



Red blood cell supply dangerously low

Hello Friona Community!

As CEO of Our Blood Institute, it is my responsibility to alert you that after months of post-pandemic struggles, our red blood cell supply is drifting into failure. This difficulty has been worsening despite our continuing, exhausting efforts to correct course. Sadly, our region has finally reached a critical breaking point that other parts of the country have been experiencing since mid-2022.

The goal was to have Our Blood Institute which consists of Coffee Memorial Blood Center, Texas, Arkansas & Oklahoma Blood Centers to find appointments and new drives to yield 1600 donors by Sunday, June 4 to avoid profound problems for our patients and hospitals. Unfortunately, we did not hit that goal. Because of this, we are likely to see consequences such as postponed elective surgeries, delayed transfusions, and the dividing of blood bags (and thus care) to stretch stocks. **Our strained health-**

care system will be burdened with more stress and frustration and will perform with loss donor efficiency and reliability. We already are missing chances to elevate care and save lives prior to a patient's transport to a hospital because we cannot stock ambulances with enough pints of type O whole blood.

We have not experienced this profound, sustained gap in donations for more than a generation. You are the answer that can keep a blood safety net under cancer, trauma, surgery, obstetric and other patients. We are leaning on the Friona Community and our other communities by asking them to step up to take care of their own. **The Friona Community Blood Drive is Thursday, June 15th at the Calvary Baptist Fellowship Hall from 2 till 7 p.m.** Please ask your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers and others to prevent needless suffering and, even death. Please donate!

With deepest concern,
John Armitage, MD



Friona's New Water Park? — Quite a few people were out and about Sunday afternoon taking pictures of the flooding around town. Reeve Lake was a popular stop which included a submerged bridge and walking trail and the emergence of a super lake. After 10+ inches of rain, even the kid's playground went aquatic.

Xcel Energy offers tips to keep cool on a budget

Xcel Energy customers in Texas and New Mexico are seeing lower fuel costs on their monthly electricity bills this summer and can realize even more savings by boosting the energy efficiency of homes and businesses in relatively easy ways.

"Inflation is still a pressing issue for our customers, but we're finally seeing some relief on the fuel costs that make up a significant percentage of a monthly bill," said Adrian J. Rodriguez, president, Xcel Energy - New Mexico, Texas. "We continue to build cost efficiencies into how we generate and deliver power and remain committed to helping our customers find ways to reduce their bills."

The cost of natural gas that fuels more than 30% of the region's power supply has fallen significantly since last summer. Fuel costs on New Mexico

co bills are recalculated monthly and already reflect this trend. **Texas customers will now see their fuel costs decrease as new, lower fuel cost factors go into effect this week, reducing a typical residential bill of 1,000 kilowatt-hours by approximately \$6.35, or 4.1% less.**

Customers can achieve further savings by making simple and low-cost efficiency improvements and adopting energy-saving habits. Xcel Energy offers tips to beat the heat and save money at its Energy

Saving Tips page at xcelenergy.com, which includes tips such as:

- Using weather stripping to seal doors and windows so cool air can't escape.
- Raising the thermostat level into the 80s when no one is at home, and then gradually lowering it to

around 78 degrees when the house is occupied.

• Investing in a "smart" thermostat that allows customers to program and/or adjust thermostat settings from a mobile device.

• Closing blinds and drapes during the heat of the day to block the heat from sunlight.

• Using fans to circulate air throughout the home, even when the air conditioning is on.

• Opening interior doors to allow cool air to circulate in the house. Or, if there is a part of the house not in use, closing it off to keep the cool air where it is desired.

• Putting off cooking, clothes drying and other chores that create heat inside the home until past 7 p.m.

• Shading air conditioning units to boost their efficiency.

Additionally, installing LED bulbs helps stretch savings further because they use 70-90% less energy and last 15 times longer. Xcel Energy has teamed up with select retailers in its Texas-New Mexico service area to provide discounts on certain LED bulbs. Customers can locate these retailers at the company's Home Lighting page at xcelenergy.com.

Customers can take further steps toward ongoing savings by having their homes tested for air leaks that can make cooling and heating units less efficient and more costly to operate. Area energy efficiency contractors perform the testing for Xcel Energy and make energy-saving improvements free of charge. A

list of approved contractors can be accessed on the Energy Efficiency Services page at xcelenergy.com.



Customers having difficulty paying their bills should contact Xcel Energy as soon as possible. Xcel Energy offers payment arrangements on a case-by-case basis, allowing customers to pay over time should they need to. "These pay arrangements vary according to individual circumstances, but most are from three to six months," said Canda Henry, Amarillo-based senior director in Xcel Energy's Customer Care group. "Customers facing loss of income or other hardships that prevent them from making payments can talk with one of our personal account representatives, who can connect them with agencies in their area that offer help with utility bills."

Personal account representatives will have a listing of appropriate community funds in each town served by Xcel Energy and will help qualified customers apply this funding to outstanding balances. Additionally, agents have been reaching out to customers who have qualified for energy assistance in the past to ensure they are aware of the resources available to them.








Customers wishing to visit with Xcel Energy about payment arrangements can call 1-800-895-4999 Monday through Friday or visit the customer support page at xcelenergy.com to learn about options and programs to help manage bills.



Members of the Friona Volunteer Fire Department received a plaque of appreciation from the Dalhart Volunteer Fire Department for "answering the call during our darkest hour." In the photo — (l-r) Daniel DeLaO, Hadley White, Fire Chief Gary Stowers, J'Lond Jarecki, Justin Bridges. Stephen Campbell and Danny Campbell were not in the photo.

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

Friona Weather June 8-14	T  86 57 SSW 5-10	F  87 57 S 10-15	S  86 56 WSW 10-15	S  83 57 NE 10-20	M  82 60 SE 10-20	T  88 60 SSW 15-25	W  89 60 W 10-20	Precipitation June 3.61 Year 12.03	Burn Ban Yes
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Community Calendar

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

June 8
• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

June 12
• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

June 14
• Flag Day
• Summer Reading Program at 9:00 a.m. at the Friona Public Library
• Library Book Shop at 618 Euclid is open from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

June 15
• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center
• Friona Community Blood Drive at Calvary Baptist Fellowship Hall from 2-7 p.m.

June 18
• Father's Day

June 19
• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center
• Friona Noon Lions Club Meeting at The Farmwife Kitchen

ON YOUR PAYROLL

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Retiring Municipal Court Judge Deborah Campbell (center) was honored with a retirement party last Friday in the Court Complex at city hall. The judge received a commemorative gavel, a key to the city, and a plaque proclaiming June 2nd as "Deborah Campbell Day" in Friona. In the photo — (l-r) Council members Alan Monroe and Esmeralda Mills, Judge Campbell, Mayor Greg Lewellen, and City Manager Lee Davila. Photo below — Incoming judge Marie Samarron and Judge Campbell.

City of Friona Municipal Court Judges

Name	Years Served	Years Served
Thelma "Granny" Jones	1959-1986	27 years
JoAnn Mills	1985-1993	8 years
Nelda Ellis	1994-1996	2 years
Eddie Mays	1996-2006	10 years
Donice Jones	2007-2010	3 years
Deborah Campbell	2009-2023	14 years



Friona Public Library Story Time

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at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
Ages 7 to 12 years old

Thank You

Our family so appreciates the way the community of Friona embraced our mother, Helen when she moved here from Georgia 9 years ago.

A special Thank You to Dr. Jubay, First Baptist Church, Friona Senior Citizens, Prairie Acres Nursing Home, Bluebonnet Home Health and Hospice, and Parmer Medical Center.

You each loved her well in so many ways. We also appreciate the love and prayers of so many in the community during her battle with cancer. She loved you all.

Blessings and Love,
The family of Helen Pharis
Homer & Patty, family
Dee Dee & Paul, family
Donna
Steve & Joy, family

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ACROSS

1 consumes a meal

5 TXism: "bright as ___ penny"

6 possible transport to George Bush Intercontinental Airport

7 TXism: "if he bought a cemetery, people would ___ dying"

8 casa constructors

17 TX "Turtle Lady" Loetscher

18 below

21 Texas-sized multinational conglomerate

22 dog name

23 TX Ginger Rogers 1939 film: "Fifth ___ Girl"

24 TXism: "he's still got some ___ in his jeans"

29 grain storage

30 TXism: "two peas in ___" (alike)

31 physician deg.

32 Carl Sandberg said "Texas ___ swagger"

34 Texas Comanche chief "___ Beard"

35 TX Foreman fought for this championship at 44 (abbr.)

36 TXism: "tough ___ boot"

37 drunkards

38 Gomer ___ is a San Antonio street in Williamson County on highway 79

40 TXism: "all bought and paid for"

41 "___ concolor" (cougar)

42 TXism: "thin ___"

44 empty the bathtub

45 Sandra of film "Houston, We've Got a Problem"

46 TXism: "costs an ___" (expensive)

48 TX-born Steve Martin 1991 film (2 wds.)

49 union at Arlington's GM plant

50 nickname of Denison-born president

51 ___-gallon hat

52 TXism: "tear jerker"

DOWN

1 TXism: "___ hog" (rich)

2 big Dallas hotel: Hilton ___

3 lake in Texas and Oklahoma

4 steal

9 TXism: "___ a fence before you buy cattle" (plan)

10 immediately fix a computer mistake

11 marryin' words

12 TX Joan Crawford: Lucille ___ Sueur

13 big curtains

14 Sam Houston was once an ___ for the Cherokee

15 TX film critic, Rex

16 ___ Benito, TX

19 TX-born Gene Autry sang "___ Tumbleweeds"

20 TXism: "changes his mind as often as ___ his socks"

22 TXism: "he couldn't ___ an egg under a sitting hen" (dumb)

24 "yes" in Mexico

25 TXism: "dot the i's and cross the ___"

26 actress Gardner in 1952 "Lone Star"

27 this TX Phylcia was Cosby's "Clair"

28 Nolan had no-trade ___ in his last Ranger contract

29 fancy barber shop

30 Houston Museum of Fine ___

33 SMU "Giant" 1950 graduate, Kyle

34 TX Charley Pride's "It's ___ Little Bit Longer"

35 in Collin County on highway 78

37 bikinis, e.g.

38 loud bell ring

40 fried Texas veggie

41 brawl

43 Lake El ___ del Rey in the Rio Grande Valley

44 Dolores of "Flying Down to Rio" with TX Ginger (init.)

47 "You started it, ___ it!"

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2 G PROTEIN

306 CALORIES	51 G CARBS	11 G TOTAL FAT
15 MIN PREP TIME	45 MIN COOK TIME	9 SERVINGS

Grandma's Easy Cherry Cobbler

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 cup milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 cup (4 ounces) butter, melted
- 1 (21-ounce) can cherry pie filling
- Ice cream for serving

INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat oven to 350°F. Coat 11x7-inch pan or casserole dish with nonstick spray. In a bowl mix flour, sugar and baking powder. Add milk, vanilla and butter and mix with whisk or mixer; pour into pan. Evenly pour cherry pie filling on top of flour mixture. With a knife swirl flour mixture together with cherries. Cook for 45 to 55 minutes or until edges are golden brown and center is set. Serve with ice cream, if desired.



Nutrient-rich dairy can help you maintain a healthy weight.



Happy Birthday

<p>June 8 Paxton Schueler Joe Bob Mann Lisa Reed Kevin Zachary Rachael (Knowles) Schulle Michael Bentley Angelina Zulas Doug Daffern Becky London Bulkeley Debbie (Stewart) Monroe</p> <p>June 9 Joel Venhaus Landon McLellan Joseph Bautista RaeLynne Wren Joseph Bautista Ryan Newman Mika Salazar Joann Davenport</p> <p>June 10 Kip Frye Fred Cook Vohnya Tongate Teresa Alexander Jonathan Fluck Bob Thomas Kris Gordon Kathryne Avila Jordan Fitzgerald</p>	<p>June 11 Billy Smith Cindy Butman Donita Martin Trevor Fields Wendy (Hinkle) Hixson Sunny Dodson Johnny Alvarez Amy Cook Macy Herring Zoe Herring Brienne McDonald Lori Eitel Danna (Brooks) Gallagher Lillee Beyers Kambree Kimbrough Molly Grace Maberry</p> <p>June 12 Marisol Aguilera Jamille (Hand) Green Vickie Field Melissa Randolph Danny Smith Asa Reynard</p> <p>June 13 Priscilla Hicks Beth Miller Kelsey Welch Doug Massey Alexia Criswell Xitlaly Carrillo Ortiz</p> <p>June 14 Cade Hurst Rhonda Crozier Gayla Stowers Diamond (Aguirre) Stephens Dawna Roach Will Eddins Katarina Guevara Perez Norma Sanders</p>
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To have your birthdays listed in the newspaper, email them to frionastar@wtrt.net or call: 806.250.5200

OPEC cuts production

By GasBuddy

Average gasoline prices in Texas have fell 5.3 cents last week, averaging \$3.04 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas was \$2.64 while the most expensive was \$4.17.

The national average price of gasoline fell 3.9 cents last week, averaging \$3.51 per gallon. The national average price of diesel fell 3.4 cents last week and stands at \$3.88 per gallon.

"While the national average drifted lower last week as oil prices cooled off, the drop may be temporary. OPEC+ agreed Sunday to additional production cuts, while Saudi Arabia is going above and beyond and cutting July production. As a result, oil prices are likely to see up-

ward pressure as global supplies, which have remained tight, promise to become even tighter as a result," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

De Haan continued, "Last time OPEC+ agreed to cut production, it led to a temporarily rally in the price of oil, but the cut failed to hold oil prices up. OPEC+ and Saudi Arabia are likely hoping that the rise in oil prices will stick longer this time, as the Saudi economy relies on oil prices north of \$81 per barrel. Any rise in average prices should be fairly small, and we're still extremely unlikely to make a run at record prices anytime soon."

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

Cochise

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith

The renowned Apache chief, Cochise, was arguably one of the greatest Native American leaders. Little is known about his early life, according to History.com, but in "the mid-19th century, he had become a prominent leader of the Chiricahua band of Apache Indians living in southern Arizona and northern Mexico. Like other Chiricahua Apache, Cochise resisted the encroachment of Mexican and American settlers on their traditional lands. Cochise led numerous raids on the settlers liv-



ing on both sides of the border. Mexicans and Americans began to call for military protection and retribution."

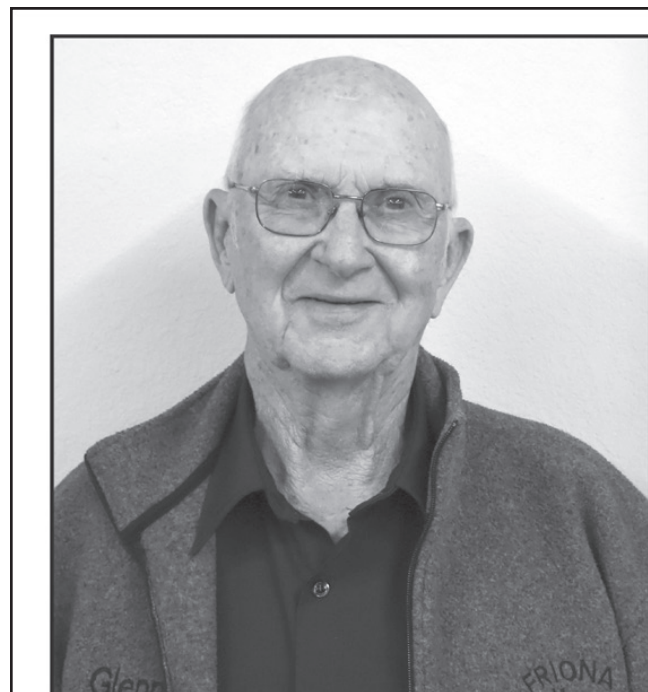
By 1872 the U.S. government, fixed on winding down the Apache raids, convinced Cochise to settle on a res-

ervation in Arizona. He agreed, reportedly stating, "the white man and the Indian are to drink of the same water, eat of the same bread, and be at peace."

Not long after, the chief took ill, and died June 8, 1874. He was buried in the Dragoon Mountains of Arizona.

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends The Wrath of Cochise by Terry Mort.

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



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“the hand of the Lord was against them.”

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Some phrases you never want to hear. The doctor says, “You have cancer,” the DPS trooper informs you “Your child has died,” or a spouse screams “I want a divorce,” are phrases that crumble the walls of self-reliance and shatter dreams permanently. An equally devastating phrase repeated multiple times in scripture is “the hand of the Lord was against them.” This was the indictment against Egypt as Pharaoh refused to let God’s people go, the Philistines in Ashdod as they had the ark of the covenant among them, and of the Philistines when Samuel led Israel. These instances would be somewhat expected since these were enemies of God’s people, but the grim reality is that scripture says “the hand of the Lord was against them” in regards to Israel more than it says it regarding Israel’s enemies.

Deuteronomy 2:15 is one such place one finds this phrase when God sentenced an entire generation of Israelites to wander and wither in the wilderness for four decades. Their unbelief and disobedience caused the Lord’s hand to be against them, which was a constant

danger for future generations of Hebrews. The prophet Samuel proclaimed the simple truth of the matter in 1 Samuel 12:14-15 when he said, “If you will fear the Lord and serve him and obey his voice and not rebel against the commandment of the Lord, and if both you and the king who reigns over you will follow the Lord your God, it will be well. But if you will not obey the voice of the Lord, but rebel against the commandment of the Lord, then the hand of the Lord will be against you and your king.” Receiving the hand of God’s favor is experienced in one’s life when you fear Him and obey His word, and the result is that things go well for you because you are following God’s good plan for you. In a culture that is begging for God’s judgment, and where the divine wrath of God’s abandonment is being poured out so clearly (Romans 1), you must make a choice with you life of whether you will go your own way, or follow the path of fearing God and obeying His word. Going your own way won’t pay off in the end, while fearing and following God will result in tremendous blessings on both sides of eternity.

Panhandle Parables

“When It Rains, It Pours!”

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

The phrase that serves as the title of this little story is often associated with negative things happening what seems to be all at once. But this year we can take this phrase literally. We have had blessings in abundance in liquid form the last few weeks and we are thankful. I am sure the weather will cycle as it has since the days of Noah and we will dry out, and words like drought and dust storms will once again be in the vocabulary of those sitting drinking coffee in various places in town.

The reality is life does have its peaks and valleys. There will be “chickens one month and feathers the next.” Learning to find value in the desperate times, as well as the good times is a very godly characteristic we call contentment. Contentment, as a term, is sometimes confused with lack of ambition. Yet biblically speaking that is not the case. Content-

ment actually shows the strength of an individual that is not controlled by circumstances, good or bad. It shows a faith in the One who is greater.

Paul says it this way, “I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength.” Phil. 4:12-13 NIV.

In a culture that thrives on unsatisfied appetites, it would behoove us to see this truth. Learning to do all things even when blessings don’t fall like rain, the road is difficult and the climb pretty steep, that we trust the Lord is good and praise Him regardless of our situation will give us contentment and with that we find peace.

Being Reverent, Part 2

By Teena Hughs

Last week, I said that I would be offering some suggestions from Got Questions and Cindi McMenamin as to how we can become more reverent in our daily lives. So, let’s start with ourselves.

Do we have reverence for ourselves, for life, for others? Do we treat our bodies as a temple or ‘dwelling place’ of God (1 Corinthians 6:19), or do we abuse our bodies with what we eat and drink? Do we take care of ourselves with exercise and regular checkups? McMenamin points out that as God “dwells in believers, we are to care for, nourish, protect, and show awe for the fact that we are ‘fearfully and wonderfully made’” (Psalm 139:14).

Never forget the importance of prayer and a relationship with Jesus; serving Him with our hearts, hands, and feet; and studying His Word. These are the ways we truly get to know Jesus. We are transformed into the likeness of Jesus by the Holy Spirit, and as Got Questions says, “the more we grow in knowledge and understanding, the more reverence we feel toward Him.”

McMenamin points out that when we talk to other people about God, we should be reverent to them and speak to them “in a gentle, non-judgmental, and respectful manner.” Even though this is sometimes difficult, 1 Peter 3:15 says we are to “sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence.”

Are we obedient to God’s Word? Do we believe it when Jesus said in John 14:6, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”? We show reverence to Jesus when we don’t let other belief systems and re-

ligions interfere with the Word. We also show reverence to Jesus when we accept His Word as it is stated; not trying to change it to say what we think it should say.

Something I never thought of as a way to show reverence to God is by being a good steward of the earth. God created the earth; He had a reason for every single thing He did. Living down here, I have seen stories and pictures of how people trash the rivers in the summer. I don’t understand that. God provides the water for recreation; why can’t we take care of it so everyone can enjoy it. We show reverence to God by taking care of what He has given us!

In short, to practice reverence daily, we must treasure God’s name; we must treat ourselves and others respectfully; and, we must live holy and blameless lives.

Last week, I began by telling you about Bob. His wife has a form of dementia. We don’t know what it is, but she is so sweet and cheerful. Some days are better than others. Some days you don’t think anything is wrong; other days, she asks or tells you the same thing over and over. Bob is so good to her. I have seen him get the slightest upset with her maybe two times. Bob is reverent to God by the way he treats his wife, and he is also reverent to her.

One day, I told Bob about the conversation Feller and I had about him. He told me that he can’t do much, but what he does, he tries to do well! If we all try to do what we can, and do it to the best of our ability, we are being reverent to God. We won’t be successful with everything we do for God, but we will be reverent! People know the difference between real and fake. Being reverent speaks volumes to others and changes lives.

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2 Corinthians 5:7

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Sports



Four Friona teams competed in the Small Town Basketball Championships in Abilene, Texas.

No photo for High School Girls team.



1st/2nd grade Boys Team

Back Row (l-r) Malyk Miller, Marco Arias, Matthew Márquez, Landon Shields, Yahdriel Faudoa. Front Row (l-r) Bash Aragon, Mason Hancock. Coaches: Herman Marquez & Daniel Hancock.



1st Place Winners — 3rd/4th grade Boys Team

Back Row (l-r) Coach Herman Marquez, Isziah DeLaCruz, Wylie Steelman, Anthony Marquez, Genesis Aguirre, Yahdir Faudoa, Yuvia Arias, Coach Daniel Hancock. Front Row (l-r) Matthew Márquez, Elian Aguirre, Lorenzo Carrillo, Eli Rocha, Jayden Hancock.



2nd Place — 5th/6th grade Girls Team

Back Row (l-r) Karleigh Rangel, Aylen Moreno, D'Nasha Shelby, Jaylee Perez, Ivanna Guevara, Brynlee Smith, Genesis Aguirre, Emery Rangel. Front Row (l-r) Preslie Goynes, Amayah Rojas.

Rural Women's Grant Opportunity

<https://twu.edu/center-women-entrepreneurs/texas-rural-woman-grant/>

Thirty-five, \$10,000 grants for a total of \$350,000 will be awarded to qualified Texas rural women who have been in business for at least three years. It marks the first time the grant has been offered to help women in rural areas who need capital to expand their businesses.

A completed online application must be

submitted before 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 21.

Grants may be used for the purchase of machinery, equipment or technology, farm implements, fencing or products; acquisition of new inventory or raw materials; purchase and installation of fixtures or display units, property improvements, or other business-related activity that is aligned with

the purpose of the program. Grants cannot be used for wages, salaries or sales tax.

Awardees will meet with a small-business advisor as well as complete a virtual training course hosted by the center to receive funding. The course will cover topics related to financial growth, business development and marketing.



Two Chieftains selected for All-Star Game — Martin Godinez (left) and Tony Rodriguez (right) were chosen to play in the ASCO All-Star Football Game last Saturday at Lowrey Field in Lubbock. Martin played quarterback for the Blue Team coached by Adam Cummings of Canyon and Tony played outside linebacker for the Red Team coached by Chip Darden of Lubbock Cooper. The final score was Blue Team 13 Red Team 6. Go Chiefs!!!

State Sales Tax Revenue Totaled \$3.8 Billion in May

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced that state sales tax revenue totaled \$3.84 billion in May, 4.1 percent more than in May 2022. The majority of May sales tax revenue is based on sales made in April and remitted to the agency in May.

“The rate of sales tax revenue growth continues to moderate, with the increase in May – compared with a year ago – representing the lowest annual rate of increase observed in the 26 months since the end of pandemic restrictions,” Hegar said. “This slower growth is expected and in line with the economic outlook we detailed in our Biennial Revenue Estimate, as both the rate of inflation and growth in real economic activity slow as demand cools in the face of higher interest rate policy and reduced fiscal stimulus from the federal government.”

“While receipts from the oil and gas mining sector continued their large year-over-year gains, with remittances once again nearly 50 percent higher than they were the same

month last year, growth in receipts from other sectors driven by business spending stalled. Receipts from the construction, manufacturing and wholesale trade sectors barely exceeded year-ago levels.

“Remittances from the retail trade sector were negative in May compared with May last year, making it the second time in three months receipts from retail trade have dipped below year-ago levels. Declines were evident in most subsectors, including building materials and home improvement stores, clothing and accessories stores, electronics and appliance stores, furniture and home goods stores, general merchandisers, and sporting goods and hobby stores.

“Restaurant receipts increased at about the inflation rate for food away from home in April.”

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in May 2023 was up 5.6 percent compared with the same period a year ago. Sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the

state budget, accounting for 56 percent of all tax collections.

Texas collected the following revenue from other major taxes: (1) motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$599 million, down 1 percent from May 2022; (2) motor fuel taxes — \$340 million, up 6 percent from May 2022; (3) oil production tax — \$497 million, down 17 percent from May 2022; (4) natural gas production tax — \$199 million, down 52 percent from May 2022; (5) hotel occupancy tax — \$71 million, up 4 percent from May 2022; and (6) alcoholic beverage taxes — \$156 million, up 2 percent from May 2022.

Fiscal 2023 franchise tax collections totaled \$6.22 billion year-to-date through May. Compared with collections through May 2022, year-to-date franchise tax collections were up 20.7 percent, an extraordinary increase driven by boom conditions in 2022 following the pandemic as well as pricing dynamics in the high inflation environment driving corporate revenues up faster than costs.



Happy Retirement — Lynn Nelson was the honored guest at a retirement celebration last Wednesday in the Parmer Medical Center lobby. Lynn began her career at PMC on June 1, 1979. Refreshments were served as coworkers and well-wishers dropped by to help her celebrate 44 years of service to PMC and the community of Friona.



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All questions concerning specific bid requirements please contact Kirk Frye, Commissioner, Precinct #1 at 806/265-7514.

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Obituaries

Floyd L. Rector

Floyd L. Rector, 97 of Lewisville, Texas formerly of Friona passed away Saturday, June 3, 2023 in Lewisville. There will be no services. Cremation arrangements by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Floyd was born August 12, 1925 at Cheney, Oklahoma in Norwest Oklahoma to Foister and Olive Griffith Rector. In 1935 his family moved to Friona where he lived until 1990 when he and his wife Eva moved to Lubbock to be near family, later moving to the Denton and Lewisville area for the same reason.

Floyd attended Friona schools and then enlist-



ed in the U.S. Merchant Marines during WWII, and the U.S. Army shortly after the war. Floyd and Eva Lou Jones married June 16, 1948 in the United Congregational Church in Friona that now houses the Parmer County Pioneer Heritage Museum. He was a very successful farmer in the Friona area. He had grown up on the farm and always was proud of his accomplishments as a farmer. He has been a member of the Friona Methodist Church since

childhood and served on the church board of stewards. He was a proud member of the IOOF and American Legion, Friona Riding Club and served as a past president.

He is preceded in death by his parents, wife Eva, 2 brothers and 2 sisters.

Those to mourn his passing include a son-Gary Rector of Lewisville, daughter-Donna Rector of Rhome, 1 granddaughter-Lauri Ragland with 2 great-granddaughters, and 1 grandson-Jonathan Rector and wife Stephanie and 2 great-grandsons.

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



David Castillo Bermea

David Castillo Bermea, 60, went on to be with his Lord Jesus, on June 2, 2023 in Amarillo, Texas. Viewing will be held from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM with Rosary Services at 6:30 PM Thursday, June 8, 2023 at St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Friona with Mass of Christian Burial Services set for 10:00 AM Friday, June 9, 2023 at St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Friona with Father Gregory Bunyan as Celebrant. Burial following in the Friona Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

David was born on August 20, 1962 to Jose and Angelita Bermea in Greeley, Colorado. He often mentioned how proud he was to have been born in Colorado, and the rest of his siblings were born in Texas.

David graduated from Friona High School in 1981. David also attended WT University in Canyon, Texas. David lived a holy single life and was the best uncle to several nieces and nephews, and many, many friends, no one was a stranger!

David loved his job at CHS as a hazmat driver for the company. He also worked for a while with Bermea Construction Inc. where he ran a front end loader profession-



ally like nobody else! He went with Bermea Construction to New York for stadium renovations, and as they were traveling through Harlem they totally got lost in the days of no GPS, he took the drivers wheel and got them out of there easy and safely. He also worked for Baldwin Trucking Company driving cross country delivering strawberries, and Idaho potatoes. He also worked for Edmund Bermea Trucking, hauling cotton burrs. He worked for his father Jose, of Bermea Brothers Trucking hauling cotton burrs and worked at grinding alfalfa and cotton burrs.

He loved singing in the St. Teresa's Catholic Church while playing guitar, and enjoyed bible studies. He loved music and especially Boston and George Strait. He was always singing and playing music, and loved

to dance. Hobbies were visiting family, traveling, watching movies and Dallas Cowboys, and Texas Longhorn college football. He enjoyed weight lifting and working out three days weekly and faithfully and was an encourager for those working out too. He loved praying the rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet and attended holy mass faithfully. David will be especially remembered for his great love of God, and family and a beautiful voice and fiery spirit to encourage others.

He was preceded in death by his father Jose Bermea.

Those to mourn his passing include his mother Angelita Bermea of Friona. Richard Bermea and wife, Monica, Joe Bermea Jr. and wife Belinda, Cynthia Vega and husband Uriel, Rudy Bermea and wife Sylvia, Lucinda Mosley and husband Wayne, several nieces and nephew, great nephews and great nieces, and many, many friends.

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



Lions Club News



2T1 District Governor Roger Estlack (right) was the guest speaker at the Friona Noon Lions Club meeting last Monday. He also swore in Ruben Rejino (center) as a new member of Friona club. Lion Homer Haile (left) was the sponsor. DG Estlack is a member of the Clarendon Lions Club.

Florence Amelia (Dean) Sifford

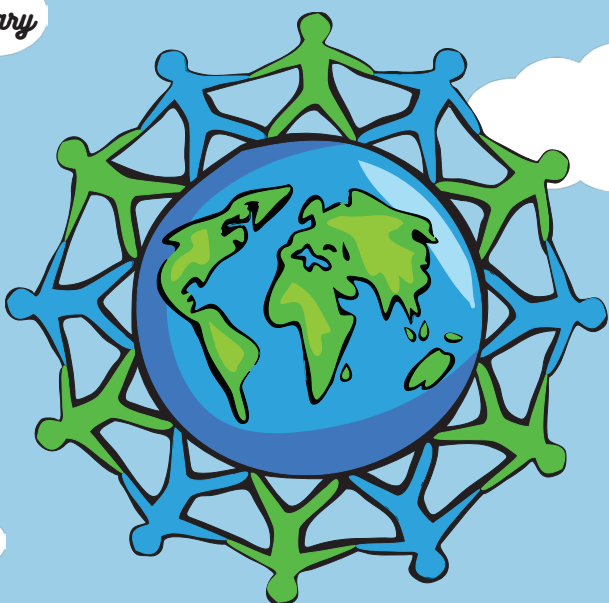
Services for Florence Sifford will be held at 10:00 a.m. on June 17, 2023 at Friona Union Congregational Church at 1601 Euclid Street.

Florence Amelia (Dean) Sifford, age 88, passed from this life on October 2, 2022. She was born in Parmer County, Texas on September 28, 1934 and that is where she was raised. Later, she met Billy Sifford and they were married on September 20, 1953. Many years later they moved to Bella Vista, Arkansas to be closer to their son, Kenny, and his family.

Florence is survived by her husband, Billy Sifford, and her sons Kenny (Gail), and David Sifford. She's also loved by her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and one great-great granddaughter. Florence is also survived by two sisters, Gladys Spring and husband Don of Bovina, and Lindy Varner and husband James of Hereford.

Donations may be made to the Union Congregational Church (where she grew up), Parmer Paws in Friona, or a favorite charity.

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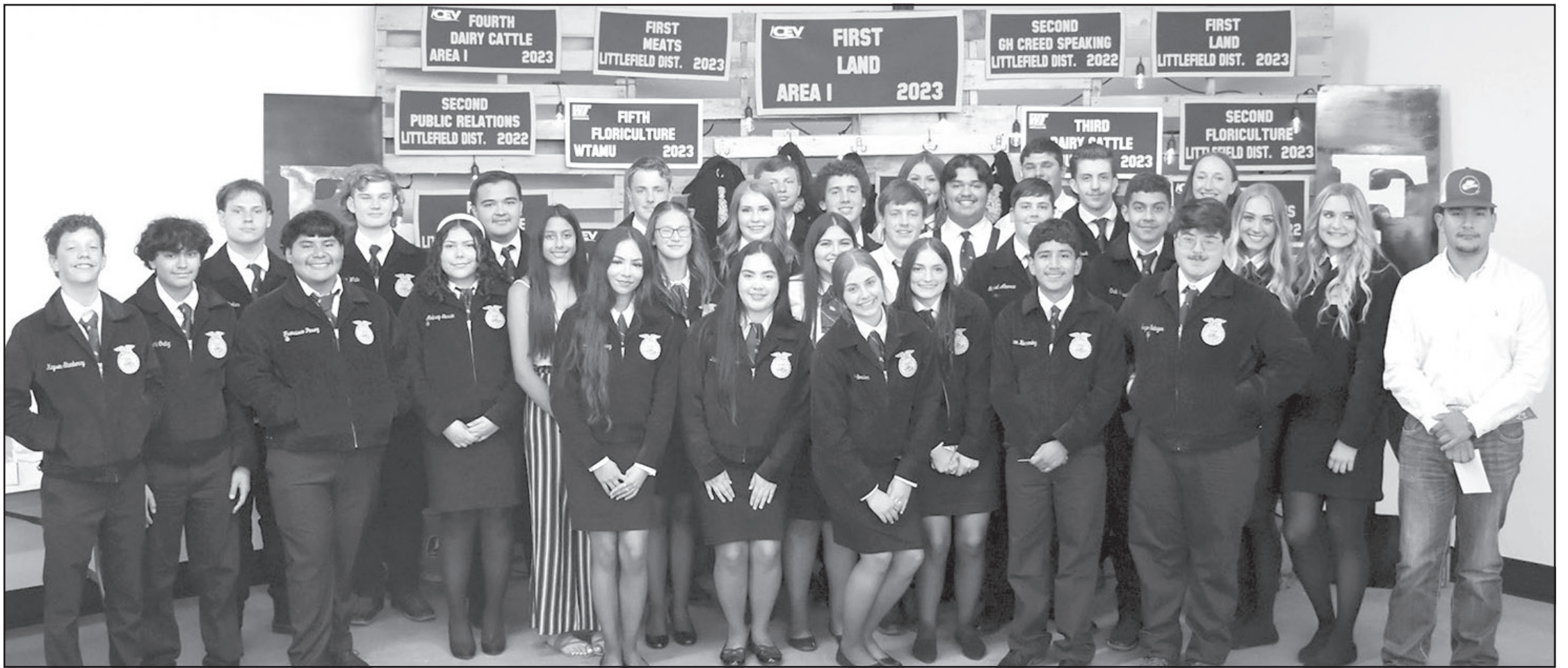
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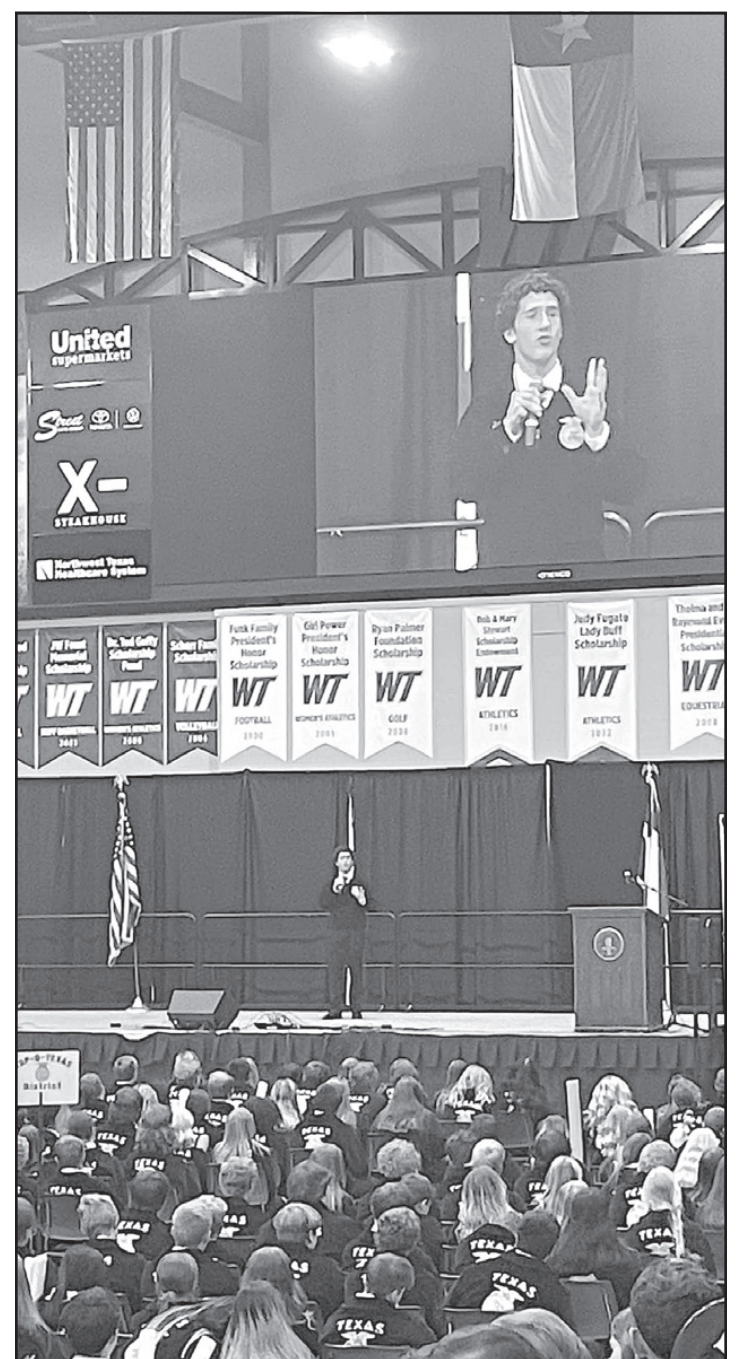
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Friona FFA Chapter Banquet

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Friona Vocational Agriculture Association Scholarship Winners — Back Row (l-r) Elijah Robledo, \$1000; Jaden Phillips, \$1000; Carter Gilley, \$1000; Stef Ally, \$1000; Gabriel Abarca, \$1000. Front Row (l-r) Emma Schueler, \$1000; Elaney Arzate, \$500; Janessa Garcia, \$500; Hiromy Quiroz, \$500; Blanca Chavez, \$1000; Fabian Salinas, \$500. Association representatives were Kody Kimbrough (left) and Greg O'Brian (right).

Incoming Friona FFA Chapter President Dieter Ally was recently elected as the Area 1 Treasurer for the 2023-2024 school year.



State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



Abbott, Patrick spar over tax relief

Gov. Greg Abbott late last week warned lawmakers to be prepared for several special sessions to pass a tax reform bill that he will accept, as well as a school voucher plan that failed to pass during the regular session.

Abbott and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick are at odds over how to deliver more than \$17 billion in property tax relief, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

During the first special session, called immediately after the regular session ended May 29, the House of Representatives quickly passed a tax relief bill that Abbott supports, then adjourned. The governor said the measure could result in eventually eliminating property taxes. The Senate has not taken action. Patrick, who presides over the Senate, countered that eliminating all property taxes would

result in local sales taxes more than doubling to 19%.

"Whenever sales taxes underperform, property taxes will immediately go back up," Patrick tweeted.

Speaking before the Texas Public Policy Foundation last Friday, Abbott proposed reducing the overall tax burden through population growth and an expanded business market paying taxes.

"Texans want to own their own property, not rent it from government," Abbott said.

PUC chairman resigns from panel

Peter Lake has resigned as chairman of the Texas Public Utility Commission, effective July 1. Appointed in the aftermath of the widespread outages caused by Winter Storm Uri in February 2021, Lake oversaw the overhaul of the embattled

commission, including adopting weatherization standards for power plants and rebuilding the beleaguered Texas power grid, according to The Dallas Morning News.

"Together we've overcome sometimes seemingly insurmountable challenges and delivered on our promise to Texans that we'd keep the lights on," Lake said in a statement.

Meanwhile, another PUC commissioner appointed last August to the five-member board was unanimously confirmed by the Senate in the closing days of the regular session. Kathleen Jackson of Beaumont previously served on a number of boards and commissions, including the Texas Water Development Board.

Final COVID-19 workers' comp report

The workers' compensation

division of the Texas Department of Insurance has issued its final update of COVID-19 worker's comp claims. By April 30, insurance carriers reported nearly 100,000 COVID-19 claims and 472 fatalities. A little more than half of the overall claims and of the fatalities involved first responders and correctional officers.

Because of the low number of new claims, no further updates are anticipated.

Historic investments made in higher education

Texas higher education leaders appear pleased with funding allocated by the Legislature during the regular session, with a record \$5 billion allocated for the next two years.

"The 88th Legislature showed Texas' commitment to expanding opportunity through higher education and our determina-

tion to be at the forefront of higher education research, development, and innovation," said Commissioner Harrison Keller of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Several bills overhauled and increased state funding for community colleges and established the Texas University Fund to increase the state's investment in research at the state's public universities. Several other programs should expand access to higher education, including the Texas Leadership Scholars Program, as well as increased funding for student financial aid.

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 and Cedar Park. Email gborders@texaspress.com.



Friona blood donors Dale Schueler, George Frye, Mickey Harrelson, and Marca Lynn Herring were honored at the first annual Friona's Life Saving Blood Donor Awards Luncheon last Tuesday at the Farmwife Kitchen.

Life is Better with blood donors

Friona Community Blood Drive

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Thursday, June 15, 2023
2 P.M. - 7 P.M.

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Friona Blood Donors recognized at Luncheon

Our Blood Institute (OBI) and Coffee Memorial Blood Center hosted an awards luncheon last Tuesday at the Farmwife Kitchen to recognize the community of Friona for its willingness to help supply blood to needy patients around the panhandle. Friona has been one of the leading communities in the whole area in terms of blood donated and percentage of population donations.

Top Donors (lifetime donations) at the Friona Blood Drives include: Dale Schueler (77), Jackie Martin (72), Marca Lynn Herring (62), Roy Ramos (43), Linda Klinger (38), Mickey Harrelson (28), George Frye (28), Stormi Chocate (27), Kathryn Goddard (27), Loren Martin (23), Patricia Allen (22), Joyce Amaya (21), Cindy Alexander (15), Gayla Bucksath (13), Alan Monroe (12), Lindsey Hoyle (10), Efrain Santiago (9), David Clark (9).

Coffee Memorial

Blood Center relies solely on volunteer blood donors to meet the needs of patients at major hospitals across the High Plains region. Blood can be donated every 56 days. Platelets can be given as often as every seven days, up to

24 times a year. The Friona Community Blood Drive is Thursday, June 15th at the Calvary Baptist Fellowship Hall from 2 till 7 p.m. Please ask your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to donate!



Friona blood drive director Clint Mears was recognized for his work in organizing the five drives each year.

Xcel Energy plans solar plants, eyes battery storage in New Mexico and Texas

After extensive evaluation of proposals for new power generating resources, Xcel Energy has announced plans to move forward with three large solar generating facilities near existing power plants in its Texas-New Mexico service area and extend an existing power purchase contract for firm, dispatchable power generation.

A supplementary recommendation Xcel Energy is considering includes battery storage projects that can store energy generated for use in different time periods.

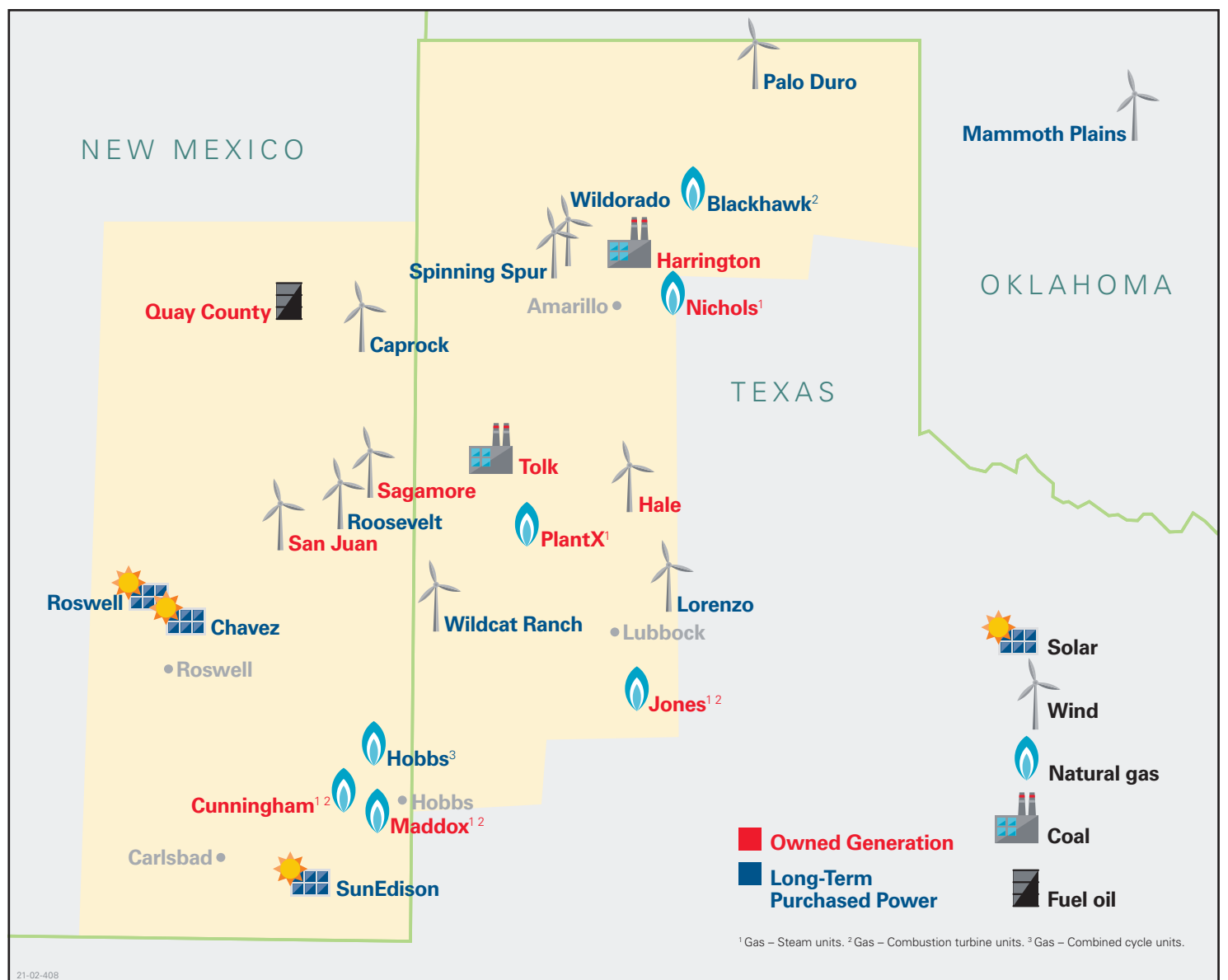
“As clean energy technologies evolve, a diverse resource mix is of vital importance to ensure continued high reliability while maintaining the affordability of the power we provide,” said Adrian J. Rodriguez, president, Xcel Energy – New Mexico, Texas. “Our region’s abundant sunshine provides some of the best solar power opportunities in the nation and these new projects help us fulfill commitments to our employees and host communities while utilizing one of our greatest natural resources.”

The new company-owned solar facilities would be located at Cunningham Generating Station near Hobbs,

New Mexico, and Plant X Generating Station near Earth, Texas. Both facilities currently house multiple natural gas-fueled generating units that were placed in service as far back 1950s and 1960s and have reliably served regional customers for decades. Locating solar facilities at these locations supports the existing workforce and host communities while saving customers money by using existing connections to the power grid.

Xcel Energy is also interested in installing battery resources on the system that can store energy generated by other power plants for later use. Proposals for four-hour duration battery storage will be further evaluated and potentially proposed to state regulators for approval, along with the solar facilities and power purchase agreement extension.

“We have a long and mutually beneficial relationship with communities near Cunningham and Plant X that have provided us with a talented workforce, and our investments provide tax revenue that helps our communities maintain services to their citizens,” Rodriguez said. “We’re excited about the



new opportunities that will extend these benefits into the future.”

Two solar plants near Hobbs would have a combined nameplate capacity of 268 megawatts and the facility at Plant X near Earth would be constructed with a nameplate capacity of 150 megawatts, providing enough clean solar energy to power about 140,000 typical Xcel Energy customer homes on

average. Given the intermittent nature of solar generation, total accredited capacity from these facilities would total approximately 280 megawatts.

More detail on the solar technologies to be used and the process for building the facilities at Cunningham and Plant X will be released later this summer when proposals are submitted to regulatory bodies in both New Mexico and Texas. Decisions would be expected in 2024 with the new solar plants in service by 2026 and 2027.

The projects were chosen from both internal and external proposals that were solicited through an all-source, competitive solicitation issued last fall, following review and agreement from an independent evaluator. Xcel Energy’s request for proposals

sought the best options for replacing retiring power plants with reliable and affordable generating resources. These projects were selected as the lowest cost power generating resources to continue reliable service to Xcel Energy’s Texas and New Mexico customers.

The selection process did not include proposals for replacing generating capacity from the planned 2028 retirement of two coal-fueled generators at Tolk Generating Station in Texas. Xcel Energy will take up this issue as part of its Integrated Resource Planning, or IRP, process and will file its IRP proposal in October 2023. This will be followed by another request for proposals to be issued in mid-2024 to select replacement resources for Tolk’s retiring coal generation.

Close to 40% of the re-

gion’s electricity is provided by renewable energy, mostly from area wind energy facilities. Xcel Energy has saved its customers close to \$700 million in generating costs from wind energy alone since 2019 and expects to realize even more savings by adding additional solar generating capacity. These investments are also moving Xcel Energy closer to the goal of reducing carbon emissions by 80% by 2030.

Clean energy, a smarter, more efficient power grid and more tools for customers to control their energy use and costs are part of a larger transformation of the region’s power system. More information on Xcel Energy’s plans for the future in Texas and New Mexico can be found at Our Energy Future for the Southwest at xcelenergy.com.



Chamber of Commerce Executive VP Emma Rector (left) and Mayor Greg Lewellen present Hi-Pro Feeds representative Varla Wilcox with a “Thank you” sign in recognition of the company’s donation of fish food for the semi-annual Youth Fishing Day event held in May and September at Reeve Lake.

THE FRIONA COURT COMPLEX IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR A COURT CLERK.

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Questions? Jamie Lewellen 806-206-0743
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13th "Seascapes" Exhibition Results Announced Santa Fe, New Mexico
 - Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery is pleased to announce its top ten June 2023 art exhibition award winners. An international online art competition was held in May 2023. The gallery received submissions from 14 different countries and received entries from 30 different states and the District of Columbia. Overall, 516 entries were judged for this art exhibition. Bovina artist Jim Bob Swafford was a "Top 10" award winner for "Fly By", an oil painting on a 2' x 4' canvas.



East Lake Allsup's reached Tallsup & Honcho flood stage levels this week after the multiple rainstorms.



Commissioner Charles Wilkins took this photo of a washed-out county road near Bovina.

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SCHOOL PHYSICALS

Fridays at the Clinic
 May 19 • June 9 • July 7 • Aug 4
9-11am and 2-4:30pm
** No appointment needed **

Parents need to be present. Snacks will be offered.

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FRIONA FIRST RESPONDERS MASS CASUALTY INCIDENT TRAINING EVENT (ACTIVE SHOOTER SCENARIO)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

JULY 29, 2023 @ 8 AM

- 40-60 Volunteers needed
- Ages 10 years old and up
- *** To register go to <https://www.cityoffriona.com/mci>

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EVENT DETAILS
 Mass Casualty Incident Training events are held to prepare our first responders in case of real emergency situation. By volunteering you can help us be prepared.

CHECK-IN
 Volunteers will need to arrive at the Friona High School at 7:30 am so we can check in and make sure everyone is registered and have liability waiver signed.

PREPARATION
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