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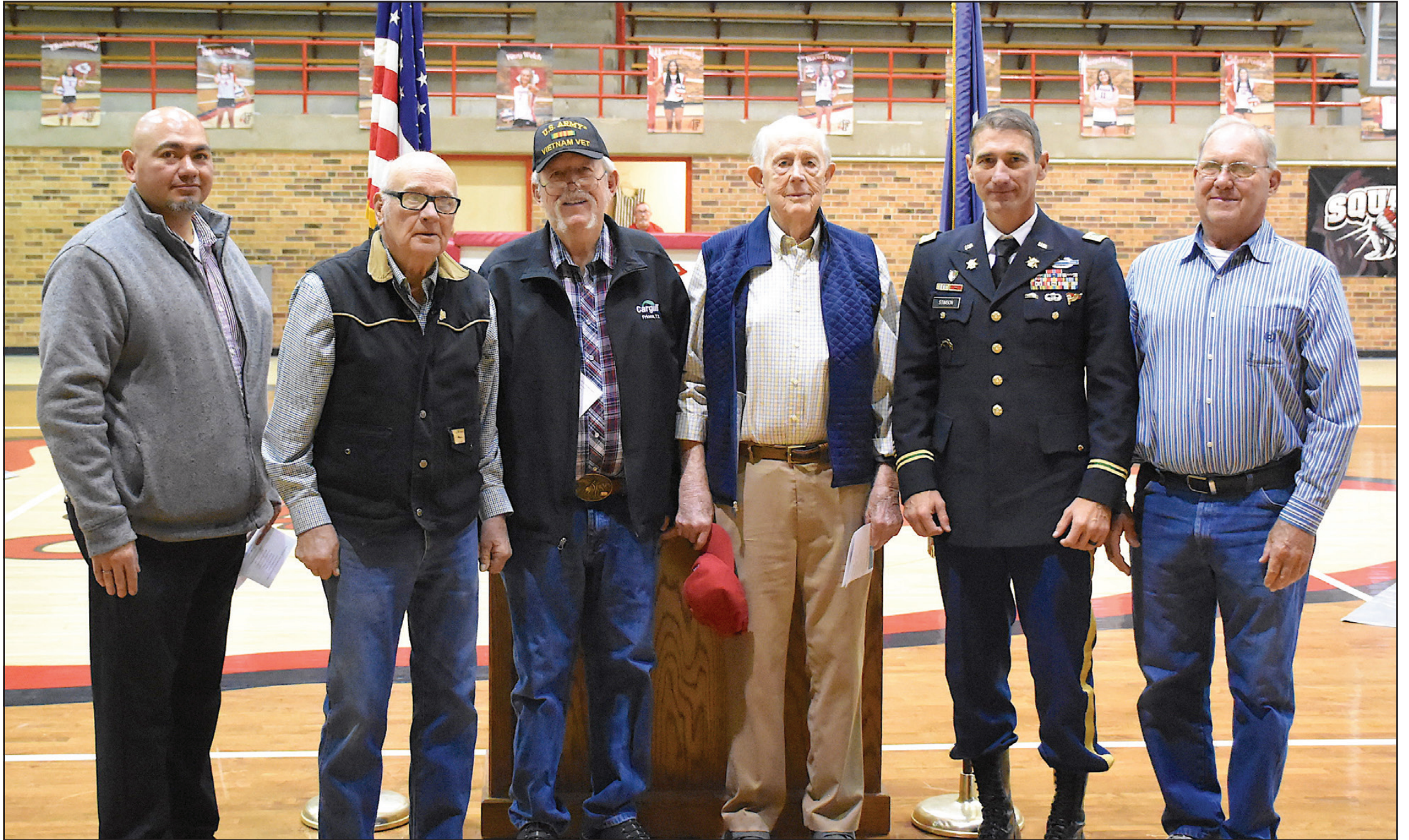
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Thank You Veterans



Veterans Honored — Our local veterans were honored at the Veterans Day Program hosted by Friona High School on Monday. Those present were (l-r) Andy Montana, Mike Lamb, Coy Burch, Hollis Horton, Major Jacob Stimson, Dennis Slagle. Dario Hernandez and Juan Aguilera were unable to attend. See more photos on page 10.

Raindrops Keep Falling on our Heads

You don't expect a downpour in November. Gully washers are for springtime, not Halloween. Six inches of rain is a decent amount for six months, but six hours? If you were wishing for a "wet winter" it's certainly off to a good start.

The official rainfall so far for November is 6.04 inches. Average rainfall for November during the past ten years is .43 inches. Rainfall is always beneficial and appreci-

ated in West Texas. It is not always helpful in the short term, but it always helpful in the long term.

Since 2010, the most rainfall Friona has ever received in November was 1.05 inches in 2016. The top four monthly amounts are: 11.70 inches in August 2017, 7.43 inches in May 2015, 7.23 inches in May 2023, and 7.15 inches in October 2015.

The heavy rain did postpone the cotton har-

vest and will most likely put a dent in the quality of the crop. If cotton farmers didn't have bad luck they wouldn't have any luck at all. Cotton farming is like watching the Dallas Cowboys.

Maybe next year will be better.

Just remember, be careful when asking for the rain to stop. The "off" button seems to work better than the "on" button.

Friday, November 15

Bi-District Playoffs

Friona vs. Littlefield

7:00 p.m. Texas Time
Leon Williams Stadium, Clovis NM



"Here's mud in your eye" — Chieftain Field still had some green grass left for the season finale between Friona and Dimmitt. However, after the first quarter most of the field was a mud bog. The Chieftains won 59-6 (see page 11) and will play the Littlefield Wildcats in a Bi-District matchup on Friday night at Leon Williams Stadium in Clovis, New Mexico beginning at 7:00 p.m. (Texas time).

Friona Rainfall Data



2024

January	0.86
February	0.57
March	0.27
April	1.58
May	0.57
June	4.13
July	1.40
August	2.51
September	1.63
October	0.31
November	6.04
Total	19.87

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Emergency Siren System: Alternating tone • Firefighters only | Weather Warning: 1 long tone • take cover — 3 short blasts • all clear | Tested 1st & 3rd Thurs. at 7 p.m.

Friona Weather November 14-20	T 69 38 SW 15-25	F 73 45 SSW 10-20	S 73 44 SW 10-20	S 59 36 N 10-15	M 60 31 W 10-20	T 53 26 NNW 10-20	W 44 25 N 20-30	Precipitation November 6.04 Year 19.87	Burn Ban No
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State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



Community Calendar

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

November 14

- Cowboy Stew at Noon Meal @ Senior Center

November 15

- Friona vs. Littlefield Playoff Football Game at 7:00 p.m. in Clovis, NM

November 16

- High School Dinner Theater @ FHS Auditorium

November 18

- Turkey Dinner at Noon Meal @ Senior Center
- High School Dinner Theater @ FHS Auditorium

November 20

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

November 21

- Pork Loin at Noon Meal @ Senior Center

November 24

- Community Thanksgiving Service at 6:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church

ON YOUR PAYROLL

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GOP win raises stakes for Cornyn's leadership bid

With Republicans regaining majority control of the Senate, U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, is making his bid to become that chamber's majority leader. U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Kentucky, had previously announced he would step down as party leader. Republicans will hold at least a 53-45 edge in January, with Senate races in two states still undecided as of Friday morning.

According to The Dallas Morning News, Cornyn said voters rejected Democrats' "years of disastrous border policies, reckless spending, and failed management that has caused the Senate to lurch from one avoidable crisis to the next."

Cornyn faces competition from Senate Minority Whip John Thune of South Dakota and Sen. Rick Scott of Florida. Senate Republicans plan to hold their leadership elections this week by secret ballot. If elected leader, Cornyn vowed to improve transparency with GOP senators.

"There will be no more back-room deals or forced votes on bills without adequate time for review, debate, and amendment," he said.

Republicans largely flip Rio Grande Valley from blue to red

More counties in the Rio Grande Valley and surrounding areas went Republican this election, continuing what GOP leaders are calling the culmination of a years-long strategy. The party has managed to flip 16 counties since the 2016 presidential election, according to the Texas Standard.

The economy clearly was a major issue among voters in this election between former president Donald Trump and Vice President Kamala Harris.

"A lot of the rural parts of Texas are shifting red because the economy is less good," said Brandon Rottinghaus, a University of Houston political scientist. "And the threats to the oil and gas industry that people perceive are coming from Democrats are driving the communities to vote Republican."

For example, in Starr County, Biden beat Trump by five points in 2020, but four years later voters there chose the former president over Harris by 16 points.

Election Day runs smoothly across state

Voting in Texas went fairly smoothly in Texas with no major disruptions reported, according to The Texas Tribune. Roughly half of the state's 18.6 million registered voters cast ballots in person either in person or by mail, and another two million went to the polls on Election Day. That is slightly under the 11.3 million who voted in 2020, thus far, with counting of provisional ballots nearly complete.

There was only one violent incident reported at the polls, when a man punched an election worker in Bexar County after being asked to remove his Trump hat. Wearing clothing backing a candidate or proposition inside a Texas polling location is illegal. After the assault, the man was charged with a felony.

In another case, a Tarrant County man claimed a voting machine flipped his ballot from Trump to Harris, but election officials say he made a mistake while filling out his ballot. That ballot was discarded, and he was allowed to cast another ballot, prompting Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick to note that machines were not flipping votes.

"In Tarrant County, we have only had one person say their vote was flipped out of 591,885 votes cast to date," he said.

State population estimates released by demographic center

The Texas Demographic Center has released its population estimates for July 1, 2023, and Jan. 1, 2024. Final population estimates are available for counties and places by age, sex, and race/ethnicity at demographic.texas.gov. Information for the estimates is collected through five surveys taken from October to February, gleaned information from counties, cities, and educational institutions.

The state's estimated population rose from 29,145,505 in 2020 to 30,749,924 on Jan. 1, 2024 - an increase of 5.5%. Counties showing the largest percentage increase in that time period were Kaufman (26.7%); Rockwall (25%); Kendall (22.2%); and Liberty (20.3%).

The U.S. Census Bureau also makes annual population estimates, and TDC says differences in input data and methodologies lead to slight variations between the two.

DFW area predicted to be hottest real estate market in 2025

A real estate trends study reported by the Texas Standard predicts the Dallas-Fort Worth area will be the hottest real estate market in the nation for investment and development next year. The study compiled data from more than 2,000 industry experts.

"Obviously, it's the really strong post-pandemic recovery. It's also size," Nick Wooten, real estate reporter for The Dallas Morning News, said. "We've seen the metro top 8 million people in the latest census estimates," he said. "And there's just continued demographic growth. Those are the three big factors that these experts cited."

Both sales and home prices are fairly flat in 2024, with supply reaching levels not seen in a dozen years, Wooten said.

"You're not seeing sales change a lot," he said. "I think a lot of people are still sitting on the sidelines trying to figure out what's going to happen in 2025."

Record number of Texas horned lizards released to the wild.

The state reptile, the Texas horned lizard, has been listed as a threatened species since 1977. The Houston Chronicle reports that thanks to captive breeding efforts to populate the wild with the iconic critter, more than 600 hatchlings were recently released to the Mason Mountain Wildlife Management Area in Central Texas in cooperation with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

The lizards are popularly referred to as horny toads. Their population decline is blamed on the pet trade, wild habitat loss, and the spread of invasive fire ants. The Texas horned lizard was designated as the state reptile in 1993. Their range takes them across the state's borders to northern Mexico and throughout much of Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and New Mexico. The hatchlings, about three-fourths of an inch in length, can reach as much as 7 inches in length at maturity.

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- 1 sore muscle pain
- 5 TXism: "beer ____" (bar)
- 6 what Texans put up with in the summer
- 7 Houston has an ____space industry
- 8 TXism: "pay ____" (disregard)
- 18 overturned in 2022: ____ v. Wade
- 19 garage sale items that don't sell
- 21 he directed Texas-based "JFK" (init.)
- 22 exotic goat seen at a Texas zoo
- 23 historic "____ Solms Inn" in New Braunfels (2 wds.)
- 24 "The ____ and the Sea"
- 29 TXism for "against" the earth in Greek mythology
- 31 TXism: "raised ____ concrete" (city boy)
- 32 soaking meat before cooking
- 34 "days of ____" (ago)
- 35 Amarillo "____-State Fair & Rodeo"
- 36 you can see one at Monahans Sandhills State Park (2 wds.)
- 37 ribs that are barbecued in Texas
- 38 once the preferred jet for rich Texans
- 39 Ranger Al Oliver last played for the ____ Jays

- 41 Palo ____ County
- 42 Texans have to renew it on auto each year (abbr.)
- 43 carbamide
- 44 TXism: "____ enough for government work"
- 45 San Antonio shoe co.
- 46 "____ Rim State Park"
- 47 title of 2021 film with TX Marc Menchaca
- 48 TXism: "high ____ back" (expensive)

- 50 Rangers can't have a rain ____ at Globe Life Field comfy room
- 51
- 52 TXism: "it don't ____ up"
- 53 ____beans are grown in Texas

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- 1 TXism: "thick ____" (a lot of)
- 2 cheese snacks made by Texas based Frito-Lay
- 3 in Robertson County on U.S.79
- 4 noted Cowboy DE: "____ Tall" Jones
- 9 "it ain't ____ deal" (not important)
- 10 "all ____" (a tied score)
- 11 annoy or frustrate
- 12 TXism: "let ' ____ rip!"
- 13 where you can get a site for your motor-home (2 wds.)
- 14 this Osmond was "a little bit country"
- 15 pelvic bones
- 16 TX Debbie Reynolds 1966 film: "The Singing ____"
- 17 spruce up a space
- 20 Robert of 2015 film "Heist" with TX Tyson Sullivan
- 22 lava rock
- 24 17th governor of Texas: ____ Roberts
- 25 Metroplex community: ____ Colinas

TEXAS CROSSWORD

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- 33 horse color
- 34 TXism: "I'll slap ____ new hat size!"
- 35 edgy or anxious
- 37 TXism: "____" ____ punch"
- 38 Brock Marion played for the Boys and Detroit ____
- 40 corn ____
- 41 movie story line
- 44 Henrietta's county
- 47 TXism: "happy as a kid in ____ store"
- 49 in Parker County on FM 1187

'Tis the View

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But sooner or later they'll find
A matched pair of idiots,

Then what?

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City will receive 68.8K Sales Tax Allocation for November

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced last week that he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts \$1.2 billion in local sales tax allocations for November, 1.1 percent more than in November 2023. These allocations are based on sales made in September by businesses that report tax monthly and on sales made in July, August and September by quarterly filers.

The City of Friona will receive \$68,814.82 in sales tax allocation for November. This amount represents a 13.98% percent increase over the November 2023 total of \$60,372.13. For year-to-date 2024, the total is \$604,916.87 which is a 1.85 percent decrease as compared to YTD for 2023 of \$616,369.95. The FEDC will receive \$17,203.71 of the November allocation for its operating budget.

Friona Sales Tax Allocation		
Nov. 2024	Nov. 2023	%change
68,814.82	60,372.13	13.98 %
YTD 2024	YTD 2023	% change
604,916.87	616,369.95	-1.85%

COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from October 31, 2024 to November 7, 2024

(11/1/24) Randy McCasland, Cynthia McCasland — Randy McCasland, Cynthia McCasland — All of Lot 3 & 4 and the North 25' of Lot 5 of Block 3 of the Drake Revised Subdivision and Addition to Friona

(11/1/2024) Robert Clinton Hurst Jr, Shannon D. Hurst — Maurico Garcia, Reyna Gusman Duran — A 279.738 Acre of Land in Section 17, T1N, R5E, Capitol Syndicate Subdivision, Parmer County, Texas

(11/4/24) Rex Ewing Jennings — Linda Ann Jennings Johnson — 1/2 Interest In and To the NE 210 Acres Out of Section 100, Block H, Thomas Kelly Subdivision, Parmer County; More Tracts on Document

(11/4/24) Chad Griswold, Andria Griswold — Bobby Chadwick — A Tract of Land Out of Section 31, T9S, R1E, Capitol Syndicate Subdivision of Parmer County, Texas

(11/6/24) Steve Meeks, Cindy Meeks — City of Farwell — All of Lots 24, 25, and 26, in Block 8, Original Town of Farwell, Parmer County, Texas

(11/7/24) Charles C. Wilkins, Rhonda Wilkins — Daniel Wiseman — All of Lot 44 and the East 40 Feet of Lot 43 of Block 2 of the Western Addition to the City of Friona, Parmer County, Texas

Candice Geske Elected to Membership into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

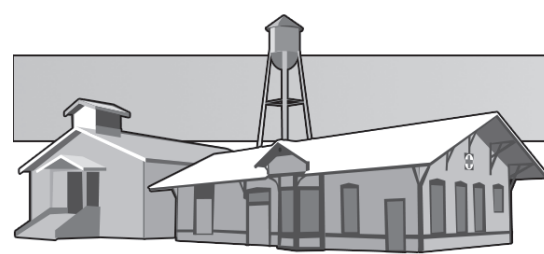
Candice Geske of Bovina, Texas, was recently elected to membership into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society, at Angelo State University.

Geske is among ap-

proximately 20,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of

juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 300 campuses in the United States, its territories and the Philippines. Its mission is to "cultivate a community that celebrates and advances the love of learning."



Veterans Day Program — A very deserved thank you to Friona High School for hosting the Veterans Day program last Monday. Everyone did a great job. The standing ovation for our veterans was awesome!

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And The Band Played On — It has been a hectic few weeks for the Friona Chieftain Marching Band. Besides their halftime performances each Friday night, the band competed in the Regional Marching Contest where they killed it and advanced to the Area Contest where they killed again but did not advance. After all of that, they found time to shine in the Veterans Day program and give the ceremony that extra punch with their patriotic tunes.

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Double Header — You have two chances to enjoy FHS Fall Theatre this next week. On Friday, November 16th catch "The Red Velvet Cake War" starting at 7:00 p.m. in the FHS auditorium. Admission is \$10

for adults and \$5 for students. Children under 7 get in free. Dessert and Punch will be served during intermission. On Monday, November 18th catch Jolly Roger and the Pirate Queen starting at 7:00 p.m. in the FHS auditorium. Admission is free.

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Don't Be A Turkey — Legacy Pointe will host a Thanksgiving Potluck Meal at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 19th in the dining area. Bring your favorite dish and join them.

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Soda Day — Tuesday is Soda Day. The U.S. soft drink market size was valued at \$286 billion in 2023 and is projected to grow 7.5% from 2024 to 2030.

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Border Security Efforts — In the fight against the fentanyl crisis, Texas law enforcement has seized over 552 million lethal doses of fentanyl—enough to kill every man, woman, and child in the United States and Mexico combined during this border mission.

TOWN TALK

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Texas has decreased illegal crossings into the state by over 86% due to the historic border security mission.

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Texas Facts — In the 1950s, a multi-year drought led to mass urbanization in Texas. Source: funworldfacts.com



The Friona Star rain gauge shows the first five inches of rain that fell on November 2nd. Notice that the bottom .2 portion of the gauge is discolored because most of our rains this past year were that amount.

National Days

- November 14 — Seat Belt Day
- November 15 — America Recycles Day
- November 16 — Fast Food Day
- November 17 — Take A Hike Day
- November 18 — Mickey Mouse Birthday
- November 19 — Soda Day
- November 20 — Child's Day

Commissioners Approve Storage Unit Purchase

Parmer County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, October 28, 2024 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 motion was approved to utilize \$5,390 of ARPA funds to purchase a 10' x 16' storage unit from American Porta-Store of Clovis, New Mexico. The unit will be located on the

east side of the old jail and will be used to house maintenance equipment and janitorial supplies.

A motion to use approximately \$8,000 of ARPA funds to purchase equipment for the First Floor Courtroom was approved. The audio/video/IT equipment would allow "Zoom" court hearings to take place in the courtroom.

Sheriff Geske reported that he was currently housing 20 inmates which includes 9 from Lamb County. Discussion of a contract with Firetrol for the maintenance and inspection of alarms, sprinkler systems, extinguishers, etc. for the courthouse and jail facilities was tabled until the next meeting.

In other business, the Minutes from the Octo-

ber 28th regular meeting were read and approved. Commissioners approved the payment of accounts payables. The Treasurer's Payroll Report was approved.

The next Commissioner's meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 25th. All meetings are open to the public. Information in this article is only a summary.

Puzzle Solution

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Come Celebrate

HAPPY 80th BIRTHDAY
Sharon White

Saturday, November 23, 2024

Come and go - 2 - 4 pm

Senior Citizen's Building
1410 Washington St.
Friona, TX

Cards and Memories are welcomed, but no gifts, please.

Small Town Cookin' By Jeri Lynn White

Chili

This week I found a different version of chili. This one includes a few different spices along with hot pepper sauce and beer to add to the flavor. This can be eaten alone or added on top of tortilla chips to make some delicious nachos. Hope you enjoy!

Touchdown Chili

Jenn Polk | www.allrecipes.com

Ingredients

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| 2 pounds ground beef | tomatoes with juice | 3 tablespoons brown sugar |
| 1 large onion, chopped | 1 (4 ounce) can diced green chile peppers, drained | 1 teaspoon hot pepper sauce (e.g. Tabasco™) |
| 6 cloves garlic, chopped | 1 (15 ounce) can tomato sauce | 2 teaspoons salt |
| ½ cup chili powder | 1 (12 fluid ounce) can or bottle beer | ½ teaspoon ground black pepper |
| 1 ½ teaspoons ground cumin | 1 tablespoon white vinegar | |
| 1 ½ teaspoons dried basil | | |
| 1 (28 ounce) can diced | | |

Directions

Place the ground beef, onion and garlic in a large saucepan over medium heat. Cook, stirring to crumble the beef, until the beef is no longer pink and the onion is tender. Drain off the fat and return the pan to the stove. Combine the chili powder, cumin and basil; sprinkle over the beef. Cook and stir to coat the meat and toast the spices a little. Pour in the tomatoes, green chilies, tomato sauce, beer and vinegar. Bring to a boil and stir to loosen any bits that are stuck to the bottom of the pan. Mix in the brown sugar, hot pepper sauce, salt and pepper. Reduce the heat to low, cover and simmer for 3 hours. Remove the lid for the last 30 minutes of cooking.

Mayor Proclaims November 11th as Bullying Prevention Day

The Friona City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 11, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 617 Main in Friona, Texas. The meeting began with roll call, an invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance. All council members were present.

Mayor Greg Lewellen read a proclamation designating November 11th as Bullying Prevention Day. Mayor Lewellen presented the proclamation to Elementary School Principal Ross Maldonado who informed the council of plans underway involving students at his campus to raise awareness concerning bullying.

A motion was passed to approve an audit report for the year ending September 30, 2022 as presented by a representative of the firm of Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss LLP. The report included a clean opinion with no modifications listed.

Code Enforcement Officer Danny Campbell and Municipal Court Judge Maria Samarron gave the council an update on directional work by the Building Standards

Commission which has identified properties that are currently not compliant with city codes and/or ordinances.

A motion was passed to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Axon Education LLC to provide cost effective, efficient, and convenient EMT, AEMT, and Paramedic training for interested individuals. Under the agreement, City of Friona employees will receive a 20% discount on the cost of their training.

A motion was passed to approve the appointment of Tonia Abarca, Anita Lafuente, Rebecca Baucom, Emma Hernandez, Mari Martinez, Dayana Prieto, and Martha Rodriguez to serve on the Board of Directors of the Friona Public Library. The appointment is for a two-year term.

After reviewing a resolution authorizing an advanced funding agreement for local government maintenance of railroad pavement markings and

signs, a motion to deny the authorization was passed unanimously. It was opined that the railroad and/or state was responsible for the maintenance of the railroad intersection.

In other business, the accounts payable for October 2024 were approved as well as the financial statement for October 2024. Also, Minutes of the October 15th regular meeting were approved. The next Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 9th.



Elementary School Principal Ross Maldonado receives the Bullying Prevention Day proclamation from Mayor Greg Lewellen.

Happy Birthday

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| Nov. 14
Jeremy Hart
Aubrey Schueler
Madyson Vazquez
Amy (Taylor) Rambo
Teddy King
Machele Broyles
Felicia (Lafuente) Cortez
Kay Snead
Phil Banner
Paizley Wren
Crissey Barrick
Felicia (Lafuente) Cortez | Nov. 16
Glenda Richards | Nov. 17
Henry Clark
Dora Parson
Karen Renner
Della Henry
Jo Benson
Jamison Lambert |
| Nov. 15
Cherry Wells
Terry Wilcox
Brian Scott
Kristin (Butman) Meeks | Nov. 18
Melba Smiley
Joy Cooper
Joey Howard
Joe Don Henry
Gabe Goodwin
Eric Veggeberg | Nov. 19
Betty Lewellen |



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| Nov. 20
Keri Jack
Monda Daniel
Sammy Ott
Rosa Velasco
James Morgan Lambert |
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To have your birthdays listed in the newspaper, email them to frionastar@wtrt.net or call: 806.250.5200

Sub \$3 gas here to stay

By GasBuddy

Average gasoline prices in Texas have rose 3.0 cents last week, averaging \$2.59 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas was priced at \$1.79 while the most expensive was \$3.73 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline fell 2.6 cents last week, averaging \$3.03 per gallon. The national average price of diesel has declined 0.4 cents last week and stands at \$3.52 per gallon.

"While the election has come and gone, gas prices have stayed the course, with the national average price of gasoline declining for a fourth consecutive week as seasonal demand weakens and Americans begin to take refuge from falling temperatures," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

With the median U.S. gas price now at \$2.95 per gallon, the lowest since 2021, it appears to be just a matter of time before the national average falls below \$3 per gallon for the first time since May 2021, something we've already seen for diesel prices, which many Americans will be thankful for as we get closer to Thanksgiving," De Haan added.

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

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...“give us this day our daily bread”...

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

When Jesus gave us the model prayer in Matthew 6:9-13, he did not give us ritualistic words to pray, but he showed us the right direction and heart that is to propel our prayers. Effective prayers are prayed out of a right relationship with the Father, a heart for his glory and will. In verse 11, Jesus shows us to pray on the Lord in utter dependence. “Give us this day our daily bread,” may not resonate too much in our day with stores full of food, food banks available, and increased abilities to store and preserve food, but the reality remains that we are to pray for our needs to God in dependence on him.

Food is one of our most basic needs

and asking God to meet your needs is something that is good and right to pray for. Further though, it’s not just physical needs that need to be prayed for, but also spiritual needs. In fact, later on in Jesus’ ministry, Jesus said, “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever,” (John 6:51). Partaking of Jesus is not a physical eating, but a spiritual reality where you trust in him alone as your Lord and Savior, then live your life according to his ways and in the fullness of his Spirit. In light of eternity, your spiritual need for Jesus is far greater than your physical need for food, and in God’s grace you can depend on him for both.

Panhandle Parables

November Challenge Phase 3

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

We have now entered phase three of the November Challenge. I suspect on most lists of things folks are thankful for is that the election is now over and so begins the marvel in our world of a peaceful transition of power to the next President. If your candidate won, congratulations, if not I am sorry. It is time to heal from this less than stellar election process and move towards higher purposes. America is the real victor; in that I did not wake up on Wednesday to a civil war or military coup. I woke up thank-

ful that our government can transition its power to the next without all of that. By now you are on day 13 with 17 days of gratitude to go. Look at the things you have written from last week’s challenge regarding what you are thankful for about living in the United States.

Now for a difficult phase in the challenge. Be thankful for people who have differing views. For at least three of the next seven days add names of folks where a friendship has been challenged because of different positions on politics. The

second part of this phase is simple. If possible, thank that person in person, if not drop them a note. Find a way to be thankful that not everyone thinks the same and that diversity has its advantages.

Being thankful is a valuable part of walking with the Lord, it helps us remember humility when we think we have done all this ourselves. This is a short article this week, but my prayer is that each of us grow in our gratitude that the King may be glorified in our actions. Have a great week and God bless.

Living a Life That Glorifies God

By Teena Hughs

Two nights after the election, I got a text from one of Feller’s cousins. She thought the results were pretty amazing, and she was wishing we lived closer so we could talk about the results.

I simply replied, “God is good and merciful! We all need to live in a way that glorifies what He did for us!!!!” She agreed, and that ended our texting.

The reason I answered the way I did is because I heard someone say on election night that God is merciful because He didn’t give us what we deserve; God spared our country, and all Americans, from the direction we have been allowing our country to be led.

I started thinking about how this election could have gone in a different direction, keeping us on the path we are on. Thankfully, people woke up, rose up, and said NO to that path. I choose to believe many people have turned back to God and were listening to Him. I choose to believe many people were speaking truth at rallies, in newspapers, on social media. I also believe many people weren’t afraid to talk about God and openly pray for our country and Americans.

I choose to believe we need to thank God and live in a way that glorifies Him each and every day. We need to live our lives like we are worthy of God’s mercy, and like we appreciate His mercy. With the direction our country has been heading, you have to wonder when His mercy might come to an end???

I have thought of a few things that might help us live a life that glorifies God, so that we will feel worthy of God’s mercy.

First of all, we need to make Him our number one priority; we need to surrender our sins and our control over to Him; we need to trust Him with our lives and have total faith in Him for what is right for us.

Second, we always need to be on the look-out for what He is doing

for us, and we need to thank Him, in good times and bad. We all like to be thanked. When we are thanked, we know someone recognizes and appreciates our efforts; why should God be any different?

Third, we never need to give up on God. When we don’t get those prayers answered as fast as we want, or we don’t get the answer we want, we just have to trust that His answers and timing are always perfect!

Fourth, I think it is a good thing to keep a notebook or journal of the blessings God gives you; maybe the things you are grateful for each day; maybe even a list of the difficulties God has seen you through. It is fun to go back and see where God has been at work in your life; it also shows you how much God has grown you, and that is a true blessing and something we can be grateful for!!!

Fifth, if you aren’t sure how to live a life that glorifies God, please get a Bible some how, some way. Get on-line and google what a certain topic says in the Bible. Ask friends and families what Bible they recommend. Get a Bible app on your phone. The Bible is the best source for learning how to live the life God created you to live.

Also, surround yourself with people you know who will tell you the truth about God and His Word.

Last, if you aren’t in a church, or if you are in a church but you aren’t active in that church, I hope you will find a church and become active in it. It doesn’t hurt to check out any number of churches until you find the one that fills your needs and desires. Just make sure it is a church where the Bible, and only the Bible, is taught and preached!

Living our lives in a way that glorifies God is a life-long process, but it is worth making the effort. Mercy is a gift from God. Live in such a way that makes you worthy to receive it!

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1 Chronicles 29:13 NIV

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November 18th

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Jolly Roger and the Pirate Queen

By Craig Sodaro



Admission: Free



FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



Daniel "Jet" Pena represented the Friona High School Cross Country team at the State Cross Country meet held in Round Rock, Texas on Saturday, November 8th. Pena came in 59th place out of 150 runners. His time was 17:45.90. He is only the second young man in Friona School history to make it to the State level in Cross Country. Congratulations Jet! (*Friona Star, Thursday, November 13, 2014*)

Unofficial Election Results Report

Parmer County | November 5, 2024

President

Candidate Name	Early Voting By Mail	Early Voting In Person	Election Day Count	Early Vote Count	Total Votes
Donald J. Trump/JD Vance	48	1054	1021	1102	2123
Kamala D. Harris/Tim Walz	13	145	210	158	368
Chase Oliver/Mike Termaat	0	5	4	5	9
Jill Stein/Rudolph Ware	0	1	3	1	4

U.S. Senator

Candidate Name	Early Voting By Mail	Early Voting In Person	Election Day Count	Early Vote Count	Total Votes
Ted Cruz	48	1048	964	1096	2060
Colin Allred	11	138	225	149	374
Ted Brown	2	9	29	11	40

U.S. Representative District 19

Candidate Name	Early Voting By Mail	Early Voting In Person	Election Day Count	Early Vote Count	Total Votes
Jodey C. Arrington	50	1050	1013	1100	2113
Bernard Johnson	3	61	85	64	149
Nathan Lewis	4	48	52	52	104

Railroad Commissioner

Candidate Name	Early Voting By Mail	Early Voting In Person	Election Day Count	Early Vote Count	Total Votes
Christi Craddick	43	1004	932	1047	1979
Katherine Culbert	9	123	164	132	296
Hawk Dunlap	3	26	34	29	63
Eddie Espinoza	2	19	40	21	61

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 2

Candidate Name	Early Voting By Mail	Early Voting In Person	Election Day Count	Early Vote Count	Total Votes
Jimmy Blacklock	45	1039	973	1084	2057
Dasean Jones	12	131	199	143	342

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 4

Candidate Name	Early Voting By Mail	Early Voting In Person	Election Day Count	Early Vote Count	Total Votes
John Devine	45	1036	962	1081	2043
Christine Vinh Weems	11	130	202	141	343

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 6

Candidate Name	Early Voting By Mail	Early Voting In Person	Election Day Count	Early Vote Count	Total Votes
Jane Bland	44	1023	934	1067	2001
Bonnie Lee Goldstein	9	132	207	141	348
J. David Roberson	1	11	22	13	35

Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals

Candidate Name	Early Voting By Mail	Early Voting In Person	Election Day Count	Early Vote Count	Total Votes
David J. Schenck	46	1031	941	1077	2018
Holly Taylor	11	129	217	140	357

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 7

Candidate Name	Early Voting By Mail	Early Voting In Person	Election Day Count	Early Vote Count	Total Votes
Gina Parker	45	1026	955	1071	2026
Nancy Mulder	11	134	196	145	341

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 8

Candidate Name	Early Voting By Mail	Early Voting In Person	Election Day Count	Early Vote Count	Total Votes
Lee Finley	47	1032	964	1079	2043
Chika Anyiam	10	129	187	139	326

Member, State Board of Education, District 15

Candidate Name	Early Voting By Mail	Early Voting In Person	Election Day Count	Early Vote Count	Total Votes
Aaron Kinsley	43	1013	923	1056	1979
Morgan Kirkpatrick	11	136	206	147	353
Jack B. Westbrook	3	12	31	15	36

U.S. Representative District 19

Candidate Name	Early Voting By Mail	Early Voting In Person	Election Day Count	Early Vote Count	Total Votes
Jodey C. Arrington	50	1050	1013	1100	2113
Bernard Johnson	3	61	85	64	149
Nathan Lewis	4	48	52	52	104

State Representative District 86

Candidate Name	Early Voting By Mail	Early Voting In Person	Election Day Count	Early Vote Count	Total Votes
John Smithee	47	1090	1046	1137	2183

Justice, 7th Court of Appeals District, Place 2

Candidate Name	Early Voting By Mail	Early Voting In Person	Election Day Count	Early Vote Count	Total Votes
Judy Parker	46	1081	1025	1127	2152

Justice, 7th Court of Appeals District, Place 3

Candidate Name	Early Voting By Mail	Early Voting In Person	Election Day Count	Early Vote Count	Total Votes
Alex Yarbrough	45	1070	1021	1115	2136

District Attorney, 287th Judicial District

Candidate Name	Early Voting By Mail	Early Voting In Person	Election Day Count	Early Vote Count	Total Votes
Jackie R. Claborn II	46	1072	1014	1118	2132

County Attorney

Candidate Name	Early Voting By Mail	Early Voting In Person	Election Day Count	Early Vote Count	Total Votes
Jeff W. Acttkinson	50	1099	1070	1149	2219

Sheriff

Candidate Name	Early Voting By Mail	Early Voting In Person	Election Day Count	Early Vote Count	Total Votes
Eric Geske	50	1087	1056	1137	2193

County Tax Assessor-Collector

Candidate Name	Early Voting By Mail	Early Voting In Person	Election Day Count	Early Vote Count	Total Votes
Awyna Sanchez	46	1109	1060	1155	2215

County Commissioner Precinct 1

Candidate Name	Early Voting By Mail	Early Voting In Person	Election Day Count	Early Vote Count	Total Votes
Kirk Frye	18	264	361	282	643

County Commissioner Precinct 3

Candidate Name	Early Voting By Mail	Early Voting In Person	Election Day Count	Early Vote Count	Total Votes
Kenny White	13	474	262	487	749

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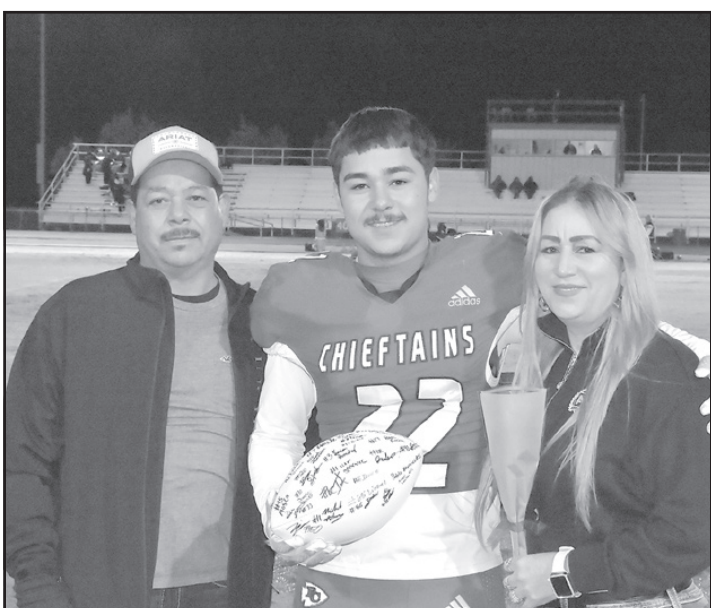
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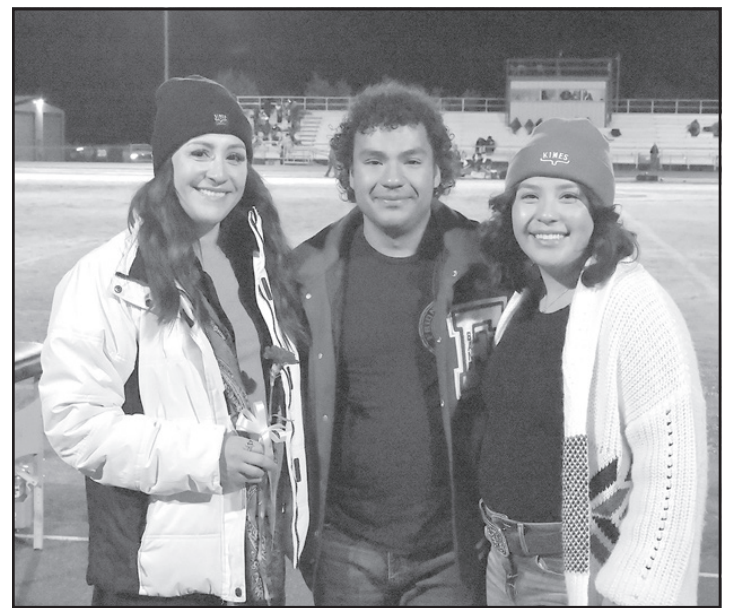
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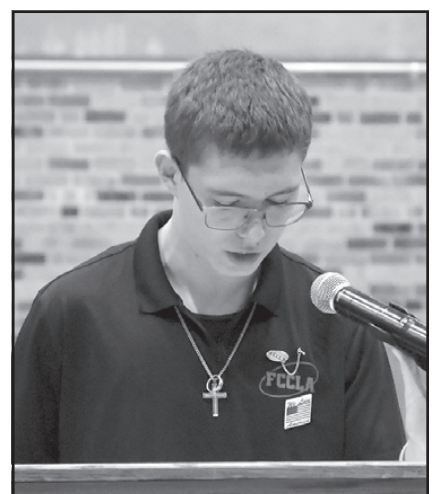
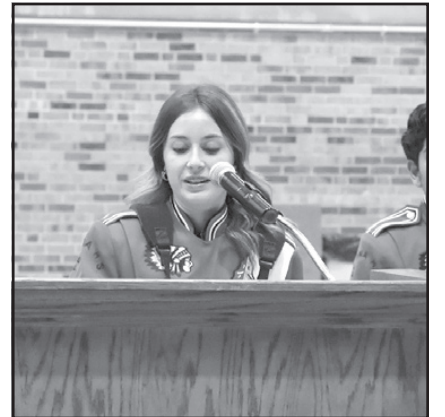
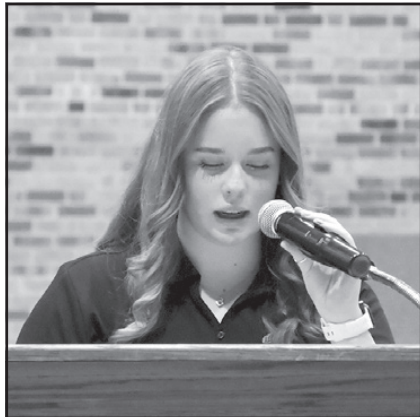
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Sports



Friona 59 Dimmitt 6

Scoring Summary

Qtr Score

- 1 F - Safety ball kicked out of endzone by Dimmitt
- 1 F - Abram Rocha 2 yd run (Mario Garcia run)
- 1 F - Aaron Rosales 12 yd run (Garcia kick)
- 2 F - Jameson Daniels 17 yd pass from Justen Trevino (Trevino run)
- 2 F - Trvino 7 yd run (kick no good)
- 3 F - Bryer Stanberry 49 yd pass from Trevino (Garcia kick)
- 3 D - Victor Lozano 10 yd run (Run no good)
- 3 F - Damian Sanchez 3 yd run (Garcia kick)
- 4 F - Rosales 3 yd run (Garcia kick)
- 4 F - Sanchez 10 yd run (Garcia kick)

Rushing Stats	Carries	Yards	TDs	Avg
2 Trevino, Justen	7	57	1	8.1
3 Sanchez, Damian	10	65	2	6.5
5 Ortiz, Izaac	9	64	-	7.1
7 Rosales, Aaron	21	185	2	8.8
17 Rocha, Abram	1	2	1	2.0
22 Gonzalez, Iram	8	27	-	3.4
24 Rocha, Rafael	1	5	-	5.0
Rushing Totals:	57	405	6	7.1

Receiving Stats	Receptions	Yards	TDs	Avg
8 Diaz, Tony	1	3	-	3.0
10 Daniels, Jameson	1	17	1	17.0
20 Stanberry, Bryer	1	49	1	49.0
Receiving Totals:	3	69	2	23.0

Passing Stats	Comp	Att	Yards	TDs	INTs
2 Trevino, Justen	3	4	69	2	-
7 Rosales, Aaron	-	2	-	-	-

Kicking Stats	XP Att	XP Good	FG Att	FG Good
53 Garcia, Mario	7	6	-	-

Defensive Stats	UN	AST	TOT	TFL	FR	FC	INT	SACK
3 Sanchez, Damian	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-
11 Alvarez, Michael	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
12 Lara, Gael	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
14 Gonzalez, Xavier	1	3	4	-	-	-	-	-
15 Ramos, Gabriel	2	1	3	-	-	-	2	-
17 Rocha, Abram	1	4	5	0.5	-	-	-	0.5
20 Stanberry, Bryer	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-
21 Gutierrez, Frank	3	3	6	-	1	1	-	-
22 Munoz, Edwin	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-
24 Rocha, Rafael	1	4	5	-	-	-	-	-
28 Gonzalez, Jacob	2	5	7	-	-	-	-	-
50 Quezada, Diego	2	6	8	1	-	-	-	-
53 Garcia, Mario	1	3	4	1.5	-	-	-	1.5
62 Flores, Ishmael	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-

Yards allowed; Rushing 50, Passing 0, Total 50

Friona vs Dimmitt Highlights



Sports News

Varsity Football

The Chieftains secured a playoff spot with a convincing 59-6 win over the Dimmitt Bobcats in the regular season finale. Even though six inches of rain left the field a little boggy, the Chiefs overpowered the Bobcats with 474 yards of total offense. Aaron Rosales rushed for 185 yards and two touchdowns. Damian Sanchez rushed for 65 yards and two scores while Izaac Ortiz and Justen Trevino added 64 and 57 yards each on the ground. Trevino completed three passes for 69 yards and threw touchdown passes to Jameson Daniels and Bryer Stanberry.

The Chieftain defense limited the Bobcats to just 100 yards of offense for the game. Diego Quezada and Jacob Gonzalez were the leading tacklers with 8 and 7, respectively. Gabriel Ramos intercepted two passes and Frank Gutierrez recovered a fumble.

The Chieftains will face the Littlefield Wildcats in a Bi-District Playoff match on Friday Night at Leon Williams Stadium in Clovis, New Mexico. Game time is 7:00 p.m. Texas Time.

Junior Varsity Football

The JV Chieftains traveled to Dimmitt for their season finale.

Junior High Football

In their season finale, the 7th grade Braves defeated Dimmitt 20-6 last Thursday at Chieftain Field. The Braves were the District Champions and finished the season with a 6-2 record and went undefeated at 4-0 in district play. Vicente Quintana scored all three touchdowns on runs of 3 yards, 63 yards, and 3 yards, respectively. Gabriel Garcia and Zane Gonzales each ran for a two-point conversion. Quintana rushed for 185 yards. For the season, he had 2308 yards total rushing and scored 35 touchdowns.

The 8th grade Braves also claimed a District Championship last Thursday by beating Dimmitt 8-0 in a low-scoring contest. Kolton Thompson sealed the victory with a pass interception with just 1:28 left in the game. Eli Rosales did all the scoring as he ran for an 8 yard touchdown and then Rosales ran for the two-point conversion. For the game, Rosales was the leading rusher with 106 total yards. He finished with 915 yards for the season. The Braves finished the season with a 3-5 overall record and were 3-1 in district play.



Honoring Our Veterans — Special thanks to ALL of the FCCLA students who helped host a brunch for the veterans immediately following the main program in the gym. Some of those students included (l-r) Emily Ibarra, Lilliana Abarca, Amberly Madrid, Lexi Saldana, Denzel Perez, David Velasquez, Thomas Cook, Marie Phillips, and sponsor Mrs. Mendoza.

Picking the perfect Thanksgiving turkey

Things to know when selecting your centerpiece bird

by Susan Himes

The turkey is the star of the show for most Thanksgiving tables and cooking your bird to perfection can seem hard. However, choosing the right bird at the store should be easy.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service poultry expert Brett Meisinger, lecturer and collegiate poultry judging team coach in the Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Department of Poultry Science “talked turkey” with us and answered some questions consumers may have while searching for the perfect Thanksgiving turkey.

What size turkey do I need to buy?

Choose the weight of your Thanksgiving turkey based on the number of guests you plan to invite. The safest method for choosing the size of the bird is to purchase 1.5 pounds of whole bird per guest. On average, each person consumes



Picking the turkey centerpiece for the Thanksgiving table can be the easiest part with a few tips from a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert. (Michael Miller/Texas A&M AgriLife)

8 ounces of turkey. If you don’t need a whole bird for your Thanksgiving crowd, you can choose a smaller product option such as a turkey breast.

What do labels tell us and what do the words mean?

Labels simply allow consumers to have an option when putting food on the table. There is no right or wrong la-

bel to source as the cost and visual appearance of packaging can also impact consumer preferences.

Free-range is a common label seen on poultry products. Free range means farmers give turkeys access to the outdoors as they grow. Organically produced birds have free-range access, yet not all free-range birds

are grown organically. Free-range and organic labels can include a variety of rearing practices for turkeys. Organic production sets standards for feed ingredients, antibiotic use, housing designs and labeling. The U.S. Department of Agriculture outlines the rules in its Guidelines for Organic Poultry Certification.

How early do I need to buy my turkey and when do I need to defrost it?

Buy early for the best selection. A frozen bird can keep for over a year so there really is no such thing as “too early” to buy. Consumers can freeze fresh turkeys for storage also if they wish.

Plan for defrosting time when making your purchase. The recommended method for defrosting for food safety is from the freezer to the fridge. Allow 24 hours for each 4-5 pounds of bird weight in a refrigerator 40 degrees or lower. Once refrigerator-thawed, a turkey can be left in the refrigerator for one to two days before cooking.

Is there a nutritional difference between fresh and frozen?

There is no nutritional difference between fresh and frozen turkeys at the grocery store. Most whole turkeys at the grocery

store are frozen. This is the easiest way to ship and store them for sale.

Farm-to-table style means smaller producers can provide fresh options. However, they cost more and these products are not available until just before the holiday season. However, consumers can freeze them for storage if they wish.

Is my turkey Texas-grown?

Odds are good that the turkey you find in Texas supermarkets has come from out of state. Minnesota, North Carolina and Arkansas are the top states for turkey production.

Texas does not have large-scale commercial turkey farms. The 4-H and FFA youth of Texas produce the most turkeys in the state for major stock shows and judging contests. But you can reach out to local markets, butchers or specialty shops to determine if they have locally grown turkeys.



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