sobre la continuación del Programa de Lugares de Votación en Todo el Condado de la Secretaría de Estado de Texas en el Condado de Parmer. El Tribunal del Comisionado comienza a las 10:00 a.m. en el Tribunal del Condado de Parmer, Sala del Tribunal del Comisionado, 401 3rd Street Farwell, Texas 79325. La audiencia pública comenzará a las 10:00 a.m.

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A Two-Room School House

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Black, Texas - Established 1910-1950
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By Ira Parr

The building was originally somewhere just south of the tracks from Black Mercantile and the depot. At some point in the 1930s, it was moved intact to the corner of Texas State Highway 1172 and County Road R, where most people today remember it being. My dad told me that they first tried to drag it with teams of horses and failed. It was finally dragged to location by an Oil Pull Rumley tractor owned by the Welch family.

1946. I can still see their faces, Mrs. Stark and Mrs. Jones, seventy-five years later! Two rooms and eight grades. Two huge potbelly stoves. Two outhouses (his and hers) clear on the back side of the playground. No kitchen or cafeteria. There was a stage at one end with a curtain that rolled up from the bottom. It looked to be professionally hand-painted with names of sponsors artfully displayed. The two rooms were separated by many folding doors all across the width of the building, which allowed it to be opened up and have one huge room.

Arriving at the school in the morning was something most looked forward to. It was exciting! Sharing news, jokes, pranks and hugs from most everyone. Remember, we had no TV at home. Some didn't even have siblings to interact with. THIS was an education in itself. Probably the most important one. It was a natural process of learning how to interact with all kinds of people (some naturally good, some naturally mean). Without any external paradigms. There were no preconceived prejudices. We were all pretty naïve. We were all friends. Don't remember tempers flaring or any fighting.

Don't remember much about the classes or the lessons. (Remember there were four grades to the room) Didn't have anything with which to compare at the time. Don't remember them being troublesome or stressful. Don't remember there being a problem with discipline.

If you needed to go potty, you help up two fingers, and the teacher would nod at you. Then



you went outside (rain or shine) and ran the thirty or forty yards to the outhouse and held your breath the whole time it took there. Of course, if it was winter time you had to bundle up and then suffer the unheated outhouse. It didn't take long either way.

Lots of memories around those old potbelly stoves! They burned coal that was gotten from Santa Fe Railroad whose tracks ran just behind the playground. (The steam

engines burned coal.) They could get cherry red if needed. Remember making Rice Krispy Marshmallow treats! Still my favorite. One day someone tossed a handful of 22 shorts in, just as we were leaving for the day. It would be five more years before I ever saw a firecracker.

We ate our lunches at our desks from whatever we brought from home. Still like scrambled egg sandwiches. We had lots of eggs at home. Roast beef sandwiches never got old. Bologna was a

rarity. Apples or oranges or bananas were still special from Christmas. It was great fun trading lunches with other kids, sight unseen. Never felt hungry.

Free time or recess was a whole other world! The teachers almost never went outside during recess. They generally had to stay in and work on lessons or grade papers. Keep in mind, there were not computers or internet. I think they had more work than the students. So...we were pretty

much left up to our own resources. And most of them were vices. Turn a bunch of country kids loose that were used to inventing their own entertainment and if it couldn't be thought up, it wasn't worth thinking up! We had unadulterated fun! Another education in itself. Made second only by the first. Both, I think, before The Three R's. Some of this becoming clearer only as I write this.

Our gymnasium was all of outdoors.

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Varsity Cheerleaders



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Junior High Cheerleaders

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Friona Chieftains Varsity Football Team



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Friona Braves 7th Grade Football Team



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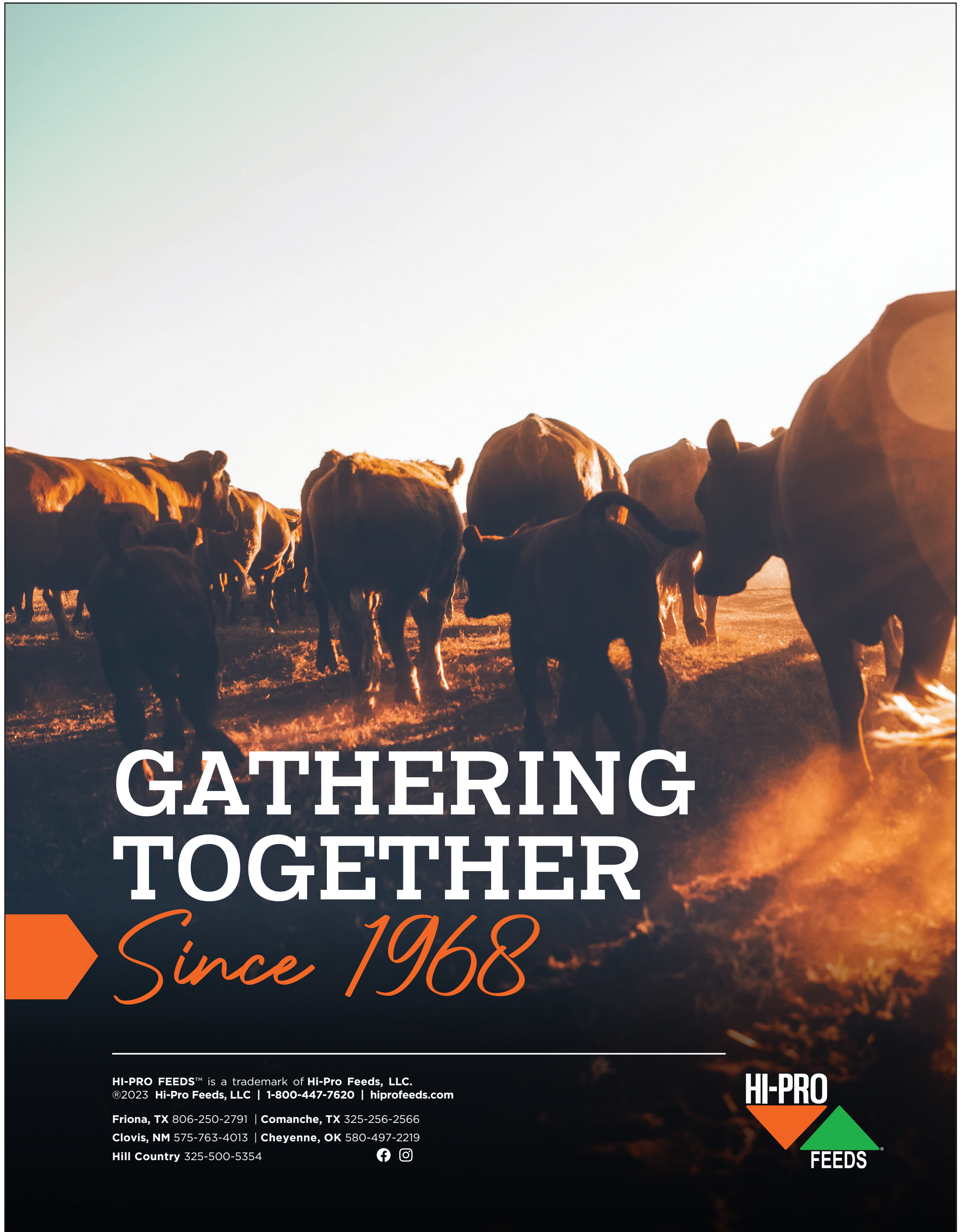
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