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Property Associates
Faith & Kevin Cooper



LoneStar Ag
Clint Hurst



Monarcas Loncheria
Alejandro & Rosa Lara



Pam's Kitchen
Pam Lerma



Dos Chixx
Mayra Olmos & Yvette Williams

Squaws finish 11th in State



Friona Squaw powerlifters Duvy Ortiz, Marie Phillips, Reyna Arias, Naara Saucedo, and Ellie Galaviz competed in the State Powerlifting meet at Comerica Center in Frisco Texas on March 14th. Friona earned 7 points and finished in 11th place out of a total of 61 teams. See photos and results on page 8.

March is “Friona Business Month”

The Friona City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 12, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 617 Main in Friona, Texas. The meeting began with roll call, an invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Greg Lewellen read a proclamation declaring March as Friona Business Month and recognized six local businesses which are featured at left.

A public hearing was held to hear comments concerning Clint Hurst's request to rezone Lakeside, Block 6, Lot 22. Mr. Hurst was the only one who addressed the council.

Minutes of the February 12, 2024 regular meeting were reviewed and approved.

A variance request from Ida Vazquez to build a carport at 901 W. 4th St. was approved.

A motion was approved to rezone Lakeside, Block 6, Lot 22 from “C” District (apt/multi-family dwelling) to “D” District (local retail). The change was requested by property owner Clint Hurst who is currently remodeling the building, which was formerly the dentist office of Jon Mac Roden.

A request from Mayra Chico to receive city water service, as well as

the associated costs for such service, at 1006 W. 9th St. was approved. Council Member Cindy Moreno abstained.

Since each of the candidates for City Council are unopposed and there are no propositions to be voted on, a motion was approved to rescind the resolution calling for a May 4th General Election.

A motion ordering a Special Local Option Election to be held on May 4, 2024 for the purpose of submitting the question of whether or not to permit the legal sale of all alcoholic beverages, including mixed beverages was approved. The motion includes the designation of the polling place and the publishing of a Notice of Election.

A motion was approved to appoint election officials for the May 4, 2024 Friona School Board Election, the Parmer County Hospital District Election, and the City of Friona Special Election.

Approval was given to authorize City Manager Lee Davila to solicit proposals for information regarding waste management services.

Council members voted by secret ballot to select candidates for Positions 1-3 on the Deaf Smith EC Board of Directors. The candidates chosen were Robert Boozer, Danny Hand, and Steve Olson.

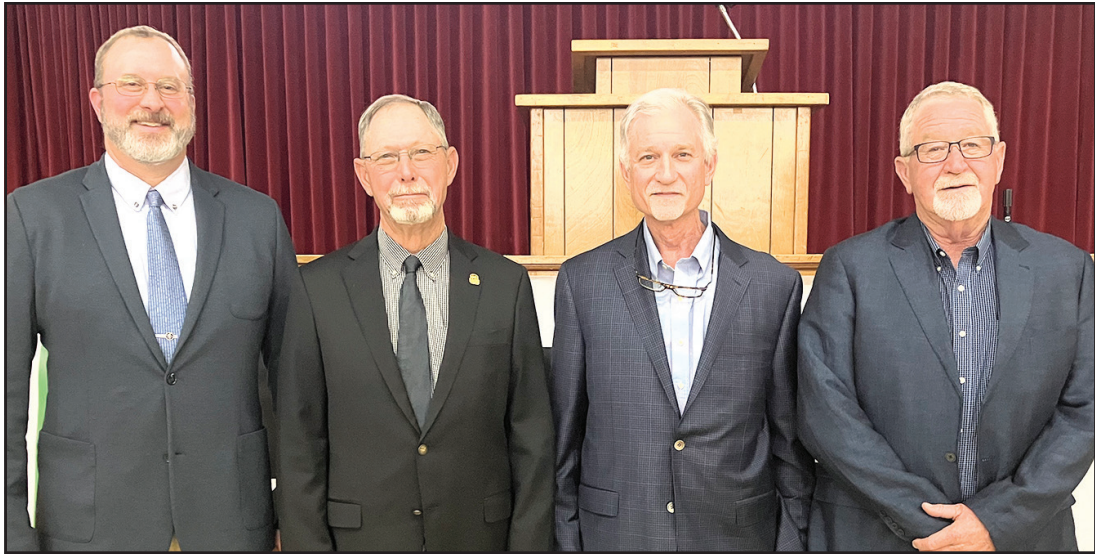
Approval was given authorizing the submission of Texas Community Development Block Grant application to the

Texas Department of Ag for downtown revitalization. If approved, the 10% matching grant would be used to install 21 additional sidewalk lights on main street.

An interlocal contract with the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission was approved for project administration involving the City of Friona's “Splash Pad” project grant from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department.

In other business, the accounts payable for February 2024 were approved as well as the financial statement for February 2024. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, April 15th.

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



Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative held its 86th Annual Membership Meeting Tuesday night at the Bull Barn in Hereford. **In the photo (l-r)** — DSEC President & General Manager Tim Burkhalter of Hereford, and re-elected DSEC board members, Steve Olson of Hereford, Robert Boozer of Dimmitt, and Danny Hand of Friona. Meeting summary and more photos next week.

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Friona Weather	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	Precipitation	Burn Ban
March 21-27	 67 38 N 5-10	 73 41 N 10-15	 72 41 S 20-30	 71 31 SW 25-35	 52 28 NNW 15-25	 57 31 WSW 10-20	 63 38 W 10-20	March 0.32 Year 1.83	Yes

Community Calendar

Send Calendar information to:
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March 21

• Health Fair at Senior Citizens Center @ Noon

• Hamburger & Fries at Senior Citizens Center @ Noon

March 25

• Ham & Sweet Potatoes at Senior Citizens Center @ Noon

March 27

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

March 28

• Spaghetti at Senior Citizens Center @ Noon

March 31

• Easter

April 1

• April Fool's Day

• Pile-on at Senior Citizens Center @ Noon



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State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



Texas counties among nation's fastest growing

Recent estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau indicate that six of the 10 fastest-growing counties in the United States from 2022 to 2023 were in Texas. According to the Texas Tribune, Kaufman County, just east of Dallas, led the list with a 7.6% increase in new residents that brought its population to more than 185,000. Census data shows that Rockwall and Liberty counties closed out the top three, with growth rates of 6.5% and 5.7%, respectively.

Also in the top 10 with the largest residential growth rates are Chambers, Comal and Ellis counties. All 10 of the fastest-growing counties are in the South, Census officials said, and are due to people relocating from other parts of the country.

“Domestic migration patterns are changing, and the impact on counties is especially evident,” said Lauren Bowers, chief of the Census Bureau’s Population Estimates Branch.

Texas also holds eight of the 10 counties that added the most residents from 2022 to 2023, with Harris, Collin and Montgomery counties leading nationwide. Harris County added 53,788 residents, more than any other county in the U.S.

Major wildfires nearly contained

The largest wildfire in Texas history is 89% contained as of Sunday, according to the Texas A&M Forest Service, after burning more than a million acres. The Smokehouse Creek fire in Hutchinson County is one of two active wildfires in the state. The only other wildfire not contained is the Windy Deuce Fire in Moore County, 94% contained and consuming 144,045 acres.

There are currently 70 counties with burn bans in place.

The U.S. Small Business Administration has approved Gov. Greg Abbott’s disaster declaration request for the following Panhandle counties: Armstrong, Carson, Donley, Gray, Hansford, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman and Wheeler.

“These disaster declarations will help Texans in communities affected by the Smokehouse Creek and Windy Deuce wildfires receive critical financial assistance they need as they continue to recover and rebuild,” Abbott said.

Low-interest loans are available to homeowners, renters, and businesses affected by the wildfires. Applications can be downloaded at [sba.gov/disaster](#).

Texas challenges federal methane rule

The state is challenging a tougher methane emissions rule recently put in place by the Environmental Protection Agency through a lawsuit filed by the Texas attorney general’s office last week. The regulations force oil and gas companies to reduce emissions in the next two years.

Texas oil and gas operators emit more methane than any other state, according to the EPA. A report in the Houston Chronicle said the program would reduce negative climate impacts and improve health, saving up to \$7.6 billion annually through 2038.

The Texas Railroad Commission claims the rule is detrimental to the oil and gas industry, and maintains the industry has made great strides to reduce emissions.

“Texas is taking action against the federal government’s egregious overreach,” said RRC Chairman Christi Craddick. “The latest attack on oil and gas is nothing more than an attempt to shut down the industry that creates hundreds of thousands of jobs, funds one-third of our state’s economy, and produces clean and reliable energy for the world.”

Court: Minors need parental consent for contraceptives

A federal appellate court upheld a state law requiring parental consent for minor seeking access to birth control, the Austin American-Statesman reported. The ruling partially upholds a late 2022 ruling that blocked federally funded clinics from providing contraceptives to teens without proof of parental consent.

Teens have the right to access confidential contraception services at Title X clinics under a program established in 1970. A lawsuit filed in 2022 challenged the Title X regulation, arguing it violates state law and infringes on parental rights.

“Minors have been unable to access confidential contraceptive care in our network of Title X clinics for more than a year,” Stephanie LeBleu, a project director at Every Body, a nonprofit that administers

federal funds to more than 150 Title X clinics across the state, said in a news release.

Paxton, Cornyn still exchanging barbs

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton is possibly considering a run against incumbent U.S. Sen. John Cornyn following a streak of successes in ousting Republican House incumbents in the March primary, The Dallas Morning News reported. Paxton has repeatedly attacked Cornyn, up for reelection in 2026, as being too moderate.

“Super Tuesday showed there is a large base of Paxton-friendly voters who not only admire him but want his kind of unapologetic aggressive conservatism in the United States Senate, said conservative radio talk show host Mark Davis.

The two have clashed several times on social media. When Cornyn announced he would run to replace Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Kentucky, as the Republican leader in the Senate, Paxton posted on X, formerly Twitter, “Republicans deserve better in their next leader and Texans deserve another conservative senator.”

Cornyn replied, “Hard to run from prison, Ken.” Paxton faces a trial this spring for securities fraud and is under federal investigation for his ties to a since-indicted real estate investor.

Third anniversary of Operation Lone Star

Operation Lone Star, the state’s border initiative, recently marked its third anniversary. According to Abbott’s office, the multi-agency effort has led to apprehension of more than a half-million people believed to be here illegally. More than 36,100 felony charges have been filed and more than 100,000 migrants have been transported to other cities, the governor’s office said.

In addition, more than 469 million doses of fentanyl have been seized during that three-year period.

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ACROSS

1 Nicholas of film “Mom and Dad” with TX Anne Winters

5 spoken, not written

6 Lucy had title role in this 1974 film

7 poetic “appearance”

8 mustang or bronco (2 wds.)

17 TX Laura Bush, ____ Welch

18 boll weevil once caused this to Texas cotton (2 wds.)

21 DL or SSN, e.g.

22 “don’t ____ your feet” (get it done)

23 newspaper VIP

24 horrid

29 TX ZZ Top album: “____ Hombres”

30 TX Lupe Ontiveros had a part in “As Good ____ Gets”

31 Texas-based film: “Hell ____ High Water”

32 most areas of Texas have a ____ library

34 “____ facto” (by that very fact)

35 2012 film starring TX Amy Acker: “Much ____ About Nothing”

36 where Jimmy and Jerry went to college

37 largest continent

38 boot smell?

39 a tied game: “____ ____ your sister”

41 wrestling matches ‘tween two schools

42 ____ Boston, TX

43 the cowboy ____ against the hitchin’ post

44 TX Hyer film: “The Sons of ____ Elder”

45 biblical donkey

46 TXism: “____ a spell” (stay and visit)

47 apple drink

48 resided in a certain place

50 TXism: “fits like ugly ____ ape”

51 Texas “Tarzan,” Ely

52 good treatment by nurses (abbr.)

53 food for horses

DOWN

1 with “The,” newspaper covering East Parker County (2 wds.)

2 TXism: “mad as ____ -on rooster”

3 reproductive cell in an organism

4 TX Buddy’s widow: Maria ____ Holly

9 this TX Lisa was a host of “Good Morning America”

10 historical periods

11 TXism: “that ____ won’t hunt” (differ)

12 U.S. operations of this printer co. are based in Houston

13 Ector County seat

14 Texas-based Tandy’s 20th century retailer: “____ Shack”

15 Scottish for stain, tarnish

16 TXism: “table graze”

19 TXism: “____ boy” (trustworthy)

20 mistakes by Astros or Rangers

22 TWU has a collection of these that were worn by Texas first ladies

24 Texas summer necessity (abbr.)

25 “____ _ long way” (travel a distance)

26 throw

27 rare cattle breed

28 TXism: “pull up ____” (relocate)

29 96-mile path: “Lone Star Hiking ____”

30 TXism: “I bought ____ in a poke”

33 he wrote the nat’l anthem (init.)

34 TXism: “ain’t”

35 Texas oil well fire-fighter, “Red”

37 TXism: “____ two-bits” (crummy)

38 made public what was secret

40 “you ____ a mouthful” (good point)

41 Florida’s “hanging chad” county

44 pottery oven

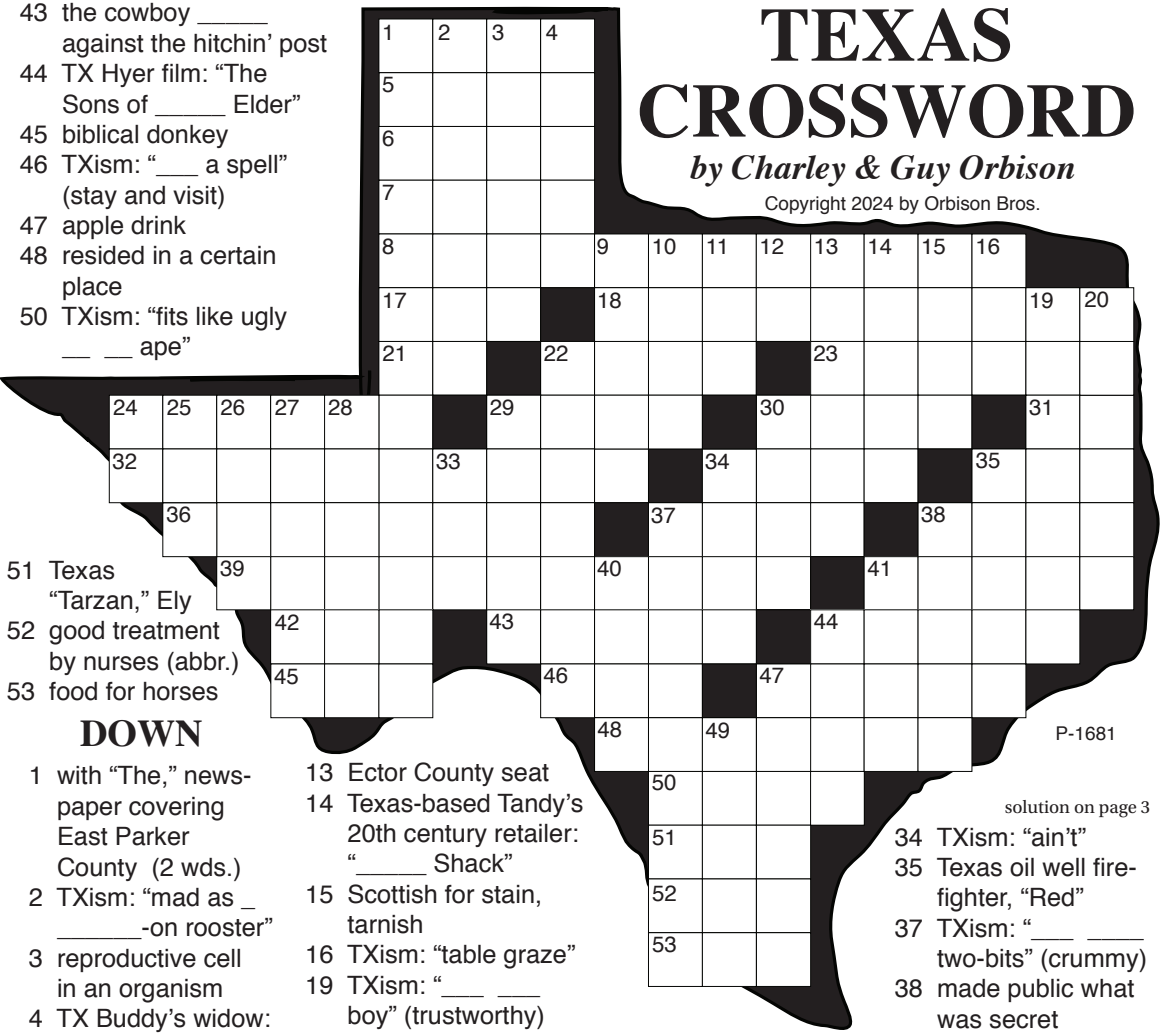
47 noted espionage novelist, Tom

49 WWII atomic bomber, “____ Gay”

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Small Town Cookin' By Jeri Lynn White

Meatballs

If you are like me and too lazy to actually make the meatballs, you could buy the plain frozen ones and brown them and then use them in the sauce. I think they will be delicious either way.

Salisbury Steak Meatballs
www.thepioneerwoman.com

Ingredients

- 2 lb. ground beef
- 3/4 c. seasoned breadcrumbs
- 1/4 c. brown mustard
- 1/4 c. ketchup
- 1 tsp. powdered beef base or crumbled beef bouillon cubes
- 1 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. black pepper
- 1 whole half stick (1/4 Cup) Land O' Lakes salted butter
- 1 whole large onion, halved and sliced
- 2 1/2 c. beef broth
- 1 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce (addition)
- 1 tbsp. ketchup (additional)
- 2 tbsp. cornstarch mixed with a little beef broth to make a thin paste
- 1 tsp. kitchen bouquet (optional)
- 1 lb. egg noodles, cooked to al dente and drained
- Minced fresh parsley

Directions

To make the meatballs, combine the first 8 ingredients in a mixing bowl and knead until completely combined. Form into medium-sized meatballs and place on a plate. Heat a large skillet or Dutch oven over medium heat, and then add 2 tablespoons of Land O Lakes® Butter. When melted, add half the meatballs, and gently move around the pan to brown. When brown, remove them to a clean plate and repeat with the rest of the meatballs. In the same skillet, add the onions and cook for 3-4 minutes, until golden brown and starting to soften. In a small bowl, mix ½ cup of beef broth with the cornstarch. Next add to the skillet 2 cups of the beef broth, Worcestershire sauce, ketchup, and mustard. Stir to scrape the bits off the bottom of the pan. Bring to a gentle boil and add the cornstarch mixture. Return the meatballs to the pan, reduce the heat to low, and allow them to simmer in the sauce for 10 minutes or until meatballs are done and sauce is thick. (Splash in more beef broth if needed for thinning.) To give the sauce a deeper color, add a little Kitchen Bouquet. Serve meatballs and sauce over a platter of egg noodles, tossed in the remaining 2 tablespoons of Land O Lakes® Butter and sprinkle with minced parsley.

Happy Birthday

March 22
Zane Gonzales
Kenny Austin
Andrew Diaz
Lillyana Madrigal
Jane Veggeberg
Ezmeralda Rangel



March 26
Joan Grimsley
David Smith
Dylan Tyler
Joni Lyn Graham
Bryan Blake Stover
Brock St. Clair

March 23
Judy Potts
Mary Stone
Chase Alexander
Julie Reeve Banfield
Beckett Matson
Francis Peña

March 27
Keven Clark
Jon Goddard
V'Lesha (Wilcox) Pelton
Macy Diane Reeve

March 24
Matt Osborn
Dennis Field
Sabrina Barraza
Jisela (Torres) Licerio
Emerson Maricle

March 28
Robert Osborn
Alan Clark
Kay O'Brian
Kaleb Steen
Gaylene Hyde
Joel Van Valkenburg
Rylan Reyes
Gaylene Young

March 25
Sydney Frye
Owen Daniels
Val Casas

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Check Your Mirrors By Sue Jane Sullivan



Hill Country blues

Spring officially makes its entry this week, but the Texas wildflower scene is way ahead of the game this year.

If you get the chance in the next three weeks, hit the highways and be prepared for quite the show that bluebonnets have in store for you.

KXAN, an Austin NBC affiliate, reports on its website that the bluebonnets are "courtesy of the Texas Department of Transportation's wildflower program, which is a state-level initiative to cultivate more than 5,000 native wildflower species along state roadways."

Formed in 1917, the highway department hired a landscape artist in the 1930s to look after things and make sure our wildflowers had free range, so to speak.

Bluebonnets are not the only flowers to car-

pet the Hill Country. Indian paintbrush and Indian blanket will get going pretty soon, too, and the contrast between them and their azure counterpart is breathtaking.

A reminder is in order if you choose to leave the car while taking photos: these are annual flowers. If too many get trampled, they will die and not go to seed. We can't have that, Texans.

Honestly, this week I wanted to launch into a warning about the Chinese marijuana mafia in our country or the fact that a Eastern European autocrat is visiting and being celebrated by one of the guys running for President of the United States, but alas, doing so would have given me another kind of blues.

Thank goodness I opted to write about Lady Bird Johnson's blue-

bonnets instead.

"My heart found its home long ago in the beauty, mystery, order, and disorder of the flowering earth," the former First Lady from Texas said. "My special cause, the one that alerts my interest and quickens the pace of my life, is to preserve the wildflowers and native plants that define the regions of our land and to encourage and promote their use in appropriate areas and thus help pass on to generations in waiting the quiet joys and satisfactions I have known since my childhood."

Spoken like a real Hill Country lady who, were she living today, might caution us to be careful of walking in the bluebonnets as well as the weeds of politics.

Poisonous snakes can be found in both places.



FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives

Danny Martinez Wins County Spelling Bee

Danny Martinez, a fourth grader at Bovina Elementary School, was the spelling bee winner in the junior division of the Parmer County Spelling Bee, which was held on March 10. Danny's winning word was "adhesive." Danny is the son of Alvaro and Francisca Martinez. (Friona Star, Saturday, March 19, 1994)



Prairie Acres



Rehab & Nursing

Invites you to a retirement reception honoring Kaye Funk for 43 years of service to Prairie Acres. Come join us as we honor her on Tuesday, March 26th, 2:00-3:30pm at Prairie Acres. No gifts please, but cards are welcome.

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Battle Ready

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Wars and rumors of wars are the modus operandi of this world until Jesus comes back. We are to definitely strive for peace with others and as nations, but war is here to stay until the King of Kings brings final judgment and lasting peace. In the Old Testament, as God was preparing his people for their new lives in the promised land, He spent all of Deuteronomy 20 laying out the battle plan for wartime so that his people would be ready. In short, they were to expect war, meet it head on without fear, keep faith in the Lord, take spiritual leaders (priests) and have officers who would provide strategy and order. Further, as they went to war, those who had bigger priorities at home were to stay and take care of the home front first, while those who were fearful or fainthearted were sent away as well. When it was time for battle, enemies who did not reside in the promised land, were given an offer of peace, but those who were in the promised land were devoted to destruction.

The main point of Israel being battle ready, is that they knew battles would come, and that they could fight those battles because of the Lord and their trust in him. For Christians today, the imperative to “Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might,” Ephesians 6:10, which echoes God’s expectation that you would be battle ready as you follow Jesus. Being strong in the Lord is not a matter of bullets and battalions, but one of spiritual warfare and readiness as you follow Christ, because the enemy is an ancient, treacherous foe who will stop at no end to derail your faith. Therefore, be and stay battle ready, remaining strong in the Lord’s Word, faithful among His people, and obedient to His commands.

To God Be the Glory

By Teena Hughs

In my Community Bible Study lesson for today, I had the question: “How do you think God is being glorified in your generation?” It was late, and I was tired, and I read the question as: “Do you think God is being glorified today?” My first response was a definite, absolute NO!!!

Then, I read the question again: “Do you think God is being glorified in your generation?” So, I thought about my generation, and I do think my generation is doing a better job of glorifying God. We are older; we are getting closer to the end of our time on earth; we are more serious about life, and we are looking to God more for understanding, help and answers. We are more aware of God, and we recognize Him and His work more in our lives and the lives of others.

When I got up this morning, I read the question from my study book to Feller: “How do you think God is being glorified in your generation?” He started answering with things like the revival at Asbury last year; people leaving the United Methodist Church and other denominations to stand up for the Word of God. Roe vs. Wade has been sent back to the states to decide the fate of unborn babies; now some states are enforcing strict laws to save the lives of babies, which are a creation of God!

I was amazed at his answer; I expected him to say that with all that is going on in this world, NO, God is not being glorified like He should be in all generations. That is when I re-read the question again, and realized I had missed the first word of the question: “HOW do you think God is being glorified in your generation?” The question wasn’t if God is or isn’t being glorified, but HOW is He being glorified? It changed everything for me.

I went from being negative to thinking about the real question: HOW is it happening? It has happened through the things Feller mentioned, and so many others, but it also happened in my class today. One of my ladies, a grandmother, shared with us what she and her family had been through the last two weeks.

Her daughter, the mother of four children, was pregnant and lost her baby at five months. When the parents and grandparents got home from the hospital, they had to tell the four children.

The mother and her children also attend a Community Bible Study in person in New York. This CBS group has been studying the same books we have, 1 and 2 Samuel and Ephesians. To explain what was going on, the mother referred to 2 Samuel 12:23b where David was talking about the son he and Bathsheba lost: “I will go to him one day, but he will not return to me.”

Because this family knows God, and because they had been taught this story in Bible study, those four precious children understood and know that one day, they will see their little sister. It eased their grief, thanks be to God, and they have peace knowing that someday they will meet her! To God be the glory forever!

Forget generations and how they are glorifying God. I have to look in the mirror and ask myself how am I glorifying God as I go about my daily walk? What am I doing to draw closer to God; what am I doing to help draw others closer to God? Am I living the Word and sharing the Good News? Am I witnessing to others, especially unbelievers, telling them about God’s immeasurable love and power? Am I willing to get out of my comfort zone and, in love, talk to someone about their sin? Am I willing to let God use me to work for the benefit of others, no matter how uncomfortable it might be for me?

We are approaching Holy Week. God gave up His only Son for you and for me! Jesus went through the most horrible of deaths so we can have eternal life; so we can be forgiven of our sins; so we can repent and have fresh starts at life. With all He has done for us, shouldn’t we be willing to be obedient to Him and His Word, and live in such a way that glorifies Him? It is the least we can do for such an awesome God who deserves to be glorified!!!



Ben McCain and Zac McCain recently completed their 600th episode of Daddy and The Big Boy. They started production four years ago in Los Angeles when they were ordered to stay home during the Covid pandemic. This episode features highlights of previous episodes. You can watch the video by going to frionaonline.com and clicking on the link. Congratulations Ben & Zac!!!

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March Bible Verse

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Psalm 119:105 KJV

Tu palabra es una lámpara a mis pies; es una luz en mi sendero. Salmos 119:105 NVI

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Basketball 2024

3rd & 4th Grade



3/4 Grade Girls 1st Place
Coach: Ricky Antillon & Amy Montemayor | Sponsor: TheFabLab



3/4 Grade Girls 2nd Place
Coach: Josh Ramirez | Sponsor: TW&M LLC



3/4 Grade Girls
Coach: Johanna Monreal & Bricia Rodriguez | Sponsor: Hansard Family Funeral Home



3/4 Grade Girls
Coach: Sawyer & Marissa Osborn/Monique Castanon | Sponsor: Dos Chixx



3/4 Grade Girls
Coach: Mckenzi Williams & Lance | Sponsor: Cargill



3/4 Grade Boys 1st Place
Coach: Freddie Escobal | Sponsor: Del Rio Dairy



3/4 Grade Boys 2nd Place
Coach: Andrew Aguirre & Andy Carthel | Sponsor: Nikao Athletix



3/4 Grade Boys
Coach: Brandon Foster & McKenzie Hettinga | Sponsor: Proactive Services



3/4 Grade Boys
Coach: Jarod Allen & Rob Cook | Sponsor: Friona Interbank



3/4 Grade Boys
Coach: Annison Steelman | Sponsor: Chieftain Nutrition



FHS seniors made the first stop on their banquet tour at St. Teresa’s Catholic Church on Monday. The Class of ’24 would like to thank the church for their hard work in making the evening a success. See more photos at frionaonline.com

Mayor’s Minutes

By Greg Lewellen

The City has been going about routine business for the last couple of months, but activity has picked up with spring coming this month. Some highlights from January and February include the completion of the paving work on 8th Street in February and getting approval from Texas Parks & Wildlife for a grant to begin work on a Splash Pad addition to the City Pool. The City has also applied for a grant for downtown revitalization to finish the street light project on Main Street.

The biggest news concerned the entire Panhandle with the fires in the northwestern corner of the Panhandle. Friona, along with several surrounding communities, sent mutual aid to the fires. Seven fireman from Friona and several trucks, mainly tankers, were dis-



City Manager Lee Davila and Dan Reece, Local Parks Program Manager for Texas Parks & Wildlife, complete a site inspection for the new splash pad addition to the city pool.

patched over a two week period during the beginning of the fires to assist Borger and Fritch. City administration worked closely with the City of Fritch to provide aid to their City Manager and staff.

Work will begin next week on the main water tower on the north side of town. The City along with our engineering partners have planned for sev-

eral months to accommodate the fact that the water tower will need to be drained so that internal repairs can be made. The City has installed Variable Flow Devices to divert water through the system to maintain constant water pressure. Testing of the devices and the contingency plan are being done this week in preparation for the switch over. The project

should be completed by May 24th.

Finally, I wanted to highlight a project the City has commissioned to improve the Court and law enforcement with the addition of a soft interview room for assault victims and juveniles. The room was formerly the executive session board room adjacent to council chambers. The room is designed to be more inviting for law enforcement to interview juvenile cases and victims in an environment that is not as sterile as most judicial facilities. Working in conjunction with Project Beloved, Friona installed the Panhandle’s first ever soft room for them. I encourage everyone to research Project Beloved online and watch the YouTube video that describes their mission.

National Do-Not-Call Registry and Texas No-Call List Registration

Both the federal government and the State of Texas have adopted telemarketing rules that allow a consumer to revoke or give notice to a telemarketing firm that they cannot be contacted by the company. If you have already registered for the Texas “No-Call List” you must register again with the federal National Do-Not-Call Registry to be on both lists. To register on either list for the first time, please follow the directions below.

For the **National Do-Not-Call** Registry you may register in two ways

1) Online at www.donotcall.gov for the federal registration, or

2) call toll-free 1-888-382-1222; TTY, call 1-866-290-4236.

Please note that you must call from the telephone number you wish to register. Subscribers may register their residential telephone number, including wireless numbers, on the National Do-Not-Call Registry by telephone or by internet at **no cost**. The registration can take up to 31 days after you complete registration to become effective, so you can complain about telemarketing calls that you receive three months or more after your registration. Your registered telephone number(s) will remain on the list until it’s disconnected and reassigned, or if you ask to remove it.

If you have previously registered your telephone number and would like to remove or change your telephone number in the National Do-Not-Call database call the toll-free number 1-888-382-1212 (you must call from the telephone number registered) or go online to www.donotcall.gov.

You may register for the **Texas No-Call** List in three ways

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2) call toll-free 1-888-309-0600 to obtain an application or to register, or

3) send a written request for an application to

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There is no cost to register your residential or wireless number on the Statewide “Do-Not-Call-List”. Your registered telephone number(s) will remain on the list for three years from the date your residential telephone number is first published on the list.

A consumer who receives a telemarketing call, despite being on the registry, will be able to file a complaint with the FCC at complaints.donotcall.gov via the Internet, telephone 1-888-382-1222 or TTY 1-866-290-4236.

To file a complaint for a “Texas No-Call List” violation, please fill out the Texas No-Call Complaint Form or call 1-888-782-8477 (TTY 1-800-735-2988) or email customer@puc.texas.gov.

For the Rules and Laws on telemarketing please reference <http://www.puc.texas.gov/consumer/phone/Nocall.asp> or <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/policy/telemarketing.html>.

If you have any questions about this notice, please contact the business office at (806)763-2301.



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By the Numbers

February 2024

Public Library

18 days open

283 e-visits

649 in-house visits

6 new patrons

347 items circulated

6 new items added

\$164.35 copy fees

\$107.75 fax fees

Book Shop open 4 days

\$61 in sales

Police Department

90 calls

1 arrests

26 citations

84 warnings

110 stops

1,473 miles driven

EMS

14 transports (911)

2 Prairie Acres (911)

12 transfers

13 non-transports (911)

1 no patient or disregard

1 standby

43 total service calls

Volunteer Fire Department

2/4 Car Fire — 9 firefighters, 3 trucks

2/7 Wreck — 9 firefighters, 5 trucks

2/10 Grass Fire — 7 firefighters, 2 trucks

2/12 Wreck — 8 firefighters, 3 trucks

2/15 Grass Fire — 10 firefighters, 4 trucks

2/16 Wreck — 7 firefighters, 3 trucks

2/19 Grass Fire — 7 firefighters, 4 trucks

2/22 Gas Smell — 5 firefighters, 1 truck

2/22 Wreck — 7 firefighters, 2 trucks

2/27 Manure Fire — 15 firefighters, 5 trucks

2/27 Grass Fire — 4 firefighters, 2 trucks

Commissioners purchase
Loader for Precinct 2

Parmer County Commissioners met in special session on Friday, March 15, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. in the County Courtroom of the Parmer County Courthouse in Farwell, Texas. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Texas Flag.

Precinct 1 Commissioner and Parmer County Judge Pro-Tem Kirk Frye conducted the meeting. Only one item was listed on the agenda. Commissioners considered and discussed the purchase of a loader that Precinct 2 Commissioner Charles Wilkins had found for \$125,000 at an auction. A motion was approved for the purchase of the loader for use in Precinct 2. The meeting was adjourned.

The next regular meeting is March 25th. All meetings are open to the public. Information in this article is only a summary.

Comptroller distributes \$981M

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced that he will distribute \$980.9 million in local sales tax allocations. This amount is 2.2 percent less than in March 2023.

The City of Friona will receive \$49,744.36 in sales tax allocation for the month. This payment represents a 2.20 percent decrease from the \$50,866.97 received last March. For year-to-date 2024, Friona has received \$168,599.86 which is a 0.57 percent increase from \$167,641.98 received in 2023. The FEDC will receive \$12,436.09 of the March allocation for its operating budget.

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Sports News

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Coach Jaden Oneal, Duvy, Marie, Reyna, Naara, and Ellie
Friona Squaws | 11th in State | 7 total points



Duvy Ortiz completed a 270 lb. deadlift at the state powerlifting meet.



Reyna Arias | 2nd Place
13 lifters | (181 wt.)
Total Lift 945 pounds



Marie Phillips | 4th Place
11 lifters | (242 wt.)
Total Lift 885 pounds

Squaw Powerlifting

Individually, Reyna Arias finished 2nd in the state out of 13 lifters in the 181 pound weight class. She finished with a total of 945 pounds. Marie Phillips finished 4th in the state out of 11 lifters in the 242 pound weight class. She finished with a total of 885 pounds. Duvy, Ellie, and Naara all performed extremely well but did not medal.

ing these senior lifters was a sight to see and all had an excellent time competing at the State Powerlifting meet. All the girls made Friona Proud. This concludes the Squaws powerlifting season. It has been an incredible season with lots of fantastic memories. All the Squaws had a wonderful season and we look forward to continue to build on the Girls Powerlifting program for years to come."

Coach Oneal comments — "Watch-

Powerlifting Results

3A DII State Championships Final - Comerica Center - 3/14/2024 - THSWPA Girls

Wt.	Place	Athlete	School	BWT	Squat	Bench	Dead	Total
105	BO	Naara Saucedo	Friona	102.8	0	0	0	0
105	BO	Ellie Galaviz	Friona	104.5	0	0	0	0
123	13	Duvy Ortiz	Friona	123.4	225	115	270	610
181	2	Reyna Arias	Friona	179.6	370	235	335	940
242	4	Marie Phillips	Friona	226.1	325	230	330	885

State Champions: Early: 22 points; Friona: 11th Place: 7 points

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Baseball Scoreboard

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Varsity Baseball
Season Record: 2-6

- (Feb. 19) Friona 3 Sunray 13

(Feb. 26) Friona 18 Olton 8

(Mar. 1) Friona 2 Denver City 18

(Mar. 2) Friona 8 New Deal 15
- (Mar. 2) Friona 7 Roosevelt 11

(Mar. 5) Friona 2 Muleshoe 14

(Mar. 7) Friona 1 Gruver 5

(Mar. 7) Friona 8 Clarendon 7

CITATION BY PUBLICATION - TRC 109 & 114

THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Cause No. **11815**

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING LLC
VS
ANTONIO ADAME ET AL

IN THE 287TH DISTRICT COURT
OF
PARMER COUNTY, TEXAS

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF ADILENE ADAME AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF OSIEL RODRIGUEZ, DECEASED, Defendant - GREETING

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 am on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after the date you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. In addition to filing a written answer with the clerk, you may be required to make initial disclosures to the other parties of this suit. These disclosures generally must be made no later than 30 days after you file your answer with the clerk. Find out more at TexasLawHelp.org." TRCP. 99

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday **April 22nd, 2024** before the Honorable **287th Distict** Court of **Parmer** County, at the Courthouse in said County in **Farwell**, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the **11th** day of **May 2023** in the above entitled cause.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, by and through its attorney of record, William A. Morphis of Codilis & Moody, P.C., 20405 State Highway 249, Ste 170 Houston, Texas 77070 brought suit under Cause No. 11815 in the 287th Judicial District Court of Parmer County, Texas, for enforcement and foreclosure of Dead of Trust Lien on the following described real property of which Defendants, **THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF LAW ADILENE ADAME, AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF OSIEL RODRIGUEZ**, are potential parties in interest: **LOT 15, BLOCK 2, WESTERN ADDITION, CITY OF FRIONA, PARMER COUNTY, TEXAS**, commonly known as 1709 W. 10th St, Friona, Texas 79035, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at **Farwell** Texas this **5th** day of **March 2024**.

Attorney for Plaintiff or Plaintiff:
William A. Morphis
20405 State Highway 249, Suite 170
Houston, Texas 77060-3531

Clerk of the Court:
Sandra Warren
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7 18 5 5 14 16 12 1 19 20 9 3

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13 P O U
14 A D
15 B E G I N N I N G S
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