Council approves name change

The Friona City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 10th at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 619 Main in Friona, Texas. The meeting began with a roll call, the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Pledge of Allegiance. First on the agenda was the approval of public comments. Friona High School students Angel Mills, Adriana Ortiz, and Kessly Salinas addressed the Council with a proposal to change the name of 7th Street between Grand and Etta Avenue to Chieftain Way. They informed the Council that other streets in the area had changed a street name in or around their campus. They also reported that they had considered all the residents that would be affected by the name change and there was 100% support for the new name. The students thanked the Council for their time and request. No other public comment was made.

The Council then approved the following:\n\n- Approval of ordnance for business in the regular hearing of the Council, the Friona City Council approved unanimously the changing of 7th Street between Grand and Etta Avenue to Chieftain Way.
- Next, the Council received a presentation from the firm Parkhill, Smith & Cooper regarding an anticipated school bond project with the Friona ISD that would include working closely with the City of Friona and could possibly involve the partial closing of a city street. This presentation was a general overview and a more detailed report would be given at the January Council Meeting.
- The Council heard an operational report from the Friona Police Department which included the Department’s 1st Annual Christmas Gift Drive for the Elderly at Prairie Acres Nursing Home. The Accounts Payable and Financial Statement for November 2018 were approved and City Manager Lee Davila informed the Council about applying for grant funding from the Texas DRT to initiate a “Safe Routes to School” campaign for 2019. The Council also discussed the possibility of selling the former municipal landfill located one mile north of Friona on Highway 214. The 20-acre tract sits just west of the highway. Also discussed was the construction project involving the Emergency Medical Services Building. It was agreed that the bidding process for the project should be implemented. The meeting was then adjourned.

All meetings are open to the public. The City Council reserves the right to go into Executive session at any time. Go to cityoffriona.com to find the agendas and minutes from previous meetings. Information in this article is only a summary. Any questions concerning specific actions should be directed to the City Manager.

The Friona Police Department will have a Silent Auction during its regular session at 6:30 p.m. Monday, December 3 with all items sponsored by participating merchants. Patrica Pitts, city attorney; Saylor Elba, and deputy city secretary Ross Bender. Major Rick White personally introduced the idea. He said that it would be a great marketing tool for the city. The funds made from the auction will be used for the extra activities through our youth program. Your support is greatly appreciated.

The Friona High School Senior Bailey Pope has been chosen to play in the South Team in the 2018 Golden Gloves All Star Basketball Tournament. The tournament will be played this Saturday, December 15th in Canyon at the "The Box". These are teams made up of Seniors from 11 different schools in this area with about 6-7 teams on each. East and West will play at 11:00, Northwest and Southwest at 1:00, and then either 3:00 or 5:00.

On December 21, 2018, the Friona Police Department will be hosting the first Annual Christmas Card Drive for the Friona Nursing Home. They are planning to give Christmas cards with an unstoppable experience.

Gifts will be delivered by Blue Santa. To provide them with this experience and gifts they plan to do this in businesses and the community. They will locate a tree, be a box filled with a paper set and have the community consider the following:
- Select a business, one site or all
- Gift cards and small gift items
- One site the gift cards and small gift items
- The small gift items will be greatly appreciated and will help to make the Christmas card collection memorable. There are currently 90 residents at the Friona Acres Nursing Home, so with the aid of these ideas they are looking for 300-350 cards for this project. For 2, Large 3, Small 2, 3X 1, 2X 1, 2, X 1, 4X 1, Leather 2, 3X 1, 2X 1, 3X 1, and 4X 1.

The Friona Police Department will be accepting donations until December 13, 2018. If you have any questions contact Deputy Rangel at 806-250-2712 or email him at d.rangel@frionatx.us. Rangel at 806-250-2711 or email him at d.rangel@frionatx.us.
How Strong Is Your Faith?

much and will see you through anything; just have faith!!!

amazing God, and what seems impossible to us when we are hurt

important thing is to know God, to have faith in Him so He can

it may not be as strong a faith as some others have, but I do have

forgave them. It did take time to work through everything, but it

when he was interviewed, he said he was roping for his lost family

The end of October close to Uvalde. They left for their honeymoon

God can use who is obedient, faith-filled, humble and holy.

holy aspirations amount to nothing if you won't obey the Lord.

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God used to usher Jesus into the world. Not only is this incredible,

1105 N. Cleveland

We Live by Faith, Not by Sight. " 2 Corinthians 5:7

Possible but only if you will view Him with the wonder through

one gift from you that only you can give Him, your heart. This is

your children's faces come Christmas morning that you too will

accompanied with disappointment and struggle.

satisfaction. It is a faith that pleases God because it comes from a

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of the year. Some folks decorate every inch of their house inside

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Your child's stocking stuffer may be his friend's big Santa gift. That

be sensitive, to those who have less than we do. After all, wealth

cheer would diffuse from the sweater to my soul. It didn't work,

Dillard's. It had a hat, but her brain size exceeded her dress size, so

suitable for a pretty little girl.

My encouragement to you this holiday season, as you remember

for Jesus and the nation, your children, it would be the simplest way

we can to participate in the gift of giving and the celebration of the

is God that gives us the desire and the power to do good. Our faith

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for my little daughter. I bought clearance pot holders and a few

of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Look

dried up, and our hope is gone. In Ezekiel 37:3, we are told that

And according to verse 13 they began to declare their own

Because the Lord declares, "I will cause you to be put up spiritually

where they live or die. " (Ezekiel 37:11-13). Each person was given

one and only powerful solution to give life to those dry bones

was the word of the Lord. That's why in Ezekiel 37:4 says, "And

and you will find life. " (Ezekiel 37:10). And in verse 14, "You men,

hinges, doors, locks. Ezekiel 37:10 says, "And you men, the doors,

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we must rush to those around us. All your religious knowledge or holy aspirations amount to nothing if you won't obey the Lord. As we celebrate Christmas this year, you will pray to a person who uses us who is obedient, faith-filled, humble and holy.

For my little daughter. I bought clearance pot holders and a few

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Director of athletics Ryan Ivy and acting university president Dr. Steve Womack announced the hiring of Colby Carthel as Texas A&M-Commerce’s 21st head football coach on Tuesday, Dec. 4 inside the Bear Cancer Convocation Center. Carthel, a proven winner and national champion with 12 years of experience in Nacogdoches after leading Texas A&M-Commerce to the NCAA Division II football national championship in 2017.

In the fall of 2018, Carthel spent the previous six seasons guiding the Lions, where he captured the 2017 NCAA Division II National Championship in his fifth year at the helm. In 2018, the Lions went 11-1, an eye-popping 706 winning percentage and fourth overall in NCAA Division II history.

Carthel posted a 38-18 overall record in his six years in Commerce, including six consecutive postseason appearances and four-straight NCAA Bowl game appearances.

Opening four of your accounting courses at once may seem overwhelming, but the last three years is nearly unprecedented in college football history. Over the last three years, only Carthel-led Texas A&M-Commerce had five players named academic All-Americans, and the program had in the three years a combined 5-26 record.

Under Carthel’s tutelage as head coach, the program has captured four national player of the year awards, two regional player of the year awards and one Lone Star Conference Coach of the Year award. The former Wranglers’ defensive coordinator has five conference player of the year awards to his credit.

In 2017, three A&M-Commerce student-athletes were named Academic All-Americans: defensive end/linebacker Justin Rogers, All-American quarterback Yusef Sterling-Lowe - accumulated 1,793 all-purpose yards and 13 touchdowns. Quarterback Lupe Perez became the first in NCAA Division II history to win the Harlon Hill Trophy, given to the top player in Division II football.

The 2016 season saw the Lions set a school record with 596 points, for 9,995 yards and 46 touchdowns. The program won 11 games and set Division II records in points scored (639) and total offense (6,835). The Lions were ranked No. 1 offense in terms of total yards a week earlier.

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Friona ISD Cafeteria is looking for part time staff to work as substitutes with an option to become a full time worker. If interested, fill out the application at Main Office 909 111 St.

Friona ISD Cafeteria is buscando personal para trabajar como sustitutos con la opcion de llegar a tiempo completo. Si alguien esta interesado llenar solicitud en Oficinas Principales 909 E 11th St.
Texas Weekly Fuel Update and Outlook

Gasoline prices in Texas have fallen 5.3 cents per gallon over the last month, averaging $2.06 per gallon yesterday, according to GasBuddy’s daily survey of 1,114 stations in the fast growing state. Texas prices now compare with the national average that has fallen 7.7 cents per gallon versus last week to $2.471, according to GasBuddy. Including the change locally during the past week, retail prices have fallen 7.9 cents per gallon lower than a year ago and are 5.5 cents per gallon lower than the month ago. The national average has dropped 2.6 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 3.8 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

Cheaper gas prices have continued to move in lowest in states in the last week as retail prices continue to catch up to the low price of retail prices to $2.471, according to GasBuddy. The app and website have the most accurate and real-time fuel prices at over 140,000 unique stations in the United States, and is the most comprehensive money-saving companion while on the road. For more information, visit www.gasbuddy.com.

U.S. Beef Gains New Market Access in Morocco

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer and U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue announced today that the government of Morocco has agreed to allow imports of U.S. beef and beef products into Morocco in 2018. The first year that U.S. beef and poultry exporters have access to Morocco’s market under the terms of the newlysigned Morocco-U.S. Free Trade Agreement (FTA). Morocco opened its market to U.S. poultry exports in July of 2010.

“Opening Morocco to U.S. beef and poultry continues to prioritize the opening of more new markets for U.S. agricultural products. New access to Morocco’s beef market for beef and poultry producers sends a strong signal that American farmers and ranchers are in demand and that they will continue to expand their exports of U.S. agricultural products,” said Ambassador Lighthizer. “I welcome Morocco’s agreement to allow imports of U.S. beef and look forward to growing our shipments to Morocco.”

“Finding new markets for American agricultural products has been a priority for the Trump Administration from day one, and the opening of the Moroccan market for U.S. agricultural products is a milestone. As of November 2017, the value of U.S. agricultural products to Morocco exceeded $512 million. Initial estimates indicate that Morocco would be an $80 million market for U.S. beef and beef products. Under the leadership of USTR Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Ambassador Gregg Doud and the Director of U.S. Department of Agriculture, the U.S. and Moroccan officials met to negotiate a health protocol and other agriculture regulations that would enable the U.S. to export beef into Morocco.”

“Finding new markets is a top priority for the Trump administration. U.S. beef is the best in the world, and the Trump administration is committed to working with our foreign partners to open new and much needed markets for U.S. agriculture products,” said Delegates Gregg Doud and the Director of U.S. Department of Agriculture. “This is an $80 million market for U.S. beef and beef products. Initial estimates indicate that Morocco would be a $80 million market for U.S. beef and beef products. Under the leadership of USTR Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Ambassador Gregg Doud and the Director of U.S. Department of Agriculture, the U.S. and Moroccan officials met to negotiate a health protocol and other agriculture regulations that would enable the U.S. to export beef into Morocco.”

The national average has dropped 28.0 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 2.83 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. GasBuddy is available on all mobile platforms. The app and website have the most accurate and real-time fuel prices at over 140,000 unique stations in the United States, and is the most comprehensive money-saving companion while on the road. For more information, visit www.gasbuddy.com.

Notice of Regular Meeting

The Friona Steering Committee will meet in regular session on Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 8:00 a.m., in the Board Room of the Friona ISD Administration Building, 909 E. 11th Street, Friona, Texas 79035

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on this meeting notice:

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Open Forum
4. Presentation: "Gingerbread Cookies"
5. Set Date for Next Meeting
6. Official Adjournment

These are some of the "go to" holiday cookies. I especially like these because they make such a large batch. Plus, they are delicious.

Ingredient:
1 1/3 cups molasses
2 eggs
1 tablespoon milk
3 1/3 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 cup chopped pecans or walnuts

Directions:
In a large mixing bowl, beat the eggs and sugar. Add the flour until well combined. Bake in a 350°F oven until the tops are lightly browned. Cool on a wire rack. Makes about 90 cookies.

Gingerbread Mug Cookies for Two

by Gemma Stafford, www.bigbatchbaking.com

Ingredients:
1 tablespoon (1oz/30g) butter (unsalted)
3 egg yolks (you can use the whole egg if you wish)
2 tablespoons sugar (brown or white)
1/4 teaspoon ground cinammon
1/4 teaspoon ground cloves

Directions:
Place 1 mug of hot tea in a mug, 1/3 cup of brown sugar, 1/4 cup of chocolate chips, and a 1/4 cup marshmallows into the mug. Stir until the sugar is melted.

Gingerbread Carotoids

by Better Homes and Gardens

Ingredients:
1/4 cup shortening
1/4 cup molasses
1/4 cup sugar
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
2 cups all-purpose flour

Directions:
In a mixing bowl beat shortening with an electric mixer until fluffy. Beat in the molasses, sugar, and baking powder. Add the flour and mix until combined. Continue mixing until a dough forms. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto a greased cookie sheet. Bake in a 350°F oven for 7-10 minutes or until done. Cool on a wire rack. Makes about 90 cookies.

Gingerbread Sticks

by Better Homes and Gardens

Ingredients:
1/3 cup brown sugar
1/4 cup molasses
1/2 cup butter (unsalted)
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
4 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 cup chopped pecans

Directions:
In a mixing bowl beat the brown sugar, molasses, and butter until fluffy. Beat in the brown sugar, molasses, and butter until fluffy. Add the flour and mix until combined. Roll into desired shapes. Place 1 inch apart on a cookie sheet. Bake in a 350°F oven for 15 minutes. Cool on a wire rack. Makes about 70 cookies.

Gingerbread Rap

by Better Homes and Gardens

Ingredients:
1/4 cup shortening
1/4 cup molasses
1/2 cup sugar
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 cup molasses
2 cups all-purpose flour

Directions:
In a mixing bowl beat shortening with an electric mixer until fluffy. Beat in the molasses, sugar, and baking powder. Add the flour and mix until combined. Place 1 tablespoon of dough onto a greased cookie sheet. Bake in a 350°F oven for 7-10 minutes or until done. Cool on a wire rack. Makes about 90 cookies.

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Gingerbread

Gingerbread can be found everywhere this time of year from latkes to cupcakes to lollipops. Although now associated with the Christmas holiday, gingerbread has been a favorite treat at festivals and fairs in medieval Europe for centuries.

The first known recipe for making gingerbread was in Greece around 2400 BC. It was introduced to Morocco Europe by 11th century crusaders returning from the Holy Land. It became a favorite treat at fairs and festivities in medieval Europe. During medieval times, gingerbread was referred to as any kind of preserved ginger. The term became associated with the preserved ginger photos, cakes around the 15th century.

During medieval times ladies gave a piece of gingerbread to their favorite knight as a token of good luck. Often the maidens would eat a gingerbread "head" in hopes of catching the King of the Field and closed this one more week- and we could close this oil production, but the cut was smaller than we had expected, and for a shorter duration than anticipated, resulting in a small upward move in oil. One that may not immediately disappoint the diehards. We appear poised to see the national average drop perhaps at least one more week and we could close the week with the nation’s average in the 2.30s- 2.35s for the lowest in over a year. GasBuddy is available on all mobile platforms. The app and website have the most accurate and real-time fuel prices at over 140,000 unique stations in the United States, and is the most comprehensive money-saving companion while on the road. For more information, visit www.gasbuddy.com.

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Bailey Pope to play in All-Star Game

Bailey Pope has been chosen to play on the “South” team in the upcoming 2018 Golden Spread All-Star Volleyball Tournament. Bailey is a Senior at Friona High School and was recently named the Volleyball Offensive MVP for District 1-AAA.

The tournament will be played this Saturday, December 15th in Canyon at “The Box.” There are 4 teams made up of Seniors from 11 different schools in the area. The “East” team and the “West” team will play at 11:00 a.m. The “North” team and the “South” team will play at 1:00 p.m. The final two games will be played at 3:00 and 5:00 p.m., respectively.

Bailey said that it is a great honor to be picked to play in the tournament and that she is very excited to have this opportunity. We are proud of Bailey and know that she will represent Friona very well.

Play hard and have fun! Go Squaws!

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PARMER MEDICAL CENTER
FRIONA RURAL HEALTH CLINIC
Meet the Providers

Nathaniel Covarrubias, PA-C
Nathaniel Covarrubias, PA-C, joined the Parmer Medical Center healthcare team in August 2015. He graduated from the University of Texas in Edinburg, earning a certification as a Physician Assistant. Nathaniel is from Levelland, Texas so neither the weather or flat farmland were an adjustment.

Nathaniel enjoys attending sporting events involving Texas Tech University, San Antonio Spurs, Dallas Cowboys, Texas Rangers, and the list goes on and on. In addition to sports, he enjoys church, spending time with his family and traveling. Some of his travel destinations include Spain, Rome, Belgium, Greece, London, Paris, Switzerland and Ireland. He enjoys experiencing the cultures and trying new foods when traveling.

Nathaniel was the first generation in his family to graduate from college and feels that is one of his proudest moments. He says that pursuing an education in health care has given him the privilege of making a difference in patients’ lives.

As a healthcare provider, Nathaniel encourages his patients to take control of their health by exercising, maintaining a healthy diet and having regular medical check-ups. He also likes to remind his patients to be compliant with their medications, ask questions and understand they play an active role in maintaining their health.

Water Weekly
For the week of 12/10/18

Water conditions
The water drought map shows an increase in abnormally dry conditions, but no change in the area of the state impacted by drought. The map data is based on total precipitation since December 4, 2018. The drought conditions map has not changed since December 6, 2018.

Drought conditions
- 0% very dry
- 0% abnormally dry
- 0% drought - moderate
- 0% drought - severe
- 0% drought - exceptional
- 60% drought - exceptional

Water conditions courtesy of the U.S. Drought Monitor. Data courtesy of NOAA National Climatic Data Center. Through the first eight months of 2018, Texas received 15 inches of precipitation, far below average for that time period. Since September we have received an additional 15 inches, a record amount for that time period. Texas receives an average of 27 inches of precipitation annually.

Written by Dr. Mark Wentzel
Dr. Mark Wentzel is a hydrologist in the TWDB’s Office of Water Science and Conservation.

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STINGRAY MUSIC is carefully compiled, commercial-free music channels from your TV service available to you on the go, from your mobile devices. And, the app is compatible with Sirius satellite radio, Pandora, Airtel, Apple Carplay and Chromecast. You can take your favorite music with you on the road.