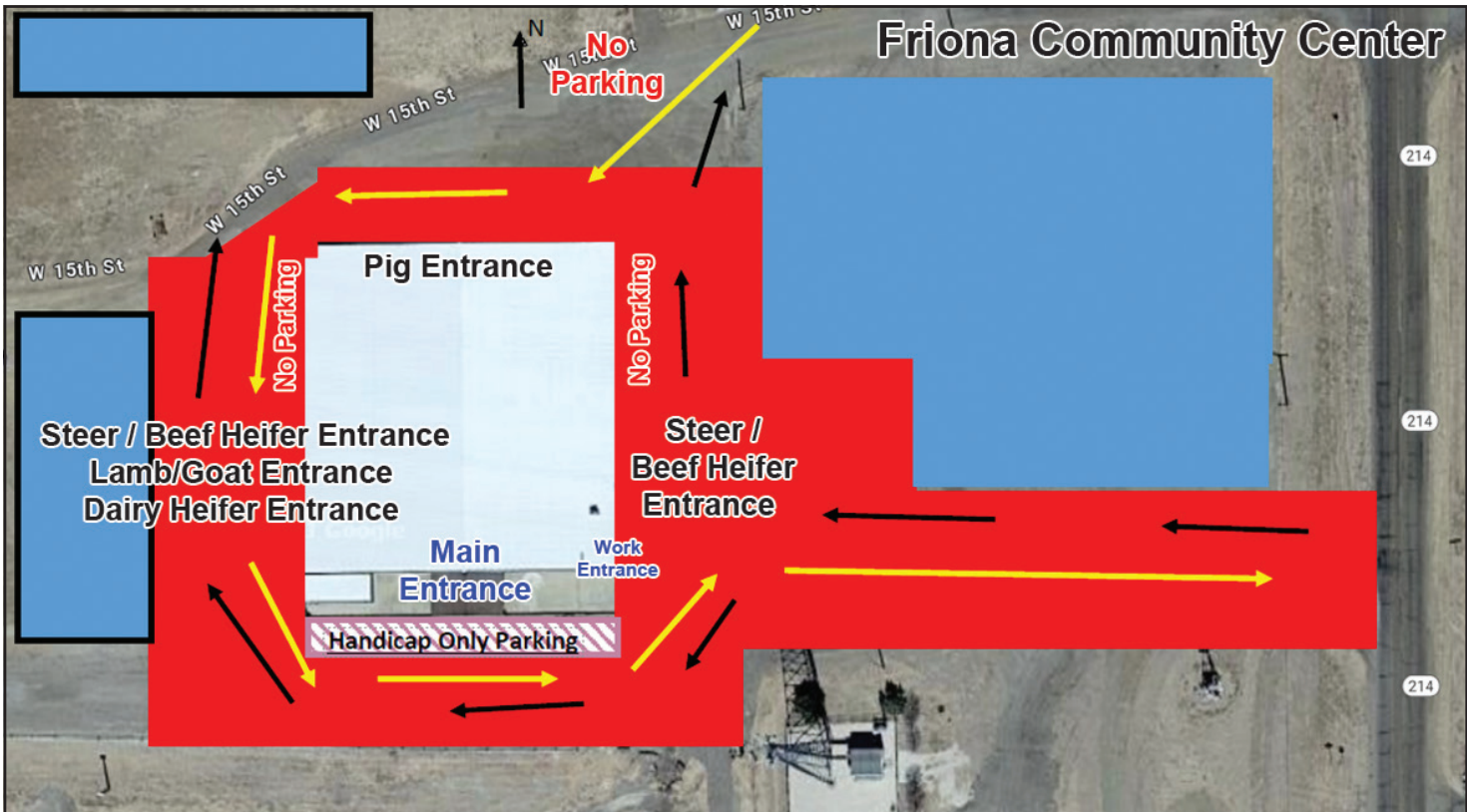




87th Annual Parmer County Jr. Livestock Show

Schedule of Events:

- Tuesday, January 16**
11:00 a.m.
Steers weighed/classified
12:00 p.m.
Steer Show
Beef Heifer Show
1:30 p.m.
Rabbit Check-In
2:00 p.m.
Rabbit Show
3:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Goats & Lambs weighed/classified
- Wednesday, January 17**
8:00 a.m.
Goat Show
Lamb Show
1:30 p.m.
Dairy Heifer Check-In
2:00 p.m.
Dairy Heifer Show
3:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Barrows weighed/classified
- Thursday, January 18**
8:00 a.m.
Barrow Show
- Saturday, January 20**
1:00 p.m.
Premium Sale



2024 Parmer County Junior Livestock Show Parking / Unloading Guidelines

To improve traffic flow during animal loading/unloading times with a more condensed schedule, and because of ongoing concrete construction around the Friona Community Center, the Stock Show Board is asking that the above map be observed for areas to park vehicles during the Parmer County Junior Livestock Show this year.

Red areas are no parking areas, except for immediate unloading or loading of livestock.

Blue areas are available for long term parking and trailers.

Steers and Beef Heifers will be housed on both ends of the show barn this year, both east and west side barns.

Cattle trailers will need to enter from Highway 214 and follow the black arrows to unload on either side, exiting on 15th Street.

Lambs and goats will unload on the west side of the barn, following the yellow arrows to enter from 15th Street and exiting using Highway 214.

Barrows will unload from the center door of the barn following the yellow arrows to enter from 15th Street and exiting using Highway 214.

Dairy Heifers will unload from the West Steer Entrance following the yellow arrows to enter from 15th Street and exiting using Highway 214.

Parking is not available on 15th Street at any time to avoid congestion, unless waiting to unload.

Parking is not available against the building anywhere, unless unload or loading. Handicap only parking is available in front of the building on the South side.

Please observe all on-going construction signs and cones, and avoid parking or driving on newly concreted areas.

The 87th Annual Parmer County Junior Livestock Show will begin on Tuesday, January 16th and will run through Thursday, January 20th at the Friona Community Center. There will be a concession stand open during all of the events. Ryan Rash will judge the barrows, lambs, goats, steers, and beef heifers. Other judges will be named at a later date.

The show will consist of 123 exhibitors who will be showcasing 327 entries for the judges. 151 barrows, 4 beef heifers, 11 dairy heifers, 74 goats, 44 lambs, 7 rabbits, and 36 steers will be on display. Area club participation includes 96 entries from Farwell FFA, 74 from Friona FFA, 54 from Lazbuddie FFA, and 99 from Parmer County 4-H.

A Premium Sale will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 20th, following the Buyers' Luncheon.

Parmer County Stock Show Officials are: Clint Hurst, General Superintendent; Terry Jesko, General Assistant Superintendent; Lesley Curtis, Swine Superintendent; Shane Mason, Lamb & Goat Superintendent; Roddy Berend, Beef Superintendent; Rebecca Pomper, Rabbit Superintendent; and Janelle Duffey, Dairy Heifer Superintendent.

The Parmer County Stock Show Board consists of Greg O'Brian, President; John Jarecki, Vice-President; Deena Leuea, Secretary; and Greg Lewellen, Treasurer.

The 2024 Rules Book for the 87th Annual Stock Show can be found at www.frionaonline.com

Two Tenors headed to State



Dynamic Duo — Congratulations to Andres Piñon (left) and Evan Snyder (right) for singing their way into the Texas All-State Mixed Choir. As mentioned earlier, Friona students compete in a Region that is considered one of the toughest in the state. Each fall, over 70,000 Texas high school students begin the All-State audition process. 1,810 are ultimately selected to rehearse and perform during the annual TMEA Clinic/Convention.

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Community Calendar

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

January 11

• Cornbread & Beans at Noon
at Senior Citizens Center

January 15

• Cowboy Stew at Noon at
Senior Citizens Center

January 16-20

• Parmer County Jr. Livestock
Show at Community Center

January 17

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

January 18

• Enchilada Casserole at Noon
at Senior Citizens Center
• Community Blood Drive from Noon till
7 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Fellowship Hall
• Bingo Night at Legacy Pointe at 6:00 p.m.



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State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



Voter registration deadline for primary approaches

The deadline to register to vote in the Texas Democratic and Republican primary elections is Feb. 5. Voters on March 5 will choose their nominees for president, U.S. Senator, all 38 U.S. House members from Texas, and a number of other state and local offices, from the Texas Supreme Court to district attorneys, sheriffs and county commissioners.

Any registered voter can cast a ballot in either party's primary election, but not both primaries in a single election cycle. Successful nominees in the primaries advance to the general election. Early voting begins on Feb. 20 and ends on March 1.

Anyone who wants to confirm their voter registration status can go to votetexas.gov.

Razor wire case goes to Supreme Court

The U.S. Justice Department last week asked the U.S. Supreme Court for an emergency ruling to allow Border Patrol agents to resume cutting razor wire installed by the state along the U.S.-Mexico border, The Dallas Morning News reported.

"Texas's placement of the wire near the riverbank in Eagle Pass has proved particularly problematic for Border Patrol agents," the justice department wrote in its plea. "By preventing Border Patrol agents from reaching noncitizens who have already entered the United States, Texas's barriers in Eagle Pass impede agents' ability to apprehend and inspect migrants under federal law."

Gov. Greg Abbott has accused President Joe Biden of impeding immigration enforcement.

"Americans and courts will reject Biden's hostility to immigration laws," Abbott posted on X. "Texas will continue to deploy National Guard to build border barriers and repel illegal immigrants."

Community colleges get millions in additional funding

The state's community colleges are receiving millions in additional funding under a move to merit-based funding and a

departure from funding based strictly on enrollment numbers, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

House Bill 8 was signed into law by Abbott in June. Community colleges now are receiving state money based on how many degrees, certificates, transfers and "credentials of value" are awarded. The state budget is allocating \$683 million in additional funds to the state's 50 community college districts.

"It's a game changer, not just for bottom line revenue that will come to our colleges, which is sorely needed, but it is a game changer again because it will really allow us to focus on what we're really there for and that is to serve the students that grow in our colleges," Ray Martinez, CEO of the Texas Association of Community Colleges, said.

More than a third of state agencies using AI

More than one third of state agencies are using some form of artificial intelligence, according to a 2022 report from the Texas Department of Information Resources. The Texas Tribune reported agencies such as the Texas Workforce Commission are using chatbots to serve patrons. In the TWC's case, the chatbot was designed to help Texans sign up for unemployment benefits after the pandemic in March 2020 vastly increased the number of jobless claims.

"This is going to totally revolutionize the way we do government," said state Rep. Giovanni Capriglione, R-Southlake. Capriglione wrote House Bill 2020, which is aimed at helping the state make better use of AI technology. It creates an AI advisory council to ascertain how state agencies are now using AI and whether a code of ethics is needed.

Some of the current uses of AI by state agencies include translating languages into English, enhancing cybersecurity and fraud detection, and translating speech into text at call centers.

Texas economy still booming
New data released by the Bureau of Economic Analysis indi-

cates the Texas economy continues to grow faster than the nation as a whole for the fifth quarter in a row. During the third quarter of 2023, the state's gross domestic product – the value of all goods and services produced – grew in Texas at an annual rate of 7.7%, considerably higher than the national GDP's growth of 4.9%.

"Texas is America's undisputed economic leader, outpacing the nation in economic expansion and job growth," Abbott said.

Kansas posted the highest percentage increase in the nation at 9.7%.

Novelty plate sales on the rise

Whether it is buying a personalized plate, supporting one's alma mater or opting for a plate with a black background, Texans spent more than \$10 million on novelty plates in 2023, The News reported.

While plates with black backgrounds have been the top sellers for the past three years, there has also been an increase in personalized plates.

"More people are wanting to add their own personal message on their plate that means something to them," said Steve Farrar, CEO of My Plates.

The maroon plate purchased by Texas A&M University fans dominated the school-related novelty plates, followed by Texas Tech University plates.

Feral hogs spotted on Galveston beach

It is not exactly peak tourist season on Galveston beaches, but a group of feral hogs have decided to visit Galveston Island State Park, officials reported.

Photos released by park officials show the hogs traipsing along the beach at night, leaving hoof prints in the sand. Roughly half of all the feral hogs in the United States take up residence in Texas.

Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches, Lufkin and Cedar Park. Email: gborders@texaspress.com.

ACROSS

- 1 TXism: "___ as a two-day-old kitten"
- 5 TXism: "sounds like a dry ___" (bad singer)
- 6 hot tubs
- 7 meaning of Spanish word, "Brazos"
- 8 Texas "High Fidelity" plays the music of "___ Speedwagon"
- 9 Guadalupe is a spring-___ river
- 12 TXism: "can't ___ silk purse out of a sow's ear"
- 17 TX Matt who was a pro wrestler
- 19 easternmost city in Texas
- 21 national citizen (2 wds.)
- 22 shaped clay
- 23 Texas-based Mary Kay is present in this Chinese country
- 28 "Bear" or "Berra"
- 29 TX Janis died of a drug over___
- 30 "Anytime" country singer, Eddy
- 31 Texas film "Lone Wolf Mc___"
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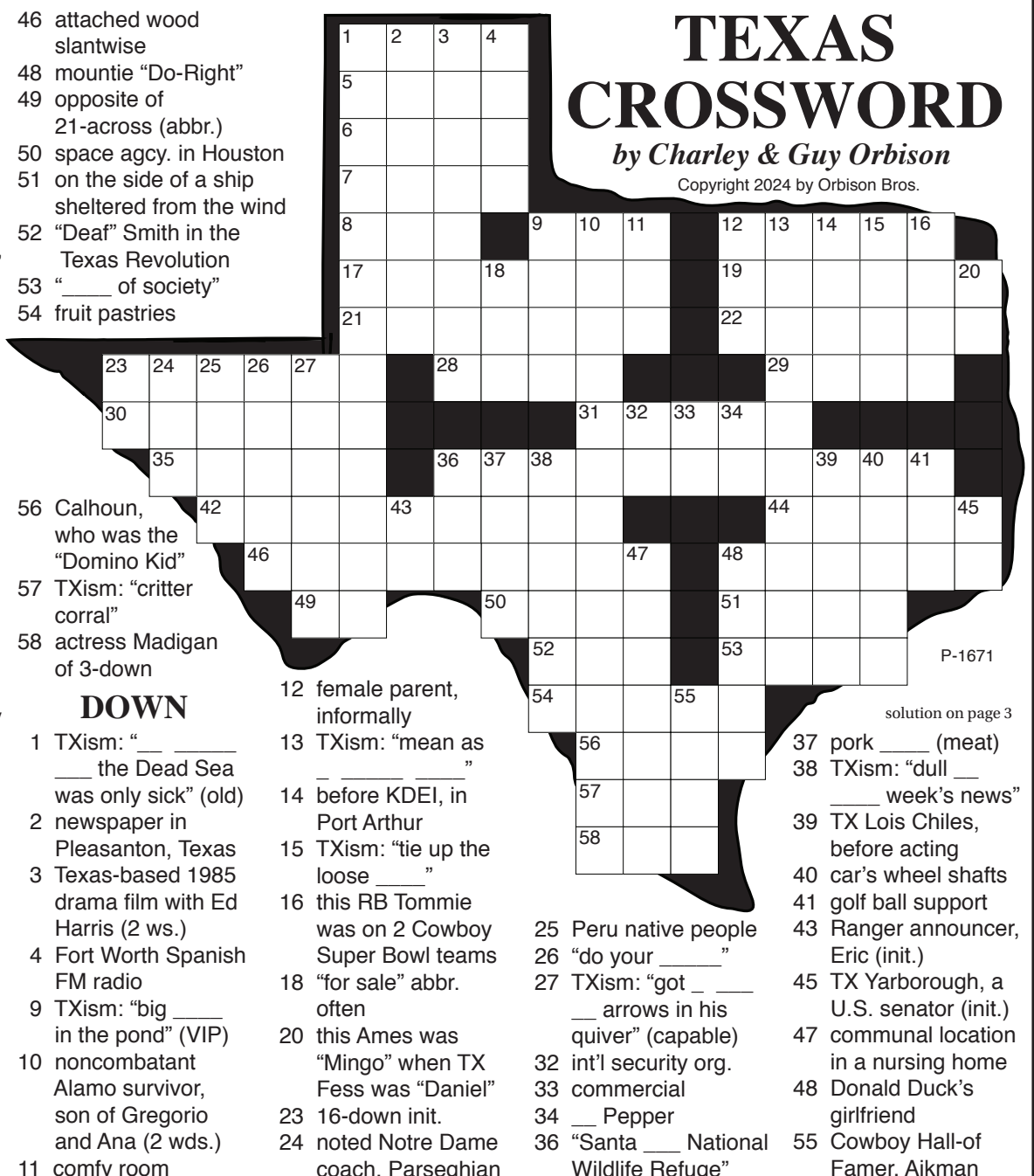
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- 49 opposite of 21-across (abbr.)
- 50 space agcy. in Houston
- 51 on the side of a ship sheltered from the wind
- 52 "Deaf" Smith in the Texas Revolution
- 53 "___ of society"
- 54 fruit pastries

DOWN

- 1 TXism: "___ the Dead Sea was only sick" (old) newspaper in Pleasanton, Texas
- 3 Texas-based 1985 drama film with Ed Harris (2 ws.)
- 4 Fort Worth Spanish FM radio
- 9 TXism: "big ___ in the pond" (VIP)
- 10 noncombatant Alamo survivor, son of Gregorio and Ana (2 wds.)
- 11 comfy room

- 12 female parent, informally
- 13 TXism: "mean as ___ week's news"
- 14 before KDEI, in Port Arthur
- 15 TXism: "tie up the loose ___"
- 16 this RB Tommie was on 2 Cowboy Super Bowl teams often
- 18 "for sale" abbr.
- 20 this Ames was "Mingo" when TX Fess was "Daniel"
- 23 16-down init.
- 24 noted Notre Dame coach, Parseghian

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COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

***Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County
Clerk's Office from December 28, 2023 to January
4, 2024***

(12/28/23) Adam Furlow — Steve Furlow — All of My Interest In and To the NW/4 of Section 19, Township 6 South, Range 3 East, Parmer County, Texas

(12/28/23) David Barnett, Richard Barnett, Chris Barnett — Richard Barnett, Erin Barnett — The West One Half of the North 320 Acres of Section Number 29 of Township Number 1 North, Range 5 East, of the Capitol Syndicate Subdivision, Parmer County, Texas

(12/28/23) Johnny Alvarez — Miguel Lopez — All of the West 80 Feet of Lot 8 in Block 4, of the McMillen Fergus Addition to the City of Friona, Parmer County, Texas

(12/29/23) Jason Jesko — Joshua Ryan McDonald,
Kristen Marie McDonald — The Northeast Quarter of
Section 21, Township 11 South, Range 3 East, Capitol
Syndicate Subdivision, Parmer County, Texas

(1/3/24) Grapewin LTD — Friona Industries LP
— All of Northwest Quarter of Section 7, T10S, R3E,
Capitol Syndicate Subdivision, Parmer County, Tex-
as; More tracts on document

SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

(12/18/23) Mario Alonzo Fuentes, 31, of Dimmitt was arrested by the Castro County Sheriff's Office on a Parmer County Warrant on a charge of Sex Offenders Duty to Register Life/Annually.

(12/18/23) Manuel De Jose Miranel, 48, of Clovis New Mexico was arrested by the Farwell Police Department on a charge of Public Intoxication.

(12/19/23) Jeffrey Allen Johnson, 68, of Las Vegas, Nevada was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Possession CS PG 1 $\geq 1g < 4g$.

(12/19/23) Ernesto Henry Lopez, 21, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Department of Public Service on a charge of Possession Marijuana < 2 oz.

(12/20/23) Silvestre Hernandez, 30, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Bovina Police Department on a Curry County New Mexico Warrant on a charge of Fugitive From Justice.

(12/23/23) Juan Esquevel Pedroza, 64, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Farwell Police Department on a charge of Criminal Trespass.

(12/27/23) Mathew Isaiah Martinez, 28, of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of Criminal Trespass.

(12/27/23) Jose Manuel Ojeda Jr, 20, of Portales, New Mexico was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Reckless Driving.

(12/28/23) Coniel Lee McDaniel, 47, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on Warrants including charges of Burglary of Habitation; Evading Arrest Detention w/Vehicle; Possession CS PG 1 < 1g; Burglary of Habitation, Unlawful Possession Firearm by Felon; Theft Property ≥ \$2,500 < \$30K; Possession CS PG 1 < 1g; Fugitive from Justice.

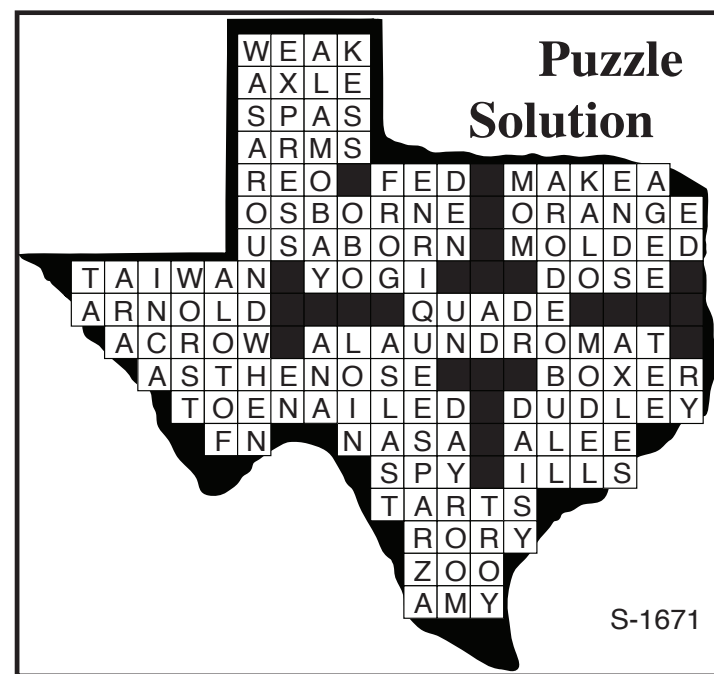
(1/3/24) Louis Arguijo II, 54, of Amarillo was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of Possession Marijuana < 2 oz.

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These are the classes scheduled this fall

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TOWN TALK

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Email: frionastar@wtrt.net

Blood Drive is next

Thursday — The Community Blood Drive will return to the Calvary Baptist Fellowship Hall next Thursday, January 18th from Noon till 7 p.m. Computer issues involving wireless connectivity were a problem with the last two drives at the bank. Donors will receive a glow-in-the-dark bear T-shirt and a free entry to Escape the Trap House! Coffee Memorial said that blood donations in January have started out at a low pace in 2024. Also, your donation could help provide a monetary contribution to Created With Purpose of West Texas. Please see page 8 to schedule your appointment!

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Seniors Meals — Everyone is invited to come eat lunch every Monday and Thursday at Noon at the

Senior Citizens Center located at 1410 N. Washington. The cost is \$5 for members and \$6 for guests. See you there!

Valentine's Edition — The Friona Star will publish its annual Valentine's Edition on February 8th. You can text photos to 806-265-5200 or email them to frionastar@wtrt.net or bring them by the Friona Star office at 1215 Elm Ave. Deadline is Monday, February 5th. See ad on page 7.

Texas Facts — Texas has the second highest population in the US, 29.9 million, after California. It also has three of the USA's largest cities by population: Houston (4th spot at 2.29 million), San Antonio (7th spot at 1.4 million), and Dallas (9th spot at 1.3 million).. Source: funworldfacts.com

★★★
Go Figure — Up until the 19th century, many physicians believed most illnesses were related to digestion problems. As a remedy, they recommended a daily intake of biscuits and fruit. Fig rolls served as an ideal solution. In 1891, Philadelphia baker and fig-lover Charles Roser invented and patented a machine which inserted fig paste

into a thick pastry dough. The Kennedy Biscuit Company purchased Roser's recipe and began mass production at the F.A. Kennedy Steam Bakery. The pastries were named after the town of Newton, MA. The Kennedy Biscuit Company and the New York Biscuit company merged to form Nabisco and the fig rolls were trademarked as Fig Newtons.

Thank You

The family of Faith Ann Wright Carr wishes to
express their thanks to all who so lovingly gave
us strength and support in our time of grief.
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Kids: color stuff in!

I should be hibernating, but Mom and Dad let me have one weekend in the snow! I love skiing, snowboarding, ice skating, rolling giant snowballs to make snow bears, and building snow forts and igloos. It's a beautiful winter wonderland out here!

I also want to eat "winter foods": thick, hot, potato or chicken noodle soups, beef stews, casseroles of bubbly, golden macaroni and cheese, chicken pot pies and, for dessert, bread pudding!

Winter Wonderland!

Can you find the three snowflakes that are the same?

DUCK!

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle with winter words:

- how much colder the wind makes the air feel
- Santa rides in this
- fingered hand warmers
- warm chicken
- unique crystal
- make snow
- keep your hands extra warm
- packed, made to throw for fun
- keep your feet warm and dry
- pointy, frozen, hanging
- warmest winter clothing
- neck wrappings
- gliding on ice
- coal-eyed "person"
- head warmers
- snow _____, protection from snowballs
- hot _____ (warm drink)
- blustery snowstorm
- downhill sliding on tubes and toboggans

Penguin Party!

Did you know that the **biggest** penguins are the **Emperor Penguins**? They grow to about 3 1/2 feet tall and weigh about 80 pounds. The **smallest** penguins are the **Little Blue Penguins** in New Zealand. They grow to about 16 inches tall and weigh about 2 pounds.

Here are 2 fun puzzles about penguins to enjoy:

- are all _____ even though they have wings
- a large _____ of penguins is called a rookery
- all live _____ of the equator (so you'll never see a penguin and a polar bear in the wild together)
- Emperor Penguins are the _____ of all the penguins
- eat krill, _____ and different shellfish
- most females lay two _____, (Emperor/King penguins lay one)
- if there is danger on the land, some penguins take _____ in the water
- (some) spend as much as 75% of their lives in the _____
- there are about _____ different kinds
- their eyes see well underwater and in dim _____

Who is that tiny penguin?

Who is that tiny penguin?

Little Blue Penguins

- have only one _____ throughout their lifetimes
- lay two eggs at a time, which hatch into _____
- live in rock _____ for shelter
- are the _____ penguins on Earth
- are found in Australia and New _____
- have an average lifespan of about 6 1/2 _____
- are preyed upon by dogs, cats, foxes and fur _____
- have white feathers on their bellies and _____ feathers on their backs

Winter Festivals

Does your area have a **Winter Festival** full of food and fun?

Use the secret code to fill in the blanks to see events being held at Winter Festivals:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

Secret Code

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Laser Light Show Tonight!

Cool!

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Small Town Cookin’ By Jeri Lynn White

Healthy Breakfast

These egg cups are a great way to start the day. They can even be made ahead of time and stored in the fridge or freezer. Hope you enjoy.

Mushroom Spinach Bacon Egg Cups

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Ingredients

- 10 slices good-quality bacon (from 1 package of bacon)
- ½ tablespoon olive oil
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 8 ounces baby bella mushrooms, sliced (optional)
- 3 cups packed organic spinach
- 6 large eggs
- ¼ cup unsweetened almond milk (any milk will work)
- Freshly ground salt and pepper
- ⅓ cup feta or goat cheese crumbles (or any cheese you’d like)

Instructions

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Add bacon slices to muffin pan (we’re only using 10 of the muffin cups) and wrap bacon in a circle around the edges of the tin. The bacon will likely overlap a bit, but that’s okay. Bake for 15 minutes. While the bacon is cooking, you can sauté your veggies: In a large skillet, add in olive oil, garlic and mushrooms; sauté for 5 minutes or until mushrooms cook down and begin to turn a slight golden brown. Once that happens, add in spinach, and cook for another 2 minutes or until spinach wilts. Set aside. In a large bowl, whisk together eggs and almond milk. Season with salt and pepper. Set aside. When bacon is done cooking, remove from oven and rearrange the slices. You can drain some of the grease if you’d like but it I like to keep it in because it helps the muffins not stick to the pan. Most likely they will have shrunk up

during baking; simply pull the slices back with a fork towards the edges so that’s there’s enough room to add in the veggies and egg mixture. Evenly distribute veggies between each muffin cup, then pour egg mixture in each cup, filling a little more than halfway, or so that there is even distribution. Sprinkle with feta cheese. Bake for 15 minutes. Once done, cool for two minutes, then run the edge of a knife around each egg cup and remove from pan. Serve with a side of avocado slices. Makes 10 egg cups. 1 serving = 2 egg cups.

Recipe Notes:

- Feel free to leave out the cheese if you want to make these paleo or whole30 friendly.
- Try adding in 1/2 cup diced grape tomatoes + 1/3 cup shredded mozzarella + 1/4 cup basil ribbons.
- We love doing this for a dinner inspired version: 1/2 cup finely

chopped sauteed broccoli + 1/2 cup cheddar cheese.

Any cheese or veggies should work well in these egg cups, just make sure they don’t have a ton of moisture otherwise the egg cups might get soggy (example: zucchini or really juicy tomatoes).

To store: these bacon egg cups with store well in the fridge for up to 5 days. Simply allow them to cool completely to room temperature, then transfer to a container. If you want to freeze your egg cups, simply place them in a freezer safe container after they’ve cooled completely. They should stay good frozen for up to 3 months. However, I personally think these are best when stored in the fridge!

To reheat: bacon egg cups from the refrigerator, place them on a microwave safe place and microwave for 20-30 seconds. If they are frozen, I recommend reheating them for 45-60 seconds.

Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



All Aboard

It would be a disservice to romanticize my recent train trip, one which took me to Virginia and then to North Carolina and then back to Slidell, Louisiana. The fact that the trip was not luxurious or at times convenient does not minimize the advantages of traveling by rail. A train trip is simply another option, and I am glad that I chose it this time.

To preface, I am no seasoned veteran when it comes to Amtrak, nor am I a novice. I have ridden the Sunset Limited to the West Coast from El Paso and a shorter trip from Alpine to El Paso. The Texas Eagle transported me from Ft. Worth to Chicago, where I then took the Empire Builder to St. Paul,

Minnesota. Twice now I have taken the Crescent from New Orleans to parts east.

Road trips will always be my favorite, but as I age it is becoming clear that solo long distance road trips are more difficult and more expensive for me. This last train trip took 25 hours, but I was able to afford a roomette for about \$375 (including refundable insurance and three meals). That meant I had some privacy, a toilet, a big window, and two seats that folded out to a single bed. I slept really well on the trip home because I was pretty tired from a five-hour layover prior to boarding. I saved on gas, hotel, and food costs and arrived sooner.

I did take some motion sickness medication prior to taking off. The motion on the larger trains is not pronounced or severe—more like a rocking motion with a few small jostles (equivalent to hitting bumps in the road). When trains go over the switch tracks, the movement is noticeable but certainly not scary. And trains slow down over bridges and curves. I was able to read and do a crossword and got up and did some stationary leg exercises to keep from getting stiff. Connecting trains are another story—double dose the Dramamine (think propeller plain as opposed to 747).

As I posted on social media, I do wish Amtrak’s

sleepers were more upgraded. It was clean and comfortable, but my room facilities were worn and not modern. I want The Orient Express without the murders. And be realistic: delays can happen, just like at an airport. I had none on this last trip.

An easy thing to test out the rails would be to drive to Ft. Worth and hop on the Texas Eagle. Get off in Austin and spend a night or two. Or maybe a quick trip from Alpine to El Paso. Both of these trains, at least when I did those trips, had observation cars and dining cars—a fun perk.

I still prefer to see the USA in a Chevrolet (or Honda), but the tracks can be a fun alternative.

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Low demand means lower prices

By Gas Buddy

Average gasoline prices in Texas have fell 0.7 cents last week, averaging \$2.63 per gallon according to GasBuddy’s survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Prices in Texas are 3.2 cents higher than a month ago and stand 20.1 cents lower than a year ago. According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas was priced at \$2.19 while the most expensive was \$4.00 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline fell 3.8 cents last week, averaging \$3.03 per gallon. The national average is down 12.2 cents from a month ago and is 22.0 cents lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has fell 5.6 cents last week and stands at \$3.90 per gallon.

“Sluggish gasoline demand has led to the national average eas-

ing again, and brings back the potential for the national average to drift under \$3 per gallon for the first time since 2021,” said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

“With a record rise in gasoline inventories last week as demand was anemic during the holidays, motorists have provided the catalyst for falling prices. If demand remains weak, gasoline prices could fall further. However, the better it gets now, the more bumpy and sharp the rise could be ahead of the spring, as prices could start their rise of 35-85 cents per gallon around mid-February,” De Haan warned.

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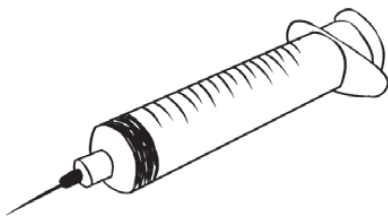


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Book Blessings

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

A common practice in churches is to have an “invitation” time during the service that gives people a chance to respond as the Lord is leading them. Possible responses are trusting Jesus to save them from their sins, recommitting one’s life to Christ, surrendering to a call to the ministry, or joining the church family. In some Baptist circles the practice of offering an opportunity to respond is seen as out of date, not effective or some would claim that it is unbiblical. Whatever your stance on the topic, O.S. Hawkins and Matt Queen recently wrote The Gospel Invitation: Why Publicly Inviting People to Receive Christ Still Matters.

In less than 150 pages they show the biblical

support for publicly calling people to respond to Christ, and give practical wisdom on how you can lead people to respond as the Holy Spirit is moving them during a worship service. Our society may shy away from inviting people to respond publicly to the gospel, but in scripture God called his people to publicly commit. Jesus commanded people to leave their livelihoods and comfort to follow him, and in the early church, baptismal obedience was a distinct public act declaring one had repented of their sin and was now following Christ. No doubt, there have been heinous abuses of a public invitation system that boil down to manipulating people, but Hawkins

and Queen clearly address the importance of avoiding making the invitation a work of man’s manipulation. Instead, a pastor’s prayerfulness, planning, persistence and perceptiveness to the Holy Spirit are a few keys in leading people well as they respond to the Lord.

A God honoring, Christ exalting, Spirit filled invitation to respond to the gospel captures the message of Isaiah 55:6-7, which says, “Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.”

Panhandle Parables

All Things New

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

2024! It is hard to imagine how quickly time goes by. Actually, it goes the same speed, just sometimes it seems faster than other times. Vacations go by very fast, waiting for a root canal not so much. How do you view this precious commodity we call time? For me, I often squander this gift. Like everyone this time of year I reflect, refocus and resolve to be better. Some will launch into better health and invest in exercise. Others will invest in self-help books to become a “better you”. Still others will resolve not to resolve, being better is not on their radar for a

host of reasons.

But what about new? There is something intriguing about the idea of new. We like the smell of a new car or new carpet. We are ready for a new phone or a new gadget. But what about a new you, after all, it is a new year? I know, I know, a new you? That is a little hard to do because last year took its toll. Jesus says in Revelation 21:5 “Behold I am making all things new.” Jesus can do what none of us can. He can make us new, not better, but new. I like the sound of that statement.

But what about the mess I made last year?

He says, making it new. But Jeff I am dealing with the consequences of my decisions. True, but making it new. How can I ever overcome? New! Faith? New! Life? New! You? New! This is not just something for the new year, guess how each day beginsYou guessed it, NEW! Learning to allow Christ to rule our hearts is a process, but if we will let Him in, NEW is the outcome and new is better because it looks more like Him and the more like Him the more, I appreciate being new. Life is short enough so why not live it new. Jesus is willing, are you?

Was God Wrong?

By Teena Hughs

About two months ago, I wrote and asked if you saw God working? I was referring to the election of Mike Johnson as Speaker of the US House of Representatives. I was so excited to have a full-blown Christian in this position, and I was expecting wonderful things from him!! I just KNEW this was a great thing for our country.

Right now, I am not so sure about Speaker Johnson. I still want to support him, but it would be an understatement to say that I am disappointed in his performance so far!!!! I would have to say that up until now, I was wrong about him.

Johnson has let conservatives down, and for sure, he has let our country down. He has done nothing as far as I can see to help the border situation; he has done nothing to curb spending, and our national debt continues to skyrocket (the national

debt went up a trillion dollars between September 18th and December 28th); he obviously doesn’t know how to read what people in the USA are thinking and feeling these days.

So, if you believe Speaker Johnson was put in the speaker’s chair by God, as Titus 3:1-2 says, did God make a mistake putting him there? I say resoundingly, NO!

First and foremost, God doesn’t make mistakes. Second, it is sad to say, but Mike Johnson may have been the best one God had to choose from. Third, God gave Johnson the opportunity to do a great job, and for some reason, he is doing just the opposite.

On the other hand, maybe Speaker Johnson is doing exactly what God wants him to do; maybe I am the one who is looking at Speaker Johnson’s job performance all wrong. God’s ways and thoughts are higher than ours according to Isaiah 55:8-9, so He knows best! God sees the entire picture; He knows what our country needs; He knows what needs to happen to turn our country around. Right now, my faith is in God, not Mike Johnson; it has to be. God is perfect; Mike Johnson isn’t!

I so desperately want Christians to succeed in Washington, DC. I hate it when a Christian messes up; it just adds fuel to the fire about how wrong Christianity is.

I know God is in charge; He is right in every situation; He will prevail. Right now, I just don’t see how Speaker Johnson is the leader I thought he would be. Maybe God has a reason for exposing who he really is, or maybe the great person and leader I thought he would be will still emerge. I just have to be still, know that He is God (Psalm 46:10), wait, and watch to see what happens!

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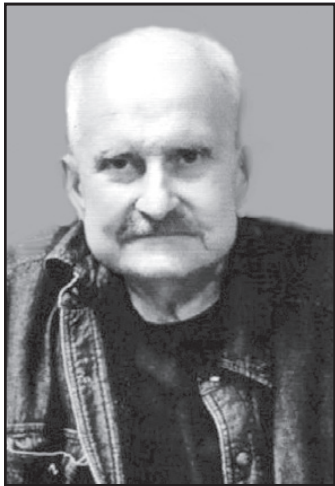
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Obituaries

Michael Scott Sr.

Michael Scott Sr., 79 of Friona passed away January 5, 2024 in Amarillo. Celebration of Life Memorial Services will be held at 2:00 PM Saturday, January 20, 2024 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel at the funeral home with Randa Reeves, officiating. Cremation arrangements by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Michael was born November 3, 1944 in Yuba City, California to Frank Cleveland and Constance June Elwell Scott. He was a Vietnam Veteran serving in the United States Army and always felt it was an honor to serve his country. He later married Carla



Mann August 9, 1994 in Bullhead City, AZ.

Michael worked for Cargill Meat Solutions for 55 plus years. He loved the outdoors whether it be in Taos, NM. or sitting on his home patio. He loved to gamble at casinos and watch the 49'ers play football.

Those to mourn his passing include his wife Carla of Friona, 2 sons- Mike Scott and wife Jodie of Hugoton, KS., Brian Scott of Greensboro,

NC., granddaughter- Madelene Scott of Elon, NC., grandsons- Lovel and Patrick Scott, of Hugoton, KS., 1 sister- Ruth Foremen of Vacaville, CA., 1 niece- Pam Shonery and husband Mark of Vacaville, CA., nephews- Frank Scritchfield of Yuba City, CA., and Paul Scritchfield and wife Janet of Northbend, OR.

In lieu of flowers you may send memorials to Parmer Paws at parmerpaws.org, and Vietnam Veterans Memorial at vietnamveteransmemorial.org.

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



Kenneth Wilkerson

Kenneth Wilkerson 75 of Friona passed away January 6, 2024 in Friona. Viewing will be held Thursday, January 11, 2024 from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM with family visitation from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY with Celebration of Life Services set for 1:00 PM Friday, January 12, 2024 in the chapel with Jeff Procter, officiating. Burial following in the Friona Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Kenneth was born December 10, 1948 in Stevenson, Alabama to Alvin H. and Ela Mae Evans Wilkerson, although he would argue that he was Texan through and through. He was a long-



time Parmer County farmer, doing what he did best. Farming was second in his heart, first being his children and family. Kenneth was an overcomer that loved to help others. His caring heart and big Texas laugh will be missed.

Preceding him in death include his parents, Alvin and Ela Wilkerson, 1 daughter- Sherri

Collins, 1 son- Lonnie Wilkerson, 2 brothers- David and Rayford Wilkerson, and 2 sisters- Dorothy Benson, and Dora Geneva Bentley.

Those to mourn his passing include 3 daughters- Ella Craddock of Amarillo, Michelle Wilkerson of Lubbock, and Liberty Williams and husband Fredrick of Amarillo, and 1 sister- Alene Gamble of Friona, 14 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild.

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FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



FIRE RUN . . . Friona Volunteer Fire Department made two runs to the Budget Motel last Friday when a fire was discovered in the northeast corner room in a heater closet. Firemen extinguished the fire, but a baseboard was smoldering later, causing the second run. (Friona Star, Sunday, January 13, 1974)

School Chaplains gain statewide and nationwide momentum

Texas legislators passed the “School Chaplaincy Act” which was signed into law by Governor Greg Abbott on June 18th, 2023. Since then, over a dozen other states are poised to follow. Florida introduced a similar bill on December 22. School chaplaincy has overwhelming parent support and endorsements from grassroots organizations such as Ben Carson’s Institute and Moms for America. Legislation is teed up in states from Louisiana to Pennsylvania.

Additionally, independent school district boards are required to give an up or down vote in support of chaplains. To date, most of the school boards in Texas, who have voted, are in support of school chaplains.

Oklahoma legislators have already introduced the bill and will be voting in March. Governor Kevin Stitt has endorsed chaplaincy in schools and has been an outspoken advocate, even providing a video endorsement of school chaplains.

The National School Chaplain Association “NSCA” which is spearheading legislation, is now certifying chaplains to fill the hundreds of positions becoming available in school districts across Texas and the United States.

NSCA school chaplaincy certification follows strict military chaplain-type standards and will provide additional safety resources to public schools.

Rocky Malloy, CEO of the NSCA who has provided over 30,000 chaplaincy programs in countries all over South America said, “This movement is exactly what is needed to curb the violence, help student mental health, and provide an extra pair of eyes for school safety.”

Chaplains have a long tradition in serving our military, police forces, Congress, prisons, first responders, and even at airports,” Malloy continued.

“Teachers are also favorable about finally having someone to support them in addressing student’s PTSD issues, bul-

lying, behavioral issues, and other factors affecting school performance and campus environments. The presence of a chaplain curbs violence alleviates tension and anxiety on campus, and helps prevent suicide,” concluded Malloy.

Recently while NSCA legislative ambassadors were visiting lawmakers in the Arkansas State Capitol in Little Rock, a group of teachers who were on a field trip, learned of the school chaplaincy bill about to be introduced in the “Natural State.”

One teacher commented, “I just had a student come to me yesterday, this young student saw her parents in a violent exchange, after talking to the student, it was

I who needed a chaplain. I was an emotional wreck from all I heard from this crying student. I’m so glad our state is seeing the need to provide a chaplain for so many of us who are truly on the front line. Chaplains will provide spiritual guidance, unlike state employees such as my fellow teachers or counselors or my administrators.” “We need chaplains,” she (the teacher) concluded.

Many Texas school district boards will consider hiring or including chaplains on campus in upcoming school district board meetings.

The National School Chaplain Association is the world’s largest provider of certified school chaplains, operating in 23 countries and over 30,000 schools.

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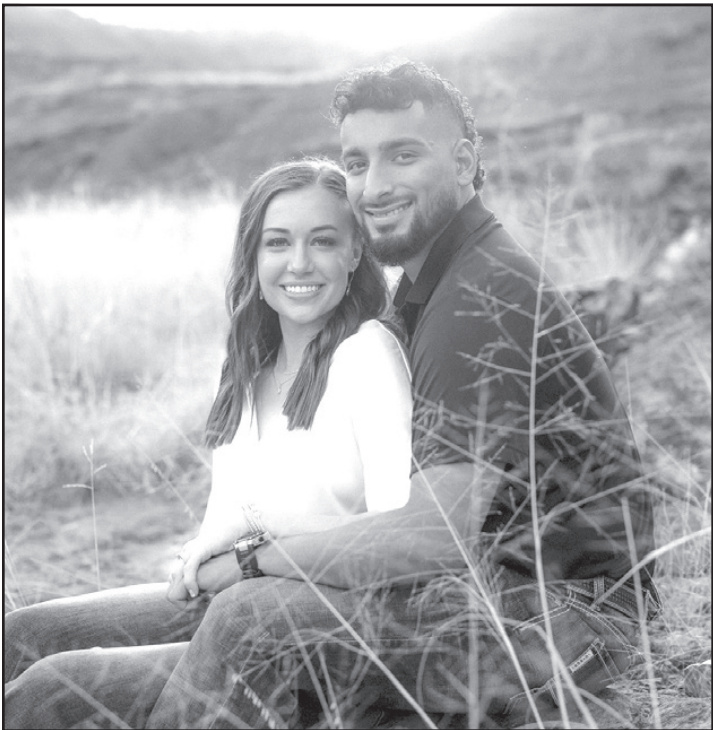
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We the People

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith

On January 14, 1639, Hartford, Connecticut endorsed its “Fundamental Orders:

“The Dutch discovered the Connecticut River in 1614, but English Puritans from Massachusetts largely accomplished European settlement of the region. During the 1630s, they flocked to the Connecticut valley from the Massachusetts Bay Colony, and in 1638 representatives from the three major Puritan settlements in Connecticut met to set up unified government for the new colony ... Roger Ludlow, a lawyer, wrote much of the Fundamental Orders, and presented a binding and compact frame of government that put the welfare of the community above that of individuals. It was also the first written constitution in the world to declare the modern idea that ‘the foundation of authority is in the free consent of the people,” says History.com.

The history of the U.S. Constitution is told in the book *The Framers’ Coup: The Making of the United States Constitution* by Michael J. Klarman, says the Grateful American Book Prize.

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



Thomas Hooker founded the Colony of Connecticut. In 1639 they adopted a constitution called the “Fundamental Orders.”

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Angelo State University

Fall 2023 — Dean’s List

Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas, has announced the students achieving the Dean’s List for the 2023 fall semester. Students from Friona making the Dean’s List include: **Ezekiel Garcia** - Animal Science, and



Magdalena Licerio - Interdisciplinary Studies. To be eligible for the ASU Dean’s List, full-time

undergraduate students must maintain a 3.25 or better grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

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Sports News

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Friona Chieftains at home against Littlefield Wildcats

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Scoreboard

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January 2	
Dimmitt	39
Friona Squaws	40
Dimmitt	44
Friona Chieftains	51
Carson Seaman (16), Cade Seaman (13), Justen Trevion (10)	
Win ended a 66 district game losing streak!	
January 5	
Brownfield	66
Friona Squaws	45
Aaliyah Padilla (23), Yaselene Faudoa (10)	
Brownfield	66
Friona Chieftains	31
January 9	
Littlefield	74
Friona Squaws	43
Littlefield	75
Friona Chieftains	41
Squaws: Season 6-18, District 1-4	
Chieftains: Season 12-11, District 1-3	



Friona Squaws at home against Littlefield Lady Cats

2024 Powerlifting Schedule

Day	Date	Location
Friday	January 5	Dumas
Saturday	January 13	Panhandle
Thursday	January 18	Dimmitt
Saturday	January 27	Frenship (Wolfforth, TX)
Wednesday	January 31	Lockney
Saturday	February 10	Open Week
Saturday	February 17	Amarillo
		Highland Park
Friday	February 23	San Angelo
		Lake View
Saturday	March 2	THSWPA Reg 1: Regionals
		Colorado City
		THSPA
		Reg 1: Regionals
		Location TBA
		March 13-16
		THSWPA State
		Frisco
Friday	March 22	THSPA State
		Abilene

Powerlifting Results

5th Annual Demon Powerlifting Invitational - Dumas - 1/5/2024 - THSWPA Girls

Team Results:

1st: Dumas - 62 points; 2nd: Perryton - 43 points;
3rd: Friona - 35 points; 4th: Kress - 17 points; 5th: Lockney - 13 points;
6th: Tulia - 9 points; 7th: Muleshoe - 7 points; 8th: Vega - 7 points

Wt.	Place	Athlete	School	BWT	Squat	Bench	Dead	Total
105	2	Saucedo, Naara	Friona	105.3	185	130	220	535
105	3	Galaviz, Ellie	Friona	105	200	100	210	510
105	4	Carranza, Anaesha	Friona	104.4	175	100	205	480
114	1	Madrid, Amberly	Friona	110.3	145	75	165	385
114	SC	Gomez, Hailey	Friona	113.5	130	0	0	0
123	2	Ortiz, Duvy	Friona	117	205	105	250	560
123	5	Hernandez, Evelyn	Friona	120	205	90	190	485
165	5	Garcia, Aubrey	Friona	161.7	185	115	185	485
181	1	Arias, Reyna	Friona	177.9	315	195	315	825
198	5	Espinoza, Mercedes	Friona	189	250	115	250	615
198	7	Abarca, Lilly	Friona	182	195	135	200	530
242	3	Phillips, Marie	Friona	223.6	270	185	320	775

5th Annual Demon Powerlifting Invitational - Dumas - 1/5/2024 - THSPA Boys

Team Results:

1st: Friona - 43 points; 2nd: Perryton - 30 points; 3rd: Kress - 29 points;
4th: Lockney - 29 points; 5th: Dumas - 26 points; 6th: Vega - 11 points;
7th: Muleshoe - 5 points; 7th: Tulia - 3 points

Wt.	Place	Athlete	School	BWT	Squat	Bench	Dead	Total
123	1	Bautista, Michael	Friona	118.7	370	220	375	965
132	3	Flores, Azriel	Friona	126.3	295	165	315	775
148	2	Garcia, Jorge	Friona	137.2	410	245	420	1075
148	5	Estrada, Erik	Friona	146.1	370	185	405	960
148	6	Rosales, Aaron	Friona	143.8	425	210	290	925
165	BO	Ortiz, Ramon	Friona	152.8	455	235	0	0
198	4	Saucedo, Angel	Friona	191.3	390	225	365	980
220	1	Perez, Frank	Friona	217.7	550	355	475	1380
220	2	Garcia, Mario	Friona	218.8	540	335	480	1355
220	5	Rodriguez, Aaron	Friona	204.9	470	265	375	1110
242	1	Flores, Ishmael	Friona	231	575	405	520	1500
242	2	Mills, Eden	Friona	237.6	415	255	390	1060

Michael Bautista

Best Light Platform Lifter Award
Demon Invitational | Boys Division

Reyna Arias

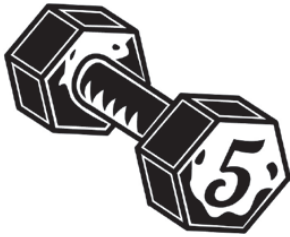
Best Heavyweight Platform Lifter Award
Demon Invitational | Girls Division



Boys Powerlifting Team | First Place | Dumas Invitational



Girls Powerlifting Team | Third Place | Dumas Invitational





Blizzard — Friona and the surrounding area was hit with an unexpected snow storm last Monday afternoon. John Gurley reported that Friona received 4 inches of snow (.04 moisture) during the weather event which also included winds around 26-30 mph with gusts close to 50 mph. This photo was taken at Highway 60 and Cleveland Avenue around 4 p.m. when kids were leaving school.

You must apply to receive a Mail-In Ballot

Parmer County Clerk Susie Spring would like to remind voters that if you wish to vote by mail this year you **MUST** request an application from the County Clerk's office. Call the Clerk's office at 806-481-3691 to request a ballot.

After you receive the application, you must complete it and return it to the Clerk's office before the stated deadline. For the upcoming Primary election, your completed application must be returned to the Clerk's office by February 23, 2024.

You will not receive



a ballot by mail for the March 5th Primary if your application is not submitted and approved by February 23, 2024.

Call the Clerk's office at 806-481-3691 if you have questions. The Parmer County Clerk's office is located in the Courthouse at 401 3rd Street in Farwell, Texas.



Area Send-Off — (l-r) Andres Piñon and Evan Snyder in Choir; and Ramon Ortiz, Valeria Corrales, Andres Gutierrez, Reagan Daniels in Band received a send-off last week as they headed to the Area round of auditions for an opportunity to go to State.

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