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- **★ VETERANS DAY PROGRAM: ★**

Nov. 10th at 10:00pm in FHS GYM

Texas Election Results

November 7, 2023 **General Election** 254 of 254 Counties Reporting 4806 of 4806 Polling Locations Reporting

Texas Prop 1		
For	2,022,396	79.03%
Against	536,734	20.97%
Texas Prop 2		
For	1,626,303	64.78%
Against	884,196	35.22%
Texas Prop 3		
For	1,709,653	67.88%
Against	808,980	32.12%
Texas Prop 4		
For	2,118,086	83.43%
Against	420,537	16.57%
Texas Prop 5		
For	1,619,618	64.35%
Against	897,405	35.65%
Texas Prop 6		
For	1,966,508	77.64%
Against	566,241	22.36%
Texas Prop 7		
For	1,641,453	64.92%
Against	886,991	35.08%
Texas Prop 8		
For	1,747,713	69.45%
Against	768,928	30.55%
Texas Prop 9		
For	2,141,913	83.73%
Against	416,191	16.27%
Texas Prop 10		
For	1,368,072	54.99%
Against	1,119,878	45.01%
Texas Prop 11		
For	1,524,137	63.34%
Against	882,008	36.66%
Texas Prop 12		
For	1,210,650	52.94%
Against	1,076,247	47.06%
Texas Prop 13		
For	931,115	37.31%
Against	1,564,688	62.69%
Texas Prop 14		
For	1,925,767	76.51%
Against	591,128	23.49%



Punkin' Chunkin'



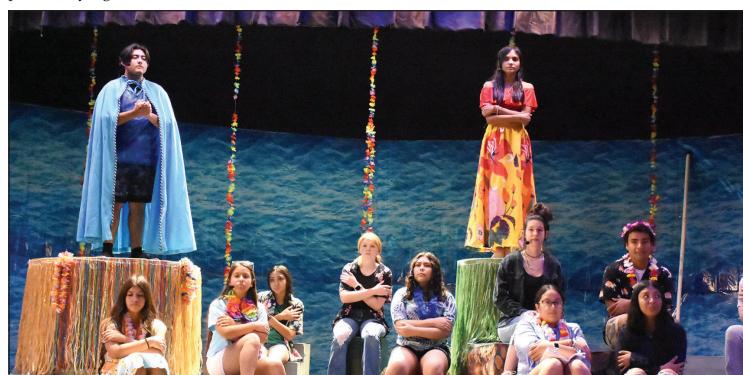
The WT College of Engineering just wrapped up its annual Punkin' Chunkin' competition. The event featured students, in teams of up to five members, using human-powered launchers (catapults, slingshots or trebuchets) to hurl small pumpkins more than

100 yards to a designated target. Students got points for how close to the bull's eye they managed to hit, so the competition rewarded accuracy over distance or power.

The first-place team was "Brothers" which included (l-r) Gabriel Abarca, sophomore pre-engineering major from Friona; Javier Mendoza, sophomore preengineering major from Dimmitt; Brayden Horton, freshman preengineering major from Midland; and Anthony Abarca, sophomore engineering tech major from Friona.



Run to daylight — Friona running back Cade Seaman (1,124 rushing yards and 13 touchdowns) will lead the ground attack as the Chieftains battle the Roosevelt Eagles in a Bi-District Playoff matchup. Game time is 7:00 p.m. Friday night at Hornet Field in Tulia, Texas.



Coming to a Theatre Near You — The cast and crew of FHS Theatre have been hard at work putting the finishing touches on this year's musical, Once on This Island. Performance dates and times are listed at left.



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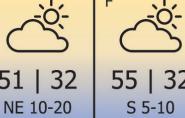
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Friona Weather November 9-15











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Community Calendar

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November 10

• Veterans Day Program 10 a.m. at Friona High School Activities Center

November 11

• Veterans Day

November 13

 Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

November 14

 Packing bags for Snack Pak 4 Kids[®] at 3 p.m. north door on 9th street of the Friona Methodist Church

November 15

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

November 16

- Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center
- Bingo Night at Legacy 6:00 p.m.

November 19

• Community Thanksgiving Service 6 p.m. at Victory Family Worship Center

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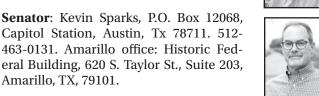
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State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



Special session likely to end with no voucher deal

As the clock ran down on the Legislature's third special session, Texas House and Senate leaders exchanged barbs over Gov. Greg Abbott's school choice bill and border security proposals, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

In a social media post, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick said House Speaker Dade Phelan "wasted another special session" as that chamber failed to even consider Abbott's measure to use public money for private tuition, commonly known as vouch-

The Senate early in the session passed a school choice measure that has gone nowhere in the House, where a combination of Democrats and rural Republican lawmakers have stood firm in opposition to vouchers since the regular session began in January.

Caught in the rift between the two chambers' leaders is a House border security bill that originally allowed law enforcement officers to expel anyone who illegally crosses the border. Patrick led efforts in the Senate to change the bill to require officers to hand over illegal migrants to federal authorities.

"The Speaker is desperate to improve his border credentials with conservatives and sent the House version of HB4 over to the Senate," Patrick said. "The bill's author claimed it's the toughest border bill ever, but it is simply a Texas-sized catch-and-release bill."

Phelan called the Senate's revamped version "a long-term, statefunded hospitality program for illegal immigrants" and said the House would not accept the Senate's version, the Statesman reported.

Abbott is considered likely soon to call a fourth special session.

Texas is world's Bitcoin mining capital

For better or worse, Texas is now the Bitcoin mining capital of the world, which could have an impact on the ERCOT-run power grid, according to The News.

Bitcoin mining requires vast amounts of electricity. Companies are also earning millions of dollars in energy credits by voluntarily shutting down when the grid is reaching capacity. For example, a large-scale Bitcoin operation in Rockdale received \$31.7 million in energy credits for powering down nearly four times what it made actually mining Bitcoin that month, according to Texas Monthly.

Bitcoin mining companies in Texas now account for about half of all Bitcoin mining in the United States, which also makes it the world leader. Bitcoin mining accounts for up to 3% of industrial power usage in Texas, according to The News.

State funding doesn't cover school security mandates

New laws that require school districts to enact a number of safety measures in the wake of the Uvalde school shooting are costing school districts far more than the \$1.4 billion that was allocated, superintendents across the state told the Texas Tribune.

A measure that would have allocated an additional \$4.5 billion died because of squabbling over voucher programs, and the same appears to be likely in the latest special session.

Hearne ISD superintendent Adrain Johnson said his rural district has been forced to spend its own money on new safety measures.

"It's disappointing that we didn't get the funding to do it at a level that doesn't hurt the district and allows us to keep most of our funding dedicated to the education of children," he said.

Texas still top state for domestic migration

Texas in 2022 continued to be the leading destination for people moving to another state in the U.S., according to the Texas Demographic Center.

"Texas has consistently been one of the fastest-growing states in the country, and the flow of individuals and families moving to the Lone Star State has played a pivotal role in this growth," according to the TDC.

Most of the people moving to Texas came from California, Florida, Oklahoma and Colorado, the report said.

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State Sales Tax Revenue Totaled \$3.8 B in October

Comptroller Texas Glenn Hegar announced that state sales tax revenue totaled \$3.81 billion in October, down 0.3 percent from October 2022. The majority of October sales tax revenue is based on sales made in September and remitted to the agency in October.

"For the first time in 31 months following the end of pandemic monthly restrictions, state sales tax collec-

tions failed to grow on an annual basis," Hegar said. "October sales tax collections are in line with our recent Certification Revenue Estimate, which predicted slower economic growth in the months ahead. Contributing to the year-over-year decline was erratic refund activity this month, as well as notable declines in receipts from some sectors which could indicate a slowing economy.

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in October 2023 was up 2.7 percent compared with the same period a year ago. Sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 57 percent of all tax collections. Texas collected the

following revenue from other major taxes: (1) motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$606 million, up 3 percent from

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October 2022; (2) motor fuel taxes - \$316 million, up 1 percent from October 2022; (3) oil production tax — \$586 million, up 8 percent from October 2022; (4) natural gas production tax - \$192 million, down 53 percent from October 2022; (5) hotel occupancy tax — \$67 million, up 2 percent from October 2022; and, (6) alcoholic beverages taxes — \$154 million, up 2 percent from October 2022.

TEXAS

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by Charley & Guy Orbison

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Courthouse Notes

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from October 27, 2023 to November 2, 2023

(10/27/23) Jayson Kent Grimsley, Estate of Wyndol David Grimsley — Cody Grimsley, Erin Grimsley — The West 35' of Lot 25, All of Lots 26 and 27, and the East 10' of Lot 28, Block 3, Western Addition to the City of Friona, Parmer County, Texas

(10/31/23) Deborah Williams, Amanda Gail Mitchell — David George Mitchell, Amanda Gail Mitchell — A Tract on State Line Strip Addition City of Farwell, Parmer County, Texas

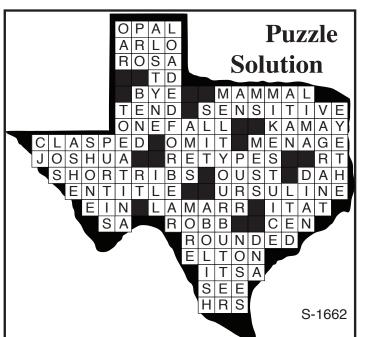




FIRST COTTON... Charles Bass, right, marketed the first bale of cotton for Friona, 1973, when he brought a bale to Friona Farmers Co-op Gin on Friday, November 2. The gin had ginned another handful of bales on Thursday, before wet conditions moved into the area Friday morning. Gin manager Tom Byars is shown with Bass. (Friona Star, Sunday, November 11, 1973)

Come have Fun with us at Malouf's Fabric These are the classes scheduled this fall November 10 & 11: Handi Quilter Education Event November 18: Crazy Quilt Stocking



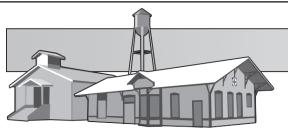


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TOWN TALK

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Veterans Day Program — The FISD Veterans Day program is set for 10:00 a.m. on Friday, November 10th in the main gym at the FHS Activities Center.

 $\star\star\star$ **Pass the Word** — The Annual Community Thanksgiving Service is at Victory Church on Sunday, November 19, at 6:00 p.m. The service is hosted by the Friona Christian Ministries, and is always an uplifting time of worshipping the Lord Jesus as a community of believers. An offering will be taken which will be used to help people throughout the year in our community with basic needs. There will also be a snack food fellowship following the service at the church. You are invited to bring your favorite snacks to share in the fellowship time afterwards.

The Band Played On — The band rocked it Friday night as they brought their award win-

ning program back to Chieftain Field, and did so in style. Also, band boosters would like to thank everyone who purchased pulled-pork sandwiches at their fundraiser a couple of weeks ago. Special thanks to Friona Vocational Agriculture Association members for cooking.

Prairie/Legacy News — Alex Shipp is the Prairie Acres Resident of the Month for November. The Employee of the Month is Karina Santiago, who works in the nursing department and joined the staff in May of 2023.

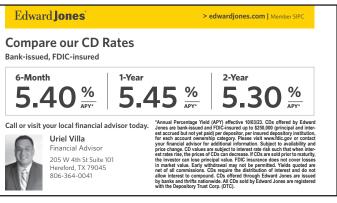
Thanks to the kids (and parents) who joined us on Halloween for Trunk or Treat. Special thanks to the Parmer County Sheriff's Office for organizing the event.

A Thanksgiving meal is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14th at 6:30 p.m. and Bingo Night is November 16th at 6:00 p.m.

Special Session #4 — On Tuesday, Governor Greg Abbott today Special Session #4 and issued a proclamation identifying agenda items for that special session which begins at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 7. Agenda items will pertain to Education and Border Security.

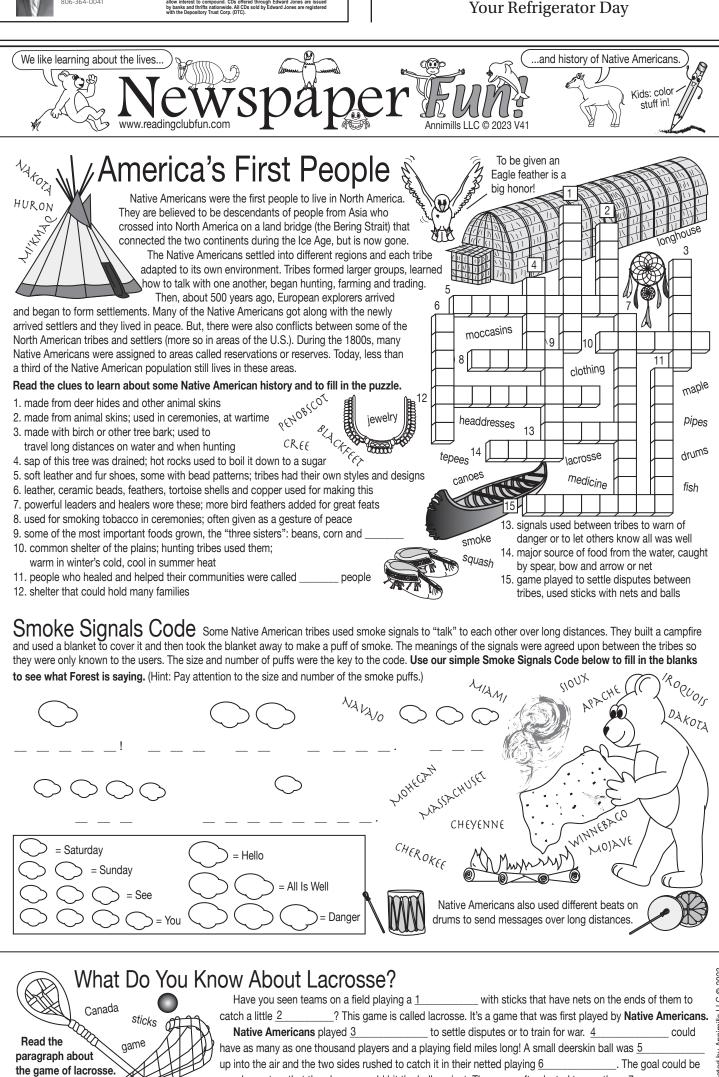
United Fund applications due Wednesday — The United Fund of Friona organization is currently taking applications for possible funding. The form can be found on page 11. Applications are due by 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at the FISD boardroom. Applicants must have a representative show up in person with their application.

Pun Fun — Americans prefer houses with basements. In fact, they're best cellars! Source: www.pun.me



National Days

November 9 — World Adoption Day
November 10 — Civic Pride Day
November 11 — Veterans Day
November 12 — French Dip Day
November 13 — World Kindness Day
November 14 — Seat Belt Day
November 15 — Clean Out



a rock or a tree that the players would hit the ball against. The game often lasted two or three 7

Today, as you can guess, lacrosse is not as punishing as it once was. It is very popular in 8

_ in the United States. It is popular along the

from sunrise to sunset. It was a rough game and there were many injuries.

Northeastern coast and is spreading to other states as well.

and is played in many high schools and 9

5 teaspoons gluten-free or all-purpose flour

(dish will not be GF if using AP flour)

8oz shredded cheddar cheese, divided

2 cups milk, divided (I use skim)

1/3 cup light sour cream

1/4 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon pepper

Small Town Cookin' By Jeri Lynn White

Healthy Comfort Foods

This week I found a healthier version of chicken broccoli casserole. Rather than using canned soup, this recipe makes a homemade cheese sauce. Also, it exchanges brown rice for white rice. These couple of changes make this version a little better for you. As noted, if you use the all-purpose flour, it will not be gluten free.

Healthy Cheesy Chicken and Broccoli-Rice Casserole

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Ingredients

- 2 cups long grain brown rice
- 4 cups chicken broth
- 4 cups broccoli florets (about 1 small head)
- 2 green onions, chopped
- 1 teaspoon extra virgin olive oil
- 1lb chicken breasts, chopped into bite-sized pieces salt, pepper, garlic powder

Directions - Add chicken broth to a large pot then bring to a boil and add rice. Cover then turn heat down to medium-low and cook according to package directions. When rice has 5 minutes left to cook add broccoli and green onions then replace lid and continue cooking until rice and vegetables are tender. Meanwhile, heat extra virgin olive oil in a large skillet over mediumhigh heat. Add chicken, sea-

1/4 teaspoon garlic powder son with salt, pepper, and garlic powder, then sauté until cooked through. Remove to a plate then set aside. Turn heat down to medium then very carefully wipe skillet out with a dry paper towel. In a small dish, whisk together flour and 1/2 cup milk then pour mixture into skillet. Add remaining 1-1/2 cups milk then cook

mixture while stirring constantly

until thickened, 7-10 minutes. Remove skillet from heat then add 3/4 of the shredded cheese, sour cream, salt, pepper, and garlic powder, and then stir until smooth. Preheat broiler. Combine cooked rice and broccoli mixture with the cheese sauce and cooked chicken then scoop mixture into a nonstick sprayed 9x13 baking dish and top with remaining cheese. Broil until cheese is melted then let casserole rest for 5 minutes before serving.

Happy Birthday

Serafin Vazquez, Jr. Gladys Spring Teena Nunley Daniel Wiseman Martha Rodriguez Max Reeve **Brad TeBeest** Dan Allum

Nov. 10

Blake Michael Acker

Gene Zachary Tim Boeckman Shane Blackburn Daniel Schueler **Justin Daniel** Donna Brooks **Anthony Downs** Paige Michelle Burney Kamden Lewis Neill

Nov. 11

Tracy Ellis **Brent Beene Bobby Broyles** Johnny Douglas Javier Correa Michelle Downs Rodrick Drummond Erica Stewart

> Nov. 12 Victor Gonzalez

Saima Rivera

Nov. 13

Seth Hoyle **Emma Huckins** Linda Murphree Glenda Procter Sophee Beyers

Nov. 14

Jeremy Hart **Aubrey Schueler** Madyson Vazquez Amy (Taylor) Rambo **Teddy King** Machele Broyles Felicia (Lafuente) Cortez Kay Snead Phil Banner Paizley Wren Crissey Barrick Felicia (Lafuente) Cortez

Nov. 15

Cherry Wells Yvonne Jones Terry Wilcox **Brian Scott** Kristin (Butman) Meeks

To have your birthdays listed in the newspaper, email them to frionastar@wtrt.net or call: 806.250.5200

Tommie turns 90





Family, friends, coworkers, and former "patients" dropped by the Friona Senior Citizens Center last Saturday to wish Tommie Mercer a Happy 90th Birthday. Attendees enjoyed visiting, singing "Happy Birthday", cake and punch, and a buffet of snack foods. In the photo above, Tommie visits with Kevin Wiseman (left) and Jerry Shelton (right).

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Gas prices continue decline

By Gas Buddy

Average gasoline prices in Texas fell 10.8 cents last week, averaging \$2.83 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Prices in Texas are 39.5 cents lower than a month ago and stand 30.1 cents lower than a year ago. According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is \$2.19 while the most expensive is \$5.39 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline fell 7.0 cents last week, averaging \$3.38 per gallon. The national average is down 32.8 cents from a month ago and stands 40.6 cents lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel fell 6.6 cents last week and stands at \$4.38 per gallon.

"For the seventh straight week, we've seen the national average price of gasoline decline. With cooler weather comes cooler gasoline prices, and as we inch closer to the Thanksgiving holiday, prices will continue to fall virtually coast to coast. Eight states are now seeing average gas prices below \$3 per gallon," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

"While the national average is now at its lowest since March, the decline is likely to continue for at least another couple of weeks, with California likely soon falling below \$5, while more states fall under \$3. Millions of Americans already have access to \$2.99/gal or cheaper, and I expect that number to continue to grow this week."

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

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It's Time...

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Time is relentlessly ticking away, minute by minute, second by second, moment by moment. Resisting time's forward march is vain, reminiscing in time gone by is both bitter and sweet, but looking at the time at hand is essential for believers who will make an impact for Christ. The Bible speaks a great deal about time, looking at the beginning of time, warning of your appointment with death and judgment, pointing out there is a time for every season, and it proclaims that it is time to

wake up. Romans 13:11-14 says Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Jesus did not save you to slumber into eternity, but Jesus has given saints life abundant, life eternal, and a clear mission to spread the gospel to the ends of the earth. Now is the time to wake up, turn from sin, live today to the full, because tomorrow is never promised but is so often taken for granted. Therefore, grow in your relationship with Christ, pray and strive for greater gospel impact on others, and remain faithful until your time is up, or until the time of Christ's return arrives.

Panhandle Parables

Safely Home

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

Our nation will pause this week to honor those men and women of our Armed Services whose lives thankfully did not end on some foreign battlefield. In the simplest of terms, they made it home and for that we are truly grateful. Many of us are alive because a mom or dad was able to serve and come home. I wish that each homecoming had been a grand affair, but Vietnam is a reminder that thankfulness was not on everyone's mind as they returned. Yet, they still answered the call and fought for those who disagreed with their mission. It was not theirs to decide only to execute to the best of their ability. Today, however, we should be grateful blessed to have their experience guide us forward.

Veterans are truly a blessing, and their insight has benefited this country with each one that returns. Many return bearing the weight of some very difficult experiences. Some of those experiences cost them physically and many more emotionally. Most of those experiences were not of their choosing, but because they answered the calling to serve a greater cause than themselves, our freedom.

I am thankful I live here in Friona where we honor those who have valiantly served in our defense. God has always desired us to remember sacrifice and honor, especially those worthy of the word honor because of their sacrifice. My prayer this Veterans Day is that we greet as many veterans as possible and thank each one for giving up so much and asking so little. May we support those who need our help. May we do for those who can no longer do for themselves, and may we forever remember the freedom given us by those who did serve.

So, Veterans, a humble heartfelt thank you. Please know you are valued and appreciated for your service, and we are truly blessed that you are here. You are honored on Veterans Day, but for many of us you are remembered every day. God bless all who have served.

Stay Out of Trouble

By Teena Hughs

for their return and are

My Aunt Lucille is 80 years old. Right now, she is in the Methodist Hospital in San Antonio. She will be there until early next week, at least, but she feels good enough to text friends and post congratulations to Uvalde's new mayor on facebook!

She really is a walking miracle. Twenty to twenty-five years ago, she went through a horrific battle with cancer. She had symptoms that would send most women to the doctor immediately, but not her. She waited four years until the pain got unbearable, and then she went to the hospital.

So, you would think she would watch for every pain and ache, and if something was continuous, she would go to the doctor. But no, she waited until the pain got almost unbearable again.

Come to find out, she was diagnosed with a hernia some time earlier this year. Her doctor told her it needed to be tended to, but she informed him she was 80 years old, and she wasn't going to do anything about it. Now, it looks like she has

another hernia. I am not sure what the doctors are waiting on, but they are trying to avoid surgery at this point because it would be "major" sur-

On the way home from Bible study tonight, Feller made the comment that if you don't listen to the doctor, and you don't take care of yourself based on the doctor's advice, you might end up in trouble, and I said, "and you can't blame the doctor!"

The same is true about God's Word. If you read it, study it, know it fairly well, and you don't live it, you might end up in trouble, and you can't blame God!

If you don't follow God's commands about lying, cheating, stealing, murder, sexual immorality, treating others the way you want to be treated, loving God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, etc., how can you expect God to come to your rescue and make everything all right when you get in trouble for violating His com-

mands?

If you don't listen to

God and let Him guide you and direct your life, you are going to end up in trouble in some form or fashion. It may be that you have regrets; it may be a loss of relationships; it may be that you can't forgive yourself; it may be any number of things like going to jail or pris-

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You may feel ostracized for following God's Word in this day and time; you may feel like you don't fit in with certain groups; you may wonder if it is worth the effort to follow God's Word, but I assure you it is!!!

God has told us how to live. We know where we can go to find the instructions, and the consequences for not following those instructions. If we want to stay out of trouble, it is best to obey His instructions. They are for our good! We just have to choose to follow them and experience the benefits and rewards of doing so!!!

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November Bible Verse

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 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NIV

¹⁶ Estén siempre alegres, 17 oren sin cesar, 18 den gracias a Dios en toda situación, porque esta es su voluntad para ustedes en Cristo Jesús.

1 Tesalonicenses 5:16-18 NVI



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4-H Food Challenge Contest

By Wendy Case

District 2 4-H held their Food Challenge contest on October 30th, in Levelland. Parmer County had 3 intermediate teams compete. This was the first year for all 12 team members to compete in this contest. Parmer 2 (The Cowgirl Cookers) placed FIRST in the Side Dish 2 category; Parmer 3

(The Dicers) placed THIRD in the Side Dish 3 category; Parmer 1 competed in the Main Dish category but just barely missed placing in the top 3. Special thanks to Ashley Nichols for coaching these teams and to Camille Osterkamp for making their team aprons. We are very proud of all their hard work!



Parmer 1 – Krispy Kitchens (l-r) Millie Nichols, Joleigh Jourden, Cheyenne Black, and Casen Williams.



Parmer 2 – Cowgirl Cookers (l-r) Jaycee Ware, Libby Carpenter, Lyla Osterkamp, and Abbey Urbantke.



Parmer 3 – The Dicers (l-r) Connal Hettinga, Kelsi Pierce, Josie Dyck, and Maci Grant.

What is Food Challenge?

4-H Food Challenge is a contest that allows 4-H members to demonstrate their culinary knowledge and skills. From a set of predetermined ingredients provided, teams of 3 to 4, 4-H members must develop a recipe and prepare the dish within 40 minutes. Teams then make a presentation to a judging panel, explaining My Plate knowledge, nutrition value, preparation steps, serving size, and food safety

concerns. District 2 had 589 4-H members participate in this contest. It is the largest contest that D2 hosts.

If anyone is interested in joining 4-H, they can go online to https://texas.4honline.com and register or they can contact the Parmer County Extension office at 806-251-5120. Wendy Case is a Parmer County Extension Agent and coordinates Family and Community Health programs.

Always Faithful

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith



On November 10, the U.S. Marine Corps will celebrate its 248th birthday. History.com says "During the American Revolution, the Continental Congress passe[d] a resolution... 'two Battalions of Marines be raised' for service as landing forces for the recently formed Continental Navy. The

resolution, drafted by future U.S. president John Adams and adopted in Philadelphia, created the Continental Marines, and is now observed as the birth date of the United States Marine Corps." That position conforms to their motto of Semper Fidelis— a promise—to be "Always Faithful."

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends USMC: United States Marine Corps- A Complete History by Jon J. Hoffman.

Source: History Matters: Showing our children that their past is prelude to their future at the gratefula mericanbookprize.com website.

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Lions Club News



District 2-T1 Governor Ryan Monroe and 2nd Vice District Governor 2-T1 Deanna Porter were the special guests at the Noon Lions Club meeting last Monday at the Farmwife Kitchen restaurant. DG Monroe encouraged the club to add at least two new members each year to help keep District 2-T1 strong. **Photo above** — (l-r) DG Ryan Monroe, Noon Lions Sweetheart Amy Montana, and 2nd VDG Deanna Porter. **Photo below** — Noon Lions Club member Clint Mears receives a Zone Chairman lapel pin from DG Monroe.



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Sports News



High School Football

Cade Seaman rushed for 113 vards and a touchdown as the Chieftains fell to Childress 43-18 in the final regular season game of the year. Carson Seaman ran for one touchdown and passed to Jonathan Gonzalez for the other to round out the scoring for the Chiefs. On defense, Deiter Ally led the way with 13 tackles and a quarterback sack. Damian Sanchez recorded 9 tackles and Isaac Olmos had 7 tackles. The Chiefs finished the regular season at 5-5 and 3-2 in District 3-3A. They are the #3 playoff seed

and will play Lubbock Roosevelt in the Bi-District Playoffs. Game time is 7:00 p.m. Friday night at Hornet Field in Tulia, Texas. Go Big Red!!!

Junior High Football

Fernando Moreno caught the winning touchdown pass with five seconds left in the game as the 7th grade Braves edged Childress 20-14 in an exciting finish to the football season. Eli Rosales scored the first touchdown on a 6 yard run but the conversion failed. Marcelo Leon ran 41 yards for the second touchdown but that conversion attempt also

failed. With time running out, Rosales passed 26 yards to Moreno who scored the winning touchdown. Rosales ran for the two point conversion. For the game, Rosales passed for 103 yards and ran for 73 yards. Leon ran for 65 yards and caught 5 passes for 49 yards. The 7th grade Braves finished the season at 4-5 and 2-3 in District for 3rd place.

The 8th grade Braves defeated Childress 24-14 in the season finale last Thursday at Chieftain Field. Octavio Arias scored the first touchdown on a 3 yard run and Jeremy Polk

ran for the two point conversion. Polk scored Friona's next two touchdowns on runs of 5 yards and 4 yards. Hector Aguirre ran for the first conversion and Arias ran for the second. Aguirre led the team with 87 yards rushing. Arias ran for 72 yards and Polk added 54 yards. The 8th grade Braves finished the season at 8-1 and 4-1 in District for 2nd place.

High School Volleyball

In a rematch from last year, the Friona Squaws (32-10) were defeated by the Alpine Lady Bucks 0-3 (16-25, 17-25, 21-25) in the Area round of the playoffs. The Squaws finished the season with a record of 32-10. They finished 2nd in District 1-3A and were Bi-District Champions. Congratulations on another great year!!!

Cross Country

Yvonne Legarreta made her fourth appearance at Old Settler's Park in Round Rock last Friday morning as she competed in the Womens 2 Mile event at the 3A Cross Country State Championships. Yvonne ran a personal best 11:45.1 to finish in 5th place. She had the fastest time of any runner from Region 1.



2023 Friona Sqaws Volleyball Team | Record: 32-10 | Bi-District Champions

Little Chiefs Football



3rd & 4th Grade | 2nd Place | Championship Bracket - Back Row, Coaches (l-r) Isaias Olmos, Lionel Carrillo, Daniel Hancock, Andrew Aguirre, Daniel Martinez, Herman Marquez. **Middle Row (l-r)** Isael Olmos, Jeremiah Garcia, Jayden Hancock, Hordan Harl, Noble Hancock, Lorenzo Carrillo, Eli Rocha, Matthew Marquez. **Front Row (l-r)** Marco Arias, Yadriel Faudoa, DJ Shelby, Dylan Mendez, Bash Aragon, Mason Hancock, Maylk Miller.



5th & 6th Grade | 1st Place | Medal Division Bracket - Back Row (l-r) Roman Salinas, Alfredo Chavez, Gabriel Garcia, Julian Guerra, Aron Rueda, Vicente Quintana, Juan Faudoa, Matteo Jaramillo. Front Row (l-r) Logan Tyler, Yuvia Arias, Jace Jarecki, Isziah DeLaCruz, Joel Ramos, Yadir Faudoa, Anthony Marquez. Coaches (l-r) Daniel Martinez and Herman Marquez.

Special thanks to all the sponsors and parents. Also thanks to Carrie Arias for helping with the snacks.

Friona 18 Childress 43

Scoring Summary

1st Quarter C — Dareon Mathis 10 yard run

(Alejandro Romero PAT good) **2nd Quarter**

C — Scout Smith 1 yard run (Alejandro Romero PAT good) C — Isaiah Jalomo 77 yard pass from Drake

Rabe (Alejandro Romero PAT good)

F — Carson Seaman 8 yard run (2

point conversion no good)

C — Dareon Mathis 6 yard run (Alejandro Romero PAT good)

3rd Quarter

F — 4 Yard Touchdown Run by Cade Seaman (PAT no good)

4th Quarter

Rushing Stats

 C — Alejandro Romero 40 yard field goal

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F — Jonathan Gonzalez 33 yard pass from Carson Seaman (2 point conversion no good)

C — Logan Oldham 1 yard run (PAT no good)

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Yards allowed; Rushing 154, Passing 226, Total 380

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Anthony Marquez was named Offensive MVP for the 5/6 grade team.

November 14th Playa Field Day focused on migration

Well-timed with the arrival of migrating ducks, geese and sandhill cranes and the beginning of seasons here in the High Plains, Ogallala Commons will be hosting a Playa Field Day on Tuesday, November 14 in Canyon.

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Kevin Kraai, Canyon-based Texas Parks and Wildlife waterfowl program leader, and Jim Steiert, playa author and outdoor writer from Hereford, will offer a survey of waterfowl that are currently migrating to the Panhandle-South Plains, and sights and sounds of some of the duck

species involved.

At 11 a.m., a chicken fried steak lunch will be served to attendees, catered by Feldman's Wrong Way Diner. At 11:45 a.m., the group will depart for a Field Trip to Stewart Dike at Buffalo Lake National Wildlife Refuge, 13 miles up the road at Umbarger. The program concludes at 1:30 p.m.

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December 5	Adrian	-	-	5:30	6:45
December 7-9	@ Smyer Tournament	-	-	TBA	TBA
December 12	Littlefield*	-	5:00	-	6:30
December 12	@ Amherst	-	5:00	-	6:15
December 15	@ Muleshoe*	5:00	-	6:30	-
December 15	Ralls	-	5:00	-	6:15
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December 27-28	@ Hale Center Tournament	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
January 2	@ Brownfield*	5:00	5:00	6:15	7:30
January 5	Dimmitt*	5:00	5:00	6:15	7:30
January 9	Morton	5:00	5:00	6:15	7:30
January 12	@ Lamesa*	5:00	5:00	6:15	7:30
January 16	@ Littlefield*	5:00	5:00	6:15	7:30
January 19	Muleshoe*	5:00	5:00	6:15	7:30
January 23	@ Denver City*	5:00	5:00	6:15	7:30
January 26	Brownfield*	5:00	5:00	6:15	7:30
January 30	@ Dimmitt*	5:00	5:00	6:15	7:30
February 2	OPEN	-	-	-	-
February 6	Lamesa*	5:00	5:00	6:15	7:30
February 9	Littlefield*	-	5:00	-	6:15
February 13	@ Muleshoe*	-	5:00	-	6:15
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Applications are due by 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at the FISD boardroom. Applicants must have a representative show up in person with their application.



Obituary



Mildred Watkins Mingus (Mimi)

Mildred Watkins Mingus (Mimi) after a long life of almost 102 years is in the arms of Jesus. She died on November 3, 2023 in her home in Ennis, Texas. Celebration of Life Memorial Services will be held on what would have been her 102nd birthday, at 1:30 PM Thursday, November 9, 2023 at First Baptist Church in Friona. Services will be livestreamed at https:// fbcfriona.com/livestream and other First Baptist Church social media platforms. Local arrangements by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

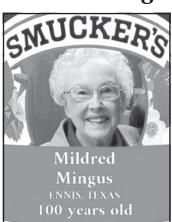
Mildred was born on November 9, 1921 to Robert E Lee Watkins (dob 11/15/1881) and Myra Elizabeth (Johnson) Watkins (dob 03/04/1885) at home in the small town of Washita, Arkansas, the seventh of eight children. She spent her childhood days watching her mother serve as the town postmaster, running the post office out of their house while her father worked on the farm.

She had a hard life growing up on the farm with no electricity or indoor plumbing. There was one store, which carried everything from gas and kerosene to vegetables, candy, fabric and most everything a family would need. Sometimes with permission she would go to the hen house and get an egg and go to the store

and buy a candy bar. Despite her hard life and loss of her parents at a young age, she was able to survive and thrive. She was exceptionally bright. She skipped the third grade, was the Valedictorian of the 8th grade class and went on to graduate as Salutatorian from Prescott High School Prescott, Arkansas. Mildred continued her studies at Draughon's Business School in Little Rock, Arkansas, where she worked as a dental technician in exchange for room and board. She even learned how to make false teeth! When the war started, an Army Cadet Corps came and offered free nurses training. She was ready to try a better career and moved to Dallas, Texas, where she graduated as a Registered Nurse from Dallas Methodist School of Nursing in

1946. An advertisement in the Dallas paper needing nurses at the Parmer County Hospital in Friona, Texas caught her eye. She got on the train and headed to Friona where she worked at the hospital, which was an old barracks. Like a movie scene from a Hollywood love story, that move, a West Texas storm, and a chance encounter led Mildred to meet the love of her life, Lloyd Calvin ("Mickey") Mingus who was a farmer in Friona.

They married in Carlsbad,



New Mexico on August 6, 1947. They bought land and built a home where they raised two children on the farm. She was able to be a stay at home mom after Mickey asked her to quit working.

Mildred was an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Friona. She was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church, Friona where she gave her life to Jesus and was baptized there. When her children moved away and her husband had died March 4, 2000, she had an opportunity to lease and sell her home and move to Ennis, Texas to live with Janet and her husband Fred in June 2009. She became a faithful member of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Ennis, Texas where she became friends with many in her Sunday School class. She truly loved the Lord and loved reading her Bible.

She was very active up into her late 90's and still had her driver's license although her driving was limited to her weekly beauty shop appointment and of course CVS! She even had the distinction of being the oldest registered voter in Ellis County last year! She would most always greet people with that great big smile and say, "Did you know I am 101 and have all my teeth?!" Her sense of humor made everyone smile. Her hair was always perfectly coiffed, and a day never went by that her nails weren't painted the perfect shade of pink that she did herself! She was amazingly stylish in her beautiful clothes, fine jewelry and shoes as a young woman and until her final days, which she adamantly told us, "They were too pretty to be buried in." Shopping was always fun with Mimi. In her last years, she would "shop" in her hundreds of catalogs, that to her delight, came daily in the mail. Mimi's giblet gravy was the best ever! Her recipe is now in the hands of her granddaughter, Christy! She enjoyed crocheting, sewing, clipping coupons, solving crossword and word search puzzles and watching Wheel of Fortune. Mimi loved saving money with her coupons, especially at CVS. One of the things she was proud to stock up on was toilet paper that was on sale. We would tease her about this, but she got the last laugh when the pandemic came and she had a closet full of toilet paper for all of us! Her spiritual

gift was giving, and many

were blessed by her generosity. She really loved her egg drop soup from The Wall in Ennis who loved making it for Mimi.

Mildred loved music and instilled that love of music into her children who are still using their God-given musical talents. Mildred loved her grandchildren. Her oldest granddaughter, Carly, named her Mimi. Then everyone began affectionately calling her Mimi. Each of her granddaughters were special to her. As Mimi began to age, she shuffled as she walked, and Kimberly nicknamed her "Scoots"! She especially loved her great grandchildren. For every occasion she would give PEZ and M&M's to them. Mimi will be forever remembered and missed by all who were blessed to know her. What a legacy she left behind!

She is preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd "Mickey" "Papaw" Mingus, her parents, and brothers - Richard, Grover, and Norman. Sisters - Mozelle Gill, Pauline Booth, Freida Burrow, and Willadeen Lockhart and her son-in law Fred Rose, June 2, 2017.

She is survived by her daughter Janet (Rose) Thomas and husband Bob (Ennis, Texas), son Gary Mingus and wife Suzi (Ennis, Texas). Granddaughters Carly Porter and husband Josh (Robinson, Texas), Kimberly Koerner and husband Jeff (Dallas, Texas), Christy Williams husband Clint (Houston, Texas). Great grandsons Jonathan Porter, Caleb Koerner, Jake Porter, and one Koerner to be added soon, and great granddaughter Millie Williams. She also leaves behind a bonus grandson Blake Thomas and wife Lexi (Waco, Texas) and bonus great grandson Charlie Thomas. Also, numerous nieces and nephews and of course our little Maltese, Maggie Pearl.

A special thank you to Hospice Plus nurses for loving and taking care of our mama - Betty Gage, Paula Rogers, and Candi Underwood and Shannon Price nurse aide and many others who came to care for her. Finally, a special thank you to J. E. Keever Mortuary, Inc. in Ennis, Texas.

Flowers are appreciated; however, in lieu of flowers, you may make a contribution in her memory to First Baptist Church, 404 W 5th Street, Friona, TX 79035 or Tabernacle Baptist Church Generosity (Kingdom Fund), P.O. Box 117, Ennis, TX 75120.

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



Friona Elementary Pumpkin Contest

By Rosa Cigarroa

Friona Elementary hosted a Pumpkin Contest October 23-27, 2023. The contest was for 2nd Grade through 5th Grade students and staff members. We had 60 entries in all. I would like to thank all the students who participated in the contest. Also, I would like to thank Sandra Berend, Marie Samarron, John Torres, and the Lineage for serving as our judges. These are the photos of our Pumpkin Contest Winners for this year.

Staff — (l-r) Nancy Rosales 2nd Place (Monopoly), Mrs. Santiago (Scared Pumpkin), Alexis Salas (Sam Trick or Treat), Elide Aviles 3rd Place (Lighting Mc-Queen), Katie Gilley (Spaaahhh Day!), Rafael Calvillo 1st Place (Evil Queen), Mrs. Apodaca (Pretty in Pink).





2nd Grade — **Back(I-r)** Hazel Martin Portillo 1st Place (Pretty in Pink), David Rodriguez 1st Place (Scary Pumpkin), Rodrigo Holguin 2nd Place (Carved out Skeleton), Kamiah Shelby 3rd Place (Scary Green Pumpkin), Middle(l-r) Luke Carthel 1st Place (Root Beer Float), Perla Concha 2nd Place (Spa Day), (tie) Camila Andrade 3rd Place (Pumpkin Spice), Darron Thompson 3rd Place (Chieftain Player), Front(I-r) Sabastian Aragon 1st Place (Lion King), Fabian Reyes 2nd Place (Oscar the Grouch), Hailey Carrillo 3rd Place (Ninja, Turtle)



3rd Grade — Back(l-r) Jocelynn Polk 1st Place (Pretty in Pink), Landon Shields 1st Place (Spikin), Jesus Guevara 2nd Place (Frankenstein), Middle(l-r) D'marcus Shelby 1st Place (Farm Pumpkins), Kayleigh Juarez 2nd Place (Gnome Pumpkin Spice) Analia Carranza 3rd Place (black silly pumpkin), Front(l-r) Hunter Thompson 1st Place Bugs Bunny, Ayden Rocha 2nd Place Spider Man/Venom, Dylan Molina 3rd Place (Jack)



4th Grade — Back(1-r) Genesis Bautista 1st Place (Pretty in Pink), David Carranza 1st Place (Grey Monster), Averie Rangel 2nd Place (Pennywise), Asher Suarez 3rd Place (The Piranha Plant), Middle(I-r) Camila Morales 1st Place (Cow), tie Malillany Perez 2nd Place (Smores), Tristan Gonzales 2nd Place (Donut), Jesalyn Jarecki 3rd Place (Spa Day), Front(I-r) Manuel Garcia 1st Place and Best all Around (The Catrina), Neidelyn Rodriguez 2nd Place (Little Mermaid), Colt Carthel 3rd Place (Red Raider)



5th Grade — Back(l-r) Serenity Tzoc 1st Place (Scream), Arianna Rocha 1st Place (Pretty in Pink), Jennifer Lilly Portillo 2nd Place (Pretty in Pink), Middle(l-r) (not pictured) Kyleigh Juarez 1st Place (Cheese Burger), Jonathan A. Luis 2nd Place (Witch), Amayah Rojas 3rd Place (Popcorn, Cinema), Front(l-r) Santino Mendez 1st Place (Book of Life), Giovanni Gonzalez 2nd Place (Jack), Joaquin Guzman 3rd Place (Black Panther).



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