



87th Annual
Parmer County Jr. Livestock Show

Schedule of Events:

Thursday, January 18
8:00 a.m.
Barrow Show

Saturday, January 20
1:00 p.m.
Premium Sale



Friday, January 19
9:00 a.m.
Friona Local Stock Show

Here Comes the Judge



Judge Ryan Rash looks over the field of contenders during the lamb show on Wednesday.

Thursday, January 18, 2024
Friona Blood Drive
Calvary Baptist Fellowship Hall
Noon - 7:00 p.m.

Local governments to receive
\$1.1B from comptroller

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced that he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts \$1.1 billion in local sales tax allocations for January. The amount is 3.3 percent higher this year than in January 2023. These allocations are based on sales made in November by businesses that report tax monthly.

Texas cities will receive \$699.3 million, transit systems will get \$232.6 million, counties

will get \$67.9 million, and special purpose districts will receive \$104.7 million.

The City of Friona will receive \$54,963.99 in sales tax allocation for the month of January. This payment represents a 1.96 percent increase from the \$53,905.21 received in January of 2023.

The Friona Economic Development Corporation (FEDC) will receive \$13,740.99 of the January allocation for its operating budget.

The 87th Annual Parmer County Junior Livestock Show, which began on Tuesday, will conclude on Thursday, January 18th with the barrow show. The Premium Sale will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. in the Community Center on Saturday, January 20, following the Buyers' Luncheon.

The Friona Star will publish a special stock show edition on February 1st which will include lots of photos and final results from the livestock show.

Local Stock Show is Friday

Friona FFA will conduct the Local Stock Show starting at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, January 19th in the Community Center. The concession stand will be open for business on Friday.

87th Annual county stock show continues

Filing period open for May 4th general election

The candidate filing period is open for positions on the Friona Independent School District Board of Trustees, Friona City Council, and Parmer County Hospital District Board of Directors. The filing period ends on Friday, February 16th at 5:00 p.m. The general election will be held on Saturday, May 6th from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The FISD Board of Trustees have three positions up for election this year. The terms of Antonio Rocha, Jason Rector, and Dustin Thompson are expiring. School board

members serve three year terms. Anyone who is interested in filing for the election can contact Claudia Castillo at the FISD administration office at 909 E, 11th, Friona Texas or call 250-2747. You can also download a candidate packet at www.frionaisd.com

There are three positions up for election on the city council. The terms of Mayor Greg Lewellen and city council members Cindy Moreno and Brent Loflin are expiring. Council members serve two year terms. To file as a candidate, go by City Hall at 623 Main,

Friona, Texas or call 250-2761 for information about the election.

The Parmer County Hospital District Board will have three positions open for election. The terms of Dennis Anthony, Dale Schueler, and Bret Whitten are expiring. Board members serve two year terms. Individuals interested in running for the hospital district board can contact Rocio Carrasco at Parmer Medical Center, 1307 Cleveland, Friona, Texas, call 250-2754 for information, or pick up forms at City Hall at 623 Main, Friona, Texas.



Congratulations to Valeria Corrales (clarinet), Reagan Daniels (percussion), and Ramon Ortiz (trumpet) for earning All-Region Band honors in each of their four years at Friona High School. Awesome!!!



2024 Friona Volunteer Fire Department Officers — (l-r) Stephen Campbell, Captain; Chance Lewellen, Assistant Fire Chief; Gary Stowers, Captain; Blake Stowers, Lieutenant; Randy McCasland, Lieutenant; and Danny Campbell, Fire Chief.

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Community Calendar

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

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.

January 19

- Local Stock Show at the Community Center starting at 9:00 a.m.

January 20

- Parmer County Stock Show Premium Sale at Community Center at 1:00 p.m.

January 22

- Spaghetti at Noon at Senior Citizens Center

January 22

- Friona Noon Lions meeting at the Clubhouse

January 24

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

January 25

- Hamburgers at Noon at Senior Citizens Center

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State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



Quakes prompt officials to limit disposal wells

The Texas Railroad Commission has suspended nearly two dozen permits that allow oil and gas companies to inject saltwater into the ground, which regulators say has contributed to increased earthquakes of greater magnitude in West Texas.

The Austin American Statesman reported the 23 disposal wells hold hundreds of thousands of barrels of produced water, which is a toxic brine. A 2022 report said the state generated 3.9 billion barrels of produced water from extracting oil and gas.

The RRC instructed major companies to no longer dispose of saltwater in Reeves and Culberson counties, which had seven earthquakes last year, including a 5.2 magnitude temblor that was the fourth highest in state history.

Meanwhile, the RRC has developed a framework for pilot programs to recycle produced water “safely and economically.”

“Operators will apply for authorization to conduct pilot studies, and RRC will issue a permit or letter of authorization if the application meets requirements. The operators would compile data of how treated produced water can be reused in certain activities that are safe and protective of human health and the environment,” the news release said.

The goal is to reduce the amount of produced water injected back into the ground, reducing earthquake incidents.

“This framework opens up the potential to use treated produced water in ways that have never been seen before in Texas, which is a win-win for conserving water resources, and protecting the environment and Texans,” Wei Wang, executive director, said.

Last year was hottest ever for Texas

It likely comes as no surprise to all of us who endured last summer, but 2023 was the hottest ever recorded in Texas, according to data from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and reported by the Texas Tribune.

The average temperature in the state measured 68.1 degrees last year, beating the previous 2012 record by 0.3 degrees. Every year since

2000 in Texas has been warmer than the 20th century average, said John Nielsen-Gammon, state climatologist. Last year was 3.5 degrees hotter than the 20th-century average in the state.

“That consistent warmth is because of climate change,” Nielsen-Gammon said.

Texas wasn’t alone in feeling the heat. Since federal record keeping began in 1895, last year was the fifth warmest in the contiguous United States, not counting Hawaii and Alaska.

“You can think of (2023) as kind of a preview of the future and it’s not pretty,” Andrew Dessler, professor of atmospheric sciences at Texas A&M University, said.

Paxton asks high court to shield him from deposition

Attorney General Ken Paxton is asking the Texas Supreme Court to keep him from being deposed in a long-running whistleblower lawsuit filed by four former employees at the agency.

The aides claim they were wrongfully fired after complaining to the FBI about Paxton’s conduct concerning a prominent campaign donor.

The Statesman reported Paxton filed the motion with the high court after an appeals court rejected his attempt to avoid being deposed. That ruling allows the whistleblowers to continue their suit, which comes after a \$3.3 million settlement agreement last year imploded when the Legislature refused to pay for it.

An investigation into the whistleblowers’ claims led to an investigation that resulted in the House impeaching Paxton, who was acquitted in the Senate. Paxton contends he complied with the nonmonetary terms of the settlement agreement, which included retracting a disparaging news release, and that the Legislature’s refusal to fund the settlement does not warrant continued settlement talks or a trial.

“The Legislature considered and rejected OAG’s request for funding, and even added a rider to the appropriations bill forbidding OAG from settling this case with taxpayer funds,” the attorneys for the whistleblowers wrote in their response.

Homelessness in Texas on the rise

Homelessness in Texas grew by more than 12% last year, according to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Tribune reported more than 27,000 Texans were unhoused when homelessness advocates conducted their annual Point-in-Time count last January, with 43% of those living on the streets.

Higher rents and the end of pandemic-era safety nets such as federal rent relief funds and a moratorium on evictions are being blamed for the increase. Homelessness rose in nearly every demographic group, according to the Point-in-Time estimate.

“We’re in a huge affordability crisis,” said Eric Samuels, president and CEO of Texas Homeless Network. “There’s a lot of people out there at risk of homelessness. And if they fall into homelessness, we have a lot fewer units to help them escape homelessness.”

Rabies vaccine bait airdrop marks 30 years

Planes are taking to the air in South Texas to kick off the 30th annual oral rabies vaccine airdrop, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

“Our goal is to vaccinate coyotes and gray foxes along the border to maintain herd immunity against rabies and keep new or previously eliminated rabies variants from becoming established in Texas,” said Kathy Parker, project director. “We will be distributing vaccine baits over 18 border counties this year.”

The project is expected to last two weeks. Vaccine baits are dropped along half mile intervals. More than 820,000 oral vaccine baits will be dropped. Since the airdrop program began, the number of animal rabies cases caused by the variants found in South Texas dropped from 122 cases in 1994 to zero cases by 2000.

There have been no human cases of rabies attributable to the rabies cases found in that region since the program began.

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@texas-press.com.

ACROSS

- hangs down
- in Concho County on U.S. 83 & 87
- TXism: “___ _ lick” (none)
- TXism: “tame as ___ dog”
- TX Kenny Rogers sang “___ I Can Make It on My Own”
- J.R. was shot in the final ___ of “Dallas” season 3
- “those” in Mexico
- TXism: “still wet ___ ears” (inexperienced)
- TX Nolan pitched seven ___-hitters
- rattling sound heard by a stethoscope
- Clyde High class fill ‘er up (2 wds)
- Highlands Mansion in Marlin has a stained-___ in the great hall
- TX Tom Kite won ___ Open in 1992
- this David was leader of Waco’s Branch Davidians
- Humble Oil once had Esso and this brand name
- rep for TX Matthew McConaughey
- county west of Sabine (2 wds.)
- Nacogdoches old road: “La Calle del ___”
- boycott, e.g.

- TXism: “hard ___ nails”
- wedding cake layer
- Eagles & Giants to the Cowboys
- sought to influence Texan in 1-down
- dir. to New Boston from Mount Pleasant
- Texas cosmetics queen, Mary Kay
- Texas pecan desserts
- “___ jungle” (city)

- on old XIT Ranch: “El Canyon ___ Casas Amarillas”
- holiday egg drink
- a Denton univ.
- Biblical donkey

DOWN

- where TX Ted Cruz serves
- this Rangers’ Garcia hit 5 home runs against Astros in 2023 ALCS
- “Whoopie ti yi yo, ___ little dogies”
- TXism: “___ beans” (in a pod)
- TX Banks who was “Mr. Cub” (init.)
- TX A.C. Greene book: “A ___ Country”
- TX Trini sang “If ___ a Hammer”
- farm storage tower
- “___ - ___ band” (solo performance)
- Duryea of 1954 “Ride Clear of Diablo” with TX Audie Murphy (init.)
- Love Field arr. guess
- TX wheeler-dealer: Billy ___
- legend has it that Texas “Enchanted Rock” is this
- this bunny gives gifts
- Kennedy of film “Creepshow 2” with TX Lois Chiles
- Greek goddess of the dawn
- TXism: “mobile mouse ___” (cat)
- film categories, e.g.
- TXism: “busy ___ - armed paper hanger”
- this Denny won 1930 “Texas Open”
- Texas fire ___
- ___-fi, like “Avatar”
- braggart, like some Texans
- a Great Lake
- state ___ is topaz
- this info. agcy. was dissolved in 1999
- the gullet
- a Gulf fish
- this will prohibit a Texan from a jury
- TX Drown started noted Hotel ___-Air
- ___ text (communicated)
- farm machines

TEXAS CROSSWORD

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The Waiting Game

In the beginning, Adam had to wait for Eve,
And even since that time . . .
nothing has changed it seems.

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COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from January 4, 2024 to January 11, 2024

(1/4/24) Steven Smith, Tammy Sue Smith — Darren Haseloff, Lorre Haseloff — Lots 18, 19, 20, 21, Section 44, and Lot 9, Section 48, All in Block “A”, Capitol Syndicate Subdivision, Parmer County, Texas

(1/10/24) Linda Comer, Trustee of the Dovie A. Sears Revocable Living Trust — Linda Comer — All of the Trust 1/3 Undivided Interest in and to the SE/4 and the W/2 of Section 41, Doud-Keefer Subdivision, Parmer County, Texas

(1/10/24) Mark Overstreet, Jane Kinsinger, The Jane Barclay Farm Trust, David Barclay — Darren Haseloff, Lorre Haseloff — All of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 and Lots 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 of Section 48, Block “A” Capitol Syndicate Subdivision, Parmer County, Texas

(1/10/24) Jane Kinsinger, The Jane Barclay Farm Trust, David Kimberly Lokey, Hamlin Barclay, David Barclay, Richard Allain Lokey — Darren Haseloff, Lorre Haseloff — The S/2 and W/2 of the NW/4 of Section 2, T16S, R1E, of a Capitol Syndicate Subdivision, Parmer County, Texas; More tracts on document

(1/11/24) Irene Salazar Trevino — Irene Salazar Trevino, Estate of Juan Ramon Trevino — The S/2 of NW/4 Section 19, T4S, R4E, Capitol Syndicate Subdivision, Parmer County, Texas; More tracts on document

(1/11/24) Richard James Vargas — Rhett Green, Kenzi Green — All of the West 100 Feet of Lots 6, 7, 8, and 9, of Block 98, of the Original Town of Farwell, Parmer County, Texas



Notice to Parents.
Grandparents, Husbands,
Wives and Sweethearts
It's Bragging Time

The Annual Friona Star Valentine's Issue
will be published Feb 8th.

It's your opportunity to show off those kids,
grandkids, great-grandkids and sweethearts.
Deadline for photos is 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5

Small - \$10 • Medium - \$15 • Large - \$20
Photos may include names of
parents and/or grandparents.
For more information call 250-5200
or email frionastar@wtrt.net
Bring photos by the Friona Star office
1215 Elm Ave.
Mon-Wed 10am to 5pm
text photos to 806-265-5200

Come have Fun with us at Malouf's Fabric

These are the classes scheduled this fall

February 10:
Make it PATRIOTIC with a 3-Yard Quilt

March 1 & 2:
Handi Quilter Longarm Education Event

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

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Town Hall — Congressman Jodey Arrington will conduct a county-wide Town Hall meeting on Thursday, January 25th from 1-2 p.m. at the XIT Recreation Center in Bovina.

★★★
The Heat is On — the 1st Annual Parmer County Chili Cook-Off is scheduled for Wednesday, January 31, 2024 at the XIT Recreation Center in Bovina, Texas. The inaugural event will run from 11:30 a.m. till 1:30 p.m. and will benefit the Bovina Senior Citizens Association. There will be Hot Prizes for the best chili so “Bring the Heat” and plenty of water. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Children 12 and under get in free with paying adult. For advance tickets, call David White at 806-251-2141, Gaylon Rhodes at 806- 225-7243, or Pam (Rhodes) White at 806-239-1825.

★★★
Check it Out — The Texas Tribune did an excellent story about Friona’s new day-

care facility, Happy Tribe Academy. Go to <https://www.texastribune.org/2024/01/11/texas-panhandle-childcare-desert-friona/> to read the story.

★★★
Save the Date — St. Ann’s Catholic Church of Bovina is having their annual German Sausage Dinner on Sunday, January 28th from 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. (Texas time) at the St. Ann’s Parish Hall on 3rd Street in Bovina, Texas. They will be serving home-made German sausage, creamed potatoes & gravy, green beans, homemade sauerkraut, homemade bread, homemade desserts, and tea or coffee. Donations will be \$15 for adults and \$6 for children under six years of age. Take-out plates will be available at no additional charge. Sausage will be available to purchase the day of the dinner or by contacting any St. Ann’s member prior to the dinner. They make regular, jalapeño, and green chili sausage.

TOWN TALK

Phone: 806-250-5200
Email: frionastar@wtrt.net

★★★
Texas Facts — The capital city of Texas, Austin, is the 11th most populous city in the US, with just under 1 million people. It is the USA’s 2nd most populous state capital, after Phoenix, Arizona. Source: funworldfacts.com

★★★
Lions Club Fund-raiser — Members of the Friona Noon Lions Club are currently

selling tickets for their 2024 fundraiser. Prizes include a Weatherby 20 gauge shotgun, a Ruger rimfire pistol, and ribeye steaks from Cargill of Friona. Tickets are \$10 each and are available from any Lions Club member or a Houlette Petroleum. The drawing will be held at the Lions Club meeting on Tuesday, February 20th at the Clubhouse.

National Days

January 18 — Milk Day

January 19 — Popcorn Day

January 20 — Cheese Lover’s Day

January 21 — Hugging Day

January 22 — Celebration of Life Day

January 23 — Handwriting Day

January 24 — Peanut Butter Day

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Scientists are studying animals in...

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Studying Earth's Climate

For many years, scientists have been charting the world's changing temperatures. It is natural for some movement of temperatures to occur, but many people wonder how the changes in climate that result will affect animals and people in their habitats and daily lives.

In the coldest northern parts of the world, scientists are studying ice and the way it freezes and melts. Some are also studying the region's polar bears, marine animals that spend most of their time at sea rather than on land. Scientists have seen that the ice that these bears live and hunt upon is starting to melt earlier in the season than it once did. The bears are swimming farther from home to hunt for food (seals) and some are not making it back. Some reports say that polar bears are getting thinner and that more of their cubs are dying. By studying such changes, scientists hope to understand how people can respond to protect themselves and wildlife around the globe.

People check the temperature of the sand at the green sea turtles' nesting area. They want to see if any changes affect the eggs.

Read the clues to fill in this puzzle about polar bears:

1. A polar bear's _____ layer can grow up to 4 inches thick. It provides warmth and can keep them from going hungry.

2. Polar bears live in the _____ region around the North Pole.

3. Mothers care for their _____ for about 2 1/2 years.

4. The "food" or prey for polar bears mostly lives in the _____.

5. The foot of a polar bear is partially _____ to help it swim.

6. Polar bears have been known to kill Beluga _____.

7. The loss of _____ may push polar bears closer to extinction.

8. The bottoms of a polar bear's _____ have hair to keep them warm.

9. In the wild, polar bears _____ 25-30 years.

10. The skin of a polar bear is actually black, but its _____ makes it look white.

11. Polar bears do not _____ in the winter like other bears.

12. Polar bears can swim up to 60 _____!

13. Polar bears don't like fruit or vegetables; they mostly eat _____.

14. Polar bears have small _____ so they don't lose too much heat.

15. Polar bears are, on average, the _____ bears in the world.

What Conditions Might Change?

Due to changes in the climate, weather people think that we may have more or stronger...

t r d s d
f m h s s r
w s r s l g t

Fill in the blanks to spell out some possible changes:

o u

o i i e

Follow this color key to color in the puzzle to see them:

B = Blue Y = Yellow
P = Pink K = Black

North Atlantic right whales are being watched for changes in their food sources and their habitat, too.

Swimming Out of School!

It is thought that warmer water temperatures may have caused sand eels and plankton that puffers eat to move to cooler waters.

Who Am I?

I take long swims in the cold ocean waters. When I need a break I climb onto icy shores or ice floes to rest. I dive from sea ice to get clams and snails to eat, too. We have our babies on ice and then swim back to shore with these pups. If there is less ice and we have to swim longer distances, some pups may not make it to the shore. In some areas we have been crowding together too tightly on the ice. Sometimes, when frightened, we have all rushed back to the ocean at once resulting in a stampede where some of us have been hurt or killed.

I am a _____.

s l r a w u

Follow the dots to see me!

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Small Town Cookin’ By Jeri Lynn White

Healthy Breakfast

I have tried this recipe, and it works really well. I like that it makes individual portions. Hope you enjoy.

Baked Oatmeal
www.thebigmansworld.com

Ingredients
1/2 cups rolled oats
1/2 medium banana
1/2 teaspoon apple cider vinegar
1/4 cup + 1 tablespoon milk
1 tablespoon peanut butter,
can sub for any nut or
seed butter of choice
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon vanilla
extract, optional

Instructions
Preheat the oven to 180C/350F.
Grease a 6-8 ounce ramekin or
oven safe dish. In a blender, add
all the ingredients and blend
until a smooth batter remains.

Let the batter rest for 5 minutes
before transferring it to the
greased ramekin. Stir through
your mix-ins of choice. Bake for
12-15 minutes, or until cooked
on top.

Mix-in ideas:
Blueberries - ¼ cup fresh
or frozen blueberries
Chocolate walnut - 2
tablespoons chocolate chips, 1
tablespoon chopped walnuts.
Chocolate chip - 2 tablespoons
chocolate chips
Double chocolate - 2
tablespoons cocoa powder, 1
tablespoon chocolate chips.
Peanut butter and jelly - 1

tablespoon peanut butter,
1 tablespoon Jelly.
TO STORE: If you plan to eat it
the same day, keep it covered at
room temperature. But if you
intend to enjoy it over a few days,
I recommend keeping them
in air-tight containers in the
refrigerator.
TO FREEZE: These baked oats
also freeze well. Once cooled,
remove them from the ramekins,
wrap them individually, and
freeze them for up to two months.
TO REHEAT: Let the baked oats
thaw overnight in the refrigerator.
Heat in the microwave for a few
seconds, or enjoy it cold.

Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



There was a doctor in the house, but few listened

After 34 days of travel, holiday
family time, and capped off with
four days in Austin among hun-
dreds of students in closed quar-
ters I came home and tested posi-
tive for Covid.

This is my second bout, the first
coming in August 2021, when a
new variant worked through the
vaccine. Since then, I have boost-
ed each time a vaccine became
available. Even if I were twenty-
seven instead of sixty-seven, I
would do this.

Both times Paxlovid and a pain
relief medicine for the fever have
kept the case mild with no respi-
ratory issues, and for that I am
grateful.

Here are my candid and person-
al observations about this pan-
demic.

1. It still scares the hell out of
me.
2. I do not live in fear but in
healthy respect of what the virus
does.
3. I was grateful that the former
president put into motion Opera-
tion Warp Speed in May 2020 to
fast track the development of the
vaccine.
4. I grew appalled that, in the

election year of 2020, the former
president withheld information
and then saw the virus as a weak-
ness, missing a prime opportu-
nity to guide us through difficult
days. Instead, he mocked the vi-
rus, was more worried about his
re-election chances than doing
what was best for the country, and
helped make a villain out of a man
who had served his country in the
National Institute of Allergy and
Infectious Diseases for over 38
years. To this day, I will never un-
derstand why and how that hap-
pened..

5. I am angry that something
as serious as this pandemic was
treated with political gloves and
not scientific ones.

I am also angry with myself.
I opted not to wear a mask last
week when in crowded closed
rooms filled with people because
I was afraid of what they would
think and afraid of embarrassing
my own students. So here I am
sick again—and ashamed of my
lack of courage to do what was
best for my health.

In a few months, my daughter
and son-in-law will once again
ask me to get a whooping cough

vaccine before the birth of my
third grandchild. Why? Because
it’s recommended if I am going to
be in contact with him. It’s not the
law. Just a recommendation. But
as his parents, they will insist and
rightfully so.

Why can’t I say to people
“Would you do this for me? Will
you get the vaccine so that we can
stifle this virus? If not, would you
stay home if you are sick or may-
be wear a mask if you think you
have Covid?” Just as my grand-
son will need all the protection
he can get, so do I. Not because I
don’t trust God. But because I am
also in a vulnerable demograph-
ic. That’s science, not politics.

When the next pandemic
comes, I fear we will do this song
and dance all over again rather
than learn from the historic
medical events of the past four
years. Chances are we will bow
up, thump our chests, and defy
medicine because that is what has
been modeled, especially in Tex-
as, since March 2020.

I would feel so much better if
we would let history make house
calls.

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Mixed bag for gas prices

By Gas Buddy

Average gasoline prices in Texas fell 0.4 cents last week, averaging \$2.63 per gallon, according to Gas-Buddy’s survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Prices in Texas are 13.6 cents higher than a month ago and stand 27.8 cents lower than a year ago. According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas was priced at \$1.79 while the most expensive was \$3.79 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline rose 0.6 cents last week, averaging \$3.04 per gallon. The national average is down 1.4 cents from a month ago and stands 23.9 cents lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel fell 2.0 cents in the last week and stands at \$3.89 per gallon.

“Last week was a bit of a mixed bag for gasoline prices, with prices increasing early on but falling again in recent days as the situation in the Red Sea continues to drive market volatility,” said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

“While last week saw the U.S. attacking Houthi militants engaged in attacks on vessels in the Red Sea, oil prices jumped, but then promptly fell as economic concerns with weak demand sapped the upward move after the U.S. and allies attacked Houthi rebels. Gasoline inventories also saw another large rise, putting some downward pressure on gas prices, and leaving an opportunity for the national average to potentially briefly fall below \$3 per gallon. We’ll have to see if the stars finally align for such a move,” 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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The Main Thing

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Life is filled with so many different things that can pull you in various directions and it is vital to be able to keep the main thing, the main thing. The huge question, though, is what is the main thing in life? Some would say happiness, others success, and yet others would spout off something about self realization, but those things are not the most important thing in life. In Deuteronomy 6:4-6 God makes clear what the main thing is, “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.”

God says the main thing is to have a supreme love for him, which sounds great, except you are unable to love God supremely in and of yourself. It takes a work of God in your life before you can express a supreme love for him that flows from salvation through Jesus Christ. God’s love

is so vast and pure and perfect and holy, and our love is naturally selfish, tainted and impure, but when Christ redeems us from our sins the Holy Spirit gives us a new heart, with which we can love God supremely. This love is still something that is to be cultivated as we grow in the Lord, and verse 6 emphasizes that God wants your heart more than your offerings, obedience, or anything else you might be tempted to give. In fact, Jesus condemned the religious of his day by quoting Isaiah 29:13, saying, “This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me,” (Mark 7:6 ESV). Jesus was reiterating that the main thing is not lip service, but a heart that is true to the Lord, and the only way one’s heart can be true to the Lord is through saving faith in Jesus Christ. After salvation, your focus is to be on the Lord and his abundant love, mercy, and grace toward you, which propels you to love God greater and be more like Jesus each day.

Panhandle Parables

Something Called Home

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

I admit when I was eighteen, my tires smoked as I headed out of this little town to start the grand adventure, I would call my life. Thirty plus years later, I could not be more thankful for this little town. Everyday, I drive down streets that I once rode a bicycle on. I am flooded with memories. Memories that make me smile, some that make me thankful I learned a lesson without too much heartache. But I don’t just nostalgically float through my history. I enjoy getting a wave from Freddie as I head down Highway 60 or greet fellow classmates at Fast Stop. You know you will see somebody you know at the Post Office. Life here has a familiarity to it that makes me thankful it is home. It is safe, people care and the friendships that are made often last, because we journey together.

I think heaven will have some of these qualities. Heaven, I think will have a certain familiar feel, even though it will all be new. I know John did the best he could to describe something beyond description. There is much I speculate about with no real evidence of how it will be, yet still I wonder.

There will be, at least in my mind’s eye, a comfort about being there. Will I be awestruck? Yep! Overwhelmed? No doubt. But I will also be home. God may not give us but a glimpse into eternity, but He does prepare us.

I think the body of believers is what is going to make that heavenly scene familiar and comfortable. God’s intention for His church was for it to give us that glimpse, that inspiration to keep going when life gets tough. Christians are asked in Scripture to live differently from the world, and when we do it is a glorious glimpse into eternity. Yet, Satan would rather me complain about so and so, hold a grudge against a neighbor, spread gossip, and be a hurtful and selfish person. Yes, that is what Satan wants Christianity to look like. Unfortunately, sometimes it does, and may God forgive us. I look forward to that day the Lord calls me home, but until then I want to aspire to live for those glimpses of heaven. Micah 6:8 simply tells us what the Lord wants, “act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with your Lord.” That will be something called home.

Be the Best You Can

By Teena Hughs

We all know the Dallas Cowboys lost, again!!! While we watched the Denver Rodeo and just checked in with the game during the commercials, we know many people are still trying to figure out why they lost.

I used to be a die-hard Cowboys fan, but having Will and Lauren slowed me down on the Cowboys, to the point I know very little about the team. So, to be honest, I haven’t spent much time thinking about their most recent loss. I don’t feel sorry for anyone except the fans who spent their hard-earned money to go to the game! However, I do want to share one thought I had with you.

I believe the team is missing integrity, a sense of high character and good moral fiber, from Jerry Jones down. I was a die-hard fan when Tom Landry, a Christian, was the coach, and he acted like it, or at least that is what it appeared on television. I have read that he did not want the cheerleaders because of their uniforms, but he was overruled.

I was a die-hard fan when Roger Staubach was the quarterback. He was a graduate of the Naval Academy. I was a die-hard fan when Walt Garrison played for the Cowboys. He was a true cowboy! He would enter the Mesquite Rodeo on Saturday night and play football on Sunday. He got away with it until the Cowboys front office found out about it! But to me, he was a man, a man not afraid to do anything, and so was Staubach!

When Jerry Jones bought the team, I was disappointed. I am not a fan of people who buy things and change everything about the organization for the sake of change. Jones thought he was trying to improve what he had bought, but I really did like the trumpet player playing “The Star Spangled Banner.”

I do not know anyone associated with the Cowboys organization; I don’t know what they are like as people; I don’t know if they are Christians or not, etc. But this is what I have surmised from what I have seen over the years. Jerry Jones’ god is money, pride, being seen. Dak Prescott, quarterback and

team leader, and his long-time girlfriend are expecting a baby. The pictures of her body on facebook leave nothing to the imagination, but neither do the Cowboys’ cheerleaders when they are in their game uniforms! How many players have gotten in trouble with law enforcement over the years? Money is definitely the root of all evil, and these players, many of whom have had nothing most of their lives, don’t know how to handle the money or the fame.

My comments apply to all the teams I am sure. Sadly, it is all about money and making as much as you can. I do wonder what would happen if the public knew God and His Word is talked about with these teams? I heard from a true die-hard fan that there are Cowboys who do a lot for the Dallas community but they don’t get any publicity or recognition for what they do. Maybe if it was talked about more in the media, more players would do something.

It never hurts to be a person who strives to be the best according to God’s Word, in your personal life, your work life, your recreational life, your LIFE! 2 Corinthians 8:21 says, “For we are taking pains to do what is right, not only in the eyes of the Lord but also in the eyes of man.” Just like me, I am making judgments, right or wrong, on what I have seen and heard from reliable people I trust.

Leadership starts at the top, and in this case that is Jerry Jones. Having a team where everyone is a man or woman of integrity and good moral character doesn’t mean you are going to win the every game, but it does mean you are going to be respected; it does mean that “Because of my integrity You uphold me and set me in your presence forever” (Psalm 41:12); it does mean that life isn’t all about scoring victories because losing helps build your character and perseverance; and, it means you are an example to others. If you want people to think highly of you, you have to act like it. God knows the truth and everything about us, but people only get to see what they see. Be the best you can be all the time, even when you think no one is watching!

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Psalm 51:10 NIV

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Applications are now open for annual Government in Action Youth Tour

Applications will be accepted until Thursday, Feb. 1st and the contest will be on Monday, Feb. 5th at DSEC Headquarters in Hereford. Students will give a 3 to 5 minute speech on a pre-selected topic then sit for a short interview with a panel of judges. The winners will go on an all-expense paid trip to Austin and Washington DC from June 16th to 23rd 2024. Contest rules and the application are available on our website: www.deafsmith.coop/youth-tour.

Since 1965, Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative has proudly participated in the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Government-In-Action Youth Tour program.

Students on the tour learn about electric cooperatives, American history, and U.S. government. They attend educational seminars, visit with their members of congress, and see the historical sites around Washington, D.C.

"This trip is a fantastic way for the students in rural America to experience a host of national sites like the National Cathedral, Lincoln Memorial, Mount Vernon, the Smithsonian Museum



and Arlington National Cemetery and others. They get to experience the Texas State Capitol and see how our government works, both at the State and National level," said Tim Burkhalter, President and General Manager of DSEC.

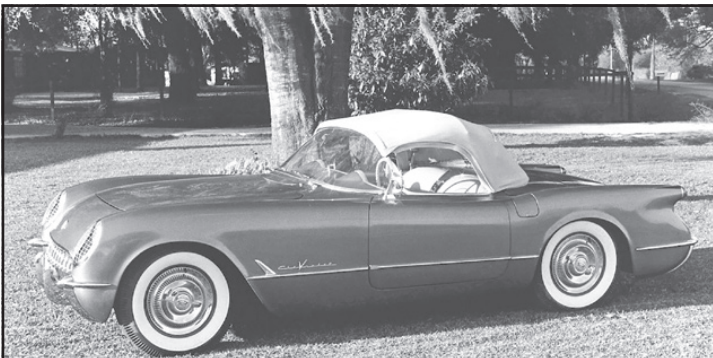
"No matter what your thoughts on government are, this trip gives these students the opportunity to see what makes America special in an effort to ensure that rural values continue to have a place in future leaders of our

country, state and local areas," he said.

Youth Tour has been a Texas co-op tradition since 1965, when co-ops—inspired by then-Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson who encouraged youths to go to Washington to see their American heritage and government at work, "what the flag stands for and represents"—began sponsoring teens on this trip. Educating and mentoring young people fit in with co-ops' mission to support the communities they serve. Co-ops

not only power homes and businesses across rural and suburban Texas but also invest time, energy, and compassion into improving their members' quality of life.

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative is a distribution cooperative with headquarters in Hereford, serving portions of Castro, Deaf Smith, Oldham and Parmer counties on the high plains. Founded in 1937, the service area includes about 4,652 miles of line and over 2,600 members.



Corvette

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith

America's first gasoline powered automobile appeared in 1893. Sixty years later, the Chevrolet Corvette ambushed the markets with a sports car that snatched a devoted following that entices tens of thousands of buyers annually.

According to History.com, "in the early 1950s, Harley Earl (1893-1969), the influential head designer for GM, then the world's largest automaker, became interested in developing a two-seat sports car. At the time, European automakers dominated the sports car market. Following the debut of

the Corvette prototype at the Motorama show in January 1953, the first production Corvette was completed at a Flint, Michigan plant on June 30, 1953. The car featured an all-fiberglass body, a white exterior and red interior, a relatively unremarkable 150-horsepower engine and a starting price tag of around \$3,500 (not including taxes or an optional AM radio and heater)."

For more information, the Grateful American Book Prize recommends books such as *The Complete Book of Corvette* by Mike Mueller.

Public Libraries Encouraged to Apply for TSLAC Texas Reads Grants

Austin, TX – The Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) has announced that it is

accepting applications for its state fiscal year 2025 Texas Reads competitive grant program.

The Texas Reads grant funds public library programs that promote reading and literacy within local communities. Programs may include—but are not limited to—book talks; English literacy classes; author visits; book clubs or discussion groups; Lone Star Día; Born-to-Read or Every Child Ready to Read programs; One Book, One Community programs; or programs to enhance summer reading club activities.

Approximately \$100,000 is expected to be available, with a maximum possible grant award per library of \$10,000. Libraries may only be awarded one Texas Reads grant per grant cycle. Funding will support programming taking place during state fiscal year 2025 (September 1, 2024–August 31, 2025).

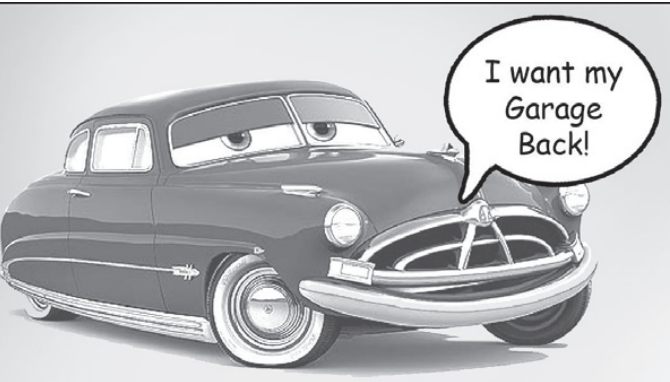
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An informational webinar will be held on Jan. 24 at 10:30 a.m. (CST). Registration information for this webinar is available at www.tsl.texas.gov/ldn/grants/programs.

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College News

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South Plains College

Fall 2023 — Deans’ List
South Plains College congratulates over 700 students who were named to the Fall 2023 Deans’ List. **Friona students on the list were Elaney Arzate and Logan Waters.** To qualify, students must earn a grade point average of 3.25 or higher and complete a minimum of 12 credit hours.



Fall 2023 — President’s List
South Plains College congratulates over 400 students who were named to the Fall 2023 President’s List. **Friona students on the list were**

Angel Macias, Kenneth Morales, Vanessa Perez and Maria Rivera Guerra. To qualify, students must earn a 4.0 grade point average and complete a minimum of 12 credit hours.
South Plains College is a comprehensive, two-year community college that serves the greater South Plains area of Texas.

Basic Mediation Training available

The Panhandle Regional Planning Commission Dispute Resolution Center will offer Basic Mediation training beginning Thursday, February 1st at 5:30 p.m. The classes will be weekly on Thursday evenings from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. and will run through April 25th. The training is certified as an MCLE course by the State Bar of Texas for 40 hours of CLE with 2.5 hours of ethics. The training will be

offered at the PRPC Building, 415 SW 8th Avenue. There will be an option to attend remotely via Zoom if individuals are not able to attend in person. The training costs are: Attorneys - \$600 OR \$400 with pledge of one mediation per month for 12 months. Employee sponsored and individuals \$400 OR \$200 with pledge of one mediation per month for 12 months. All prices include materials and resources.

Jerri Glover, Dispute Resolution Center Program Coordinator stressed “We don’t want the cost to be a barrier to anyone attending the training. If the cost is going to prevent you from attending, please call and we will be happy to discuss options for you.”
To register or for additional information or questions, please contact Glover at dispute@theprpc.org or 806-372-3381.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Donna C. Mears, Deceased, were issued on December 20, 2023, in Cause No. P03368, pending in the County Court of Parmer County, Texas, to: Clint Mears and Sarah Geries.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **Betsy S. Clark**
Attorney at Law
PO Box 236
Friona, TX 79035

DATED the 16th day of January, 2024.

/s/ Betsy S. Clark

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Attorney for Clint Mears and Sarah Geries

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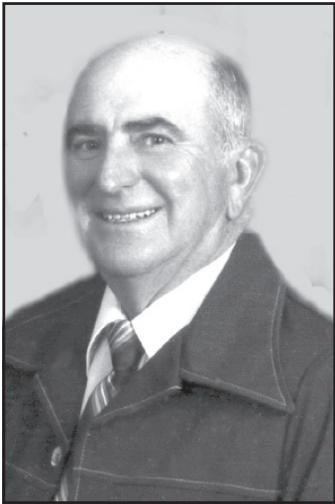
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Obituary

Bobby Joe Mann



Bobby Joe Mann, 97 of Friona passed away January 14, 2024 in Friona. Celebration of Life Services will be held 2:00 PM Friday January 19, 2024 at the Union Congregational Church in Friona with Randa Reeves, officiating. Burial following in the Friona Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Bobby Joe was born October 3, 1926 in Iowa Park, TX to Daniel Parker and Jennie Laura Holder Mann. His parents, friends and family called him by his middle name Joe. Joe and Christeene Hurst were married in Clovis, NM on February 7, 1948. The love of his life passed away on January 11, 2023 just shy a month from their 75th wedding anniversary.



Joe served his country during World War II in the U.S. Naval Service. After returning home from the war, Joe joined his dad and brother farming in the Hub community. He worked for the Stowers family, building feed lots, and later working for Paco Feed Yard as a pellet mill operator.

Joe proudly served many years as a fireman with the Friona Volunteer Fire Department and was an original member of that department. He was also a member of the VFW 3280 in Clovis.

Joe is preceded in death by his parents-

Daniel and Jennie, wife - Christeene, 1 brother Daniel Edward Mann, son-in-law- Mike Scott.

He is survived by 1 son- Joe Bob and wife Dale of Friona 2 daughters- Carla Sue Scott of Friona and Joy Bauer and husband Dwayne of Everton, MO., grandchildren- Michael Mann, Steven Mann, Christie Bauer, Pamela Hankins, Brian Scott, Mike Scott, great- grandchildren- Emma Hankins, Jessie Hankins, Loren Turner, Autum Turner, Lovel Scott, Patrick Scott, and Madelene Scott.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be send to Friona Volunteer Fire Department, Prairie Acres Nursing Home or the Friona Senior Citizens.

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



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FRIONA BASEBALL

2024

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Date	Day	Opponent	Place	Varsity	JV
Feb. 12	Monday	Plainview (scrimmage)	Plainview	4:30	4:30
Feb. 15	Thursday	Fritch (Scrimmage)	Friona	4:30	4:30
Feb. 26	Monday	Olton	Friona	4:30	
Mar. 1	Friday	Denver City+	Denver City	11:30	
Mar. 1.	Friday	Lamesa+	Denver City	2:00	
Mar. 2	Saturday	Roosevelt+	Denver City	2:00	
Mar. 4	Monday	Mulshoe	Mulshoe	4:30	7:00
Mar. 7	Thursday	WT High Tournament+			
Mar. 9	Saturday	WT High Tournament+			
Mar. 15	Friday	Kress	Friona	12:00	
Mar. 19	Tuesday	Idalou	Friona	4:30	6:30
Mar. 26	Tuesday	Dalhart*	Friona	4:30	6:30
Mar. 28	Thursday	Bushland*	Bushland	4:30	6:30
Apr. 2	Tuesday	River Road*	Friona	4:30	6:30
Apr. 5	Friday	Tulia*	Tulia	4:30	6:30
Apr. 9	Tuesday	Dimmitt*	Friona	4:30	6:30
Apr. 12	Friday	Dalhart*	Dalhart	4:30	6:30
Apr. 16	Tuesday	Bushland*	Friona	4:30	6:30
Apr. 19	Friday	River Road*	River Road	4:30	6:30
Apr. 23	Tuesday	Tulia*	Friona	4:30	6:30
Apr. 26	Friday	Dimmitt*	Dimmitt	4:30	6:30

Head Coach: Derreck Hernandez
Asst Coaches: Joshua Portillo
Saul Espino

Superintendent: Jimmy Burns
Athletic Director: Elias Carrillo
Principal: Erika Montana

Tournament- +
District- *

Basketball Scoreboard

High School

January 9, 2024

Littlefield 74
Friona Squaws 43
Aaliyah Padilla (27), Selene Faudoa (6), Caydee Humphrey (6)
Littlefield 75
Friona Chieftains 41
Justen Trevino (11), Jose Luis Saucedo (9)

January 12, 2024

Lamesa 77
Friona Squaws 18
Aaliyah Padilla (8), Caydee Humphrey (6), Selene Faudoa (3)
Lamesa 62
Friona Chieftains 37
Cade Seaman (12), Jose Luis Saucedo (8)

January 16, 2023

Lubbock Titans 31
Friona Squaws 70
Aaliyah Padilla (16), Yasele Faudoa (12 - 4 threes), Caydee Humphrey (1)

Squaws: Season 7-19, District 1-5
Chieftains: Season 12-12, District 1-4

Next games: at Mulshoe on Friday
and vs. Denver City on Tuesday

Junior High

January 15, 2024

Lamesa 14
Friona B Braves 6
Fernando Perez (2), Octavio Moreno (2), Leonidas Rodriguez (2)
Lamesa 23
Friona 7A Braves 17
Eli Rosales (7), Darien Padilla (4), Andrew Marquez (3), Jalond Rejino (3)
Lamesa 42
Friona 8A Braves 2
Marcelo Leon (2)

Next games: Friona Tournament
on Thursday and Saturday

Powerlifting Results

Panhandle Invitational - Panhandle,Texas - 1/13/2024 - THSWPA Girls

Team Results:
1st: Perryton - 42 points | 2nd: Dumas - 38 points | 3rd: Friona - 22 points
4th: Borger - 21 points | 5th: Sunray - 17 points
6th: Amarillo Highland Park - 16 points
7th: Panhandle - 14 points | 8th: Vega - 11 points
9th: Canyon West Plains - 7 points | 10th: Dalhart - 7 points

Wt.	Place	Athlete	School	BWT	Squat	Bench	Dead	Total
105	2	Saucedo, Nara	Friona	105.5	190	125	210	525
105	4	Galaviz, Ellie	Friona	105.5	195	105	205	505
105	BO	Carranza, Annaesha	Friona	104.9	0	0	0	0
114	5	Madrid, Amberly	Friona	111.9	145	80	170	395
123	5	Ortiz, Duvy	Friona	115.9	195	105	255	555
123	7	Hernandez, Evelyn	Friona	120.5	195	95	190	480
181	3	Arias, Reyna	Friona	181.2	335	200	325	860
181	6	Rocha, Anneliese	Friona	172.1	175	125	255	555
198	2	Espinoza, Mercedes	Friona	196.6	255	125	255	635
198	4	Abaraca, Lilly	Friona	182.5	215	140	220	575
242	3	Phillips, Marie	Friona	235.2	300	175	330	805
UNC	SC	Malanado, Ashley	Friona	0	0	0	0	0

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Panhandle Invitational - Panhandle,Texas - 1/13/2024 - THSPA Boys

Team Results:
1st: Perryton - 54 points | 2nd: Amarillo Highland Park - 37 points
3rd: Friona - 19 points | 4th: Borger - 18 points | 5th: Canyon West Plains - 17 points
6th: Dalhart - 16 points | 7th: Panhandle - 12 points | 8th: Sunray - 12 points
9th: Vega - 6 points | 10th: Dumas - 6 points

Wt.	Place	Athlete	School	BWT	Squat	Bench	Dead	Total
123	2	Bautista, Michael	Friona	118	345	240	380	965
123	5	Flores, Azriel	Friona	121	295	190	335	820
132	4	Gutierrez, Francisco	Friona	129	320	165	335	820
148	3	Rosales, Aaron	Friona	147.8	415	225	340	980
148	4	Ramos, Gabriel	Friona	142	370	220	370	960
165	5	Rocha, Abram	Friona	161.8	435	245	385	1065
165	6	Gael, Lara	Friona	163	380	220	365	965
165	11	Humphery, Clayton	Friona	148.5	270	185	300	755
220	2	Garcia, Mario	Friona	217	560	350	530	1440
UNC	SC	Quezada, Diego	Friona	0	0	0	0	0

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Amberly Madrid



Azriel Flores

About the John Deere Ag Tech Program

Requirements

In order to be accepted into the John Deere Agricultural Technician Program, applicants must have a high school diploma or equivalent and be sponsored by one of the 21 dealerships. Students have the choice to attend either Garden City Community College or Navarro College to complete the program. Each student must submit an application to their school of choice and be accepted prior to the start of the fall semester. GCC requires students to provide ACT test scores. Navarro requires the students take the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) exam.

Rewards

Upon successfully completing the John Deere Agricultural Technician Program through Western Equipment, graduates will be able to start working full-time at one of the 21 locations in Oklahoma, Texas, and New Mexico. These positions will provide graduates with excellent starting pay, benefits, and great work environments as well as ample opportunity to use their newly

gained knowledge and skill to grow as not only a technician, but also as an individual. Starting salaries are currently above \$50K.

The Courses

The Ag-Tech program gives upcoming technicians the ability to maintain and service the latest John Deere equipment. Throughout this program, they will obtain the knowledge, skills, and confidence to be the kind of technicians' customers ask for by name. Courses include Diesel Engines, HVAC, Computer Diagnostics, Proprietary John Deere Systems, Powertrains, Electric & Hydraulic Systems, Shop Procedures & Safety, and Specific John Deere Equipment Training.

Dealerships

As part of the program, Western Equipment provides a paid mentorship experience for each of the ag techs. The summer before the first semester at their chosen college, each student is placed at their sponsoring dealership where they will work alongside veteran technicians both in the shop and in the

field. In this two-month program, they will begin to learn what it looks like to be a John Deere service technician for Western Equipment.

Additionally, students will be required to participate in two paid internships at their sponsoring dealership as part of their college curriculum. Here they will begin to apply their classroom knowledge into real-life environments while

continuing to work alongside seasoned technicians.

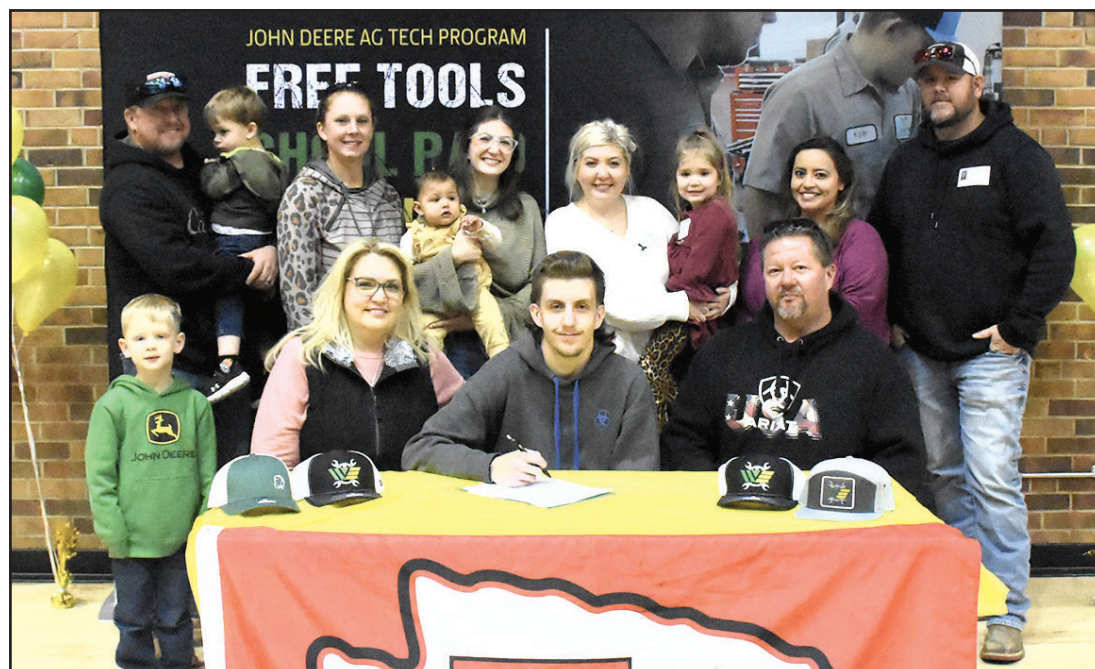
The mentor and internship experience is vital to shaping our ag technicians into seasoned veterans themselves when it comes to servicing John Deere equipment. Throughout this program, they will obtain the knowledge, skills, and confidence to be the kind of technicians' customers ask for by name.



In a ceremony on Wednesday in the FHS gym, both Aiden Pitsch and Edward Trevino signed letters of intention with John Deere/Western Equipment to enter the Agricultural Technician Program. Families, friends, instructors, and fellow students were present to cheer on the two signees. Refreshments were served.



Edward Trevino & Family



Aiden Pitsch & Family



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