



CHRISTMAS in the Park

Monday, December 4, 2023
Schedule of Events

4:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

Santa & Mrs. Claus arrive at the City Park with Miss Friona Yvonne Legarreta and Little Miss Ayva Lozoya

Mayor Lewellen's welcome speech

FFA students gather children's letters to Santa

High School Choir will sing Christmas carols

Cookie Decorating Station

Ornament Decorating Station

Vendors and Food Trailers in the Park:

Canyon Steak Company,
Godfather's Pizza, Holy Smokes BBQ
Mad Dot Hot Dogs,
Schnitzel & Dreams, Vital, and more

6:00 p.m.

Christmas Parade of Lights participants line up on Euclid between 10th & 7th Streets

6:15 p.m.

Santa & Miss Claus finish greeting children

6:30 p.m.

Christmas Parade of Lights begins
See page 6 for more info



The Color Guard from the Randall County Fire Department folds the flag to present to the family of Glenn Reeve Jr. during the service at the Friona Cemetery. See photos on page 9.



Glenn Reeve Jr.
Years of Service:
1956 - 2023



Services held for longtime firefighter

Funeral services were held on Monday for 67-year veteran firefighter Glenn Reeve Jr., who passed away on November 16, 2023. Randall County Fire Department Honor Guard. Glenn joined the Friona Volunteer Fire Department in 1956, and proudly served the community of Friona until his passing. For many years he served as Assistant Fire Chief but his main motivation was that he loved Friona and the people he worked with. Glenn went to work for his dad and granddad at Reeve Chevrolet at a young age. He

dall County Fire Department Honor Guard. Glenn joined the Friona Volunteer Fire Department in 1956, and proudly served the community of Friona until his passing. For many years he served as Assistant Fire Chief but his main motivation was that he loved Friona and the people he worked with. Glenn went to work for his dad and granddad at Reeve Chevrolet at a young age. He

started as a mechanic and worked his way up to salesman in 1955. After Reeve Chevrolet Olds sold, Glenn went to work for Friona Motors. In 1996, he was named Employee of the Year at the annual Chamber of Commerce Awards banquet. After Friona Motors closed, he worked at Stevens 5 Star in Herford. The family requests memorials be made to the Friona Volunteer Fire Department.










About the Emblem — Ms. Roque's Principles of Ag Class learned about the FFA emblem and the meaning behind it. The students got creative and made 3D FFA Emblems and got to present them to their classmates!



Greenhands going to State!!! Mario Molina (2nd in Greenhand Creed Speaking) and Carlos Rios (1st in Greenhand Spanish Creed Speaking) will be competing at the state contest in Huntsville, on Friday, December 1st.

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Community Calendar

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

November 30

- Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

December 4

- Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center
- Noon Lions Club meeting at the Farmwife Kitchen
- Christmas in the Park and Light Parade

December 6

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

December 7

- Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

December 11

- Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

December 12

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

ON YOUR PAYROLL

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4-H News



District 2 4-H Food Show results

On Saturday, November 18th, the District 2 4-H Food Show contest was held in Sundown. Four Intermediate members from Parmer County competed: Lyla Osterkamp, appetizer; Millie Nichols, side dish; Grady Beauchamp, main dish; and Connal Hettinga, healthy dessert.

The goal of the Texas 4-H Food Show is to provide an opportunity for 4-H contestants to highlight their culinary skills while also improving their presentation and interview skills. More than 120,000 youth participate in the 4-H Food & Nutrition Project where they learn to prepare nutritious and safe meals and adopt behaviors that can help reduce their risk for chronic disease.

Lyla Osterkamp and



In the photo — (l-r) Lyla Osterkamp, Connal Hettinga, Extension Agent Wendy Case, Grady Beauchamp, Millie Nichols.

Millie Nichols placed first at District in their respective categories. Connal Hettinga placed second with his healthy dessert. And

although Grady Beauchamp didn't place in the top 3 in his category, he learned so much and had one of the tastiest-looking dishes in the en-

tire contest!

For more information about the Parmer County 4-H program, contact the Extension office at 806-251-5120.

Fire Chief is guest of PCRTSP

Parmer County Retired Teachers and Support Personnel met on Tuesday, November 14 for a Mexican Pile On meal at the home of Sue Wells. Nineteen were in attendance including special guest, Friona Fire Chief Gary Stowers.

Chief Stowers spoke to the group about current and future plans for the fire department. Nine firefighters recently attended fire school and five became certified. The Friona Volunteer Fire Department currently has a total of 21 firefighters and eleven trucks. The fire department plans to eventually build another facility be-



hind the current structure. The department is also mourning the loss of Glenn Reeve Jr. who had served as a firefighter for 67 years.

PCRTSP president Tina Sides reported hearing Tim Lee, executive director of the Texas Retired Teachers Association, at the District 16 Fall

Conference. He led the group in an enthusiastic response of appreciation to voters for the passage of Proposition 9 in the recent proposition election.

Amelia Wright reminded the group that their local retired teacher group was chartered 25 years ago. She will work on informing the public in the coming year. The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 9, 2024 in the home of Melissa Randolph. All retired teachers and support personnel or any others who support education are welcome to attend.

Submitted by Leslie Wright and Sharon White

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is online at frionaonline.com

ACROSS

- 1 San Antonio AM
- 5 TX Ivory Joe Hunter's "Since ___ You Baby"
- 6 TXism: "suit ___ company" (family)
- 7 Dallas public FM
- 8 TX Willie's "Turn ___ the Party's Over"
- 17 "ugly" in Mexico
- 18 UT QB in 1973 Cotton Bowl victory
- 20 Emmitt's home state (abbr.)
- 21 this TX David was Colorado Rockies pitcher (1993-96)
- 22 pizza toppings
- 24 this moves "Big Tex's" jaw (2 wds.)
- 29 archaic plural of cow
- 30 historic "___ R. Swenson Cattle Co."
- 31 TXism: "grabbing ___ straws"
- 32 "Tapestry" artist (2 wds.)
- 34 NM ski destination for some Texans
- 35 init. of Gov. Runnels (1857-59)
- 36 1st newspaper in Texas territory: "___ Texas"
- 37 TXism: "scared ___ out of my wits"
- 38 El ___, Texas
- 39 what UT's Darrell Royal called the goal line (2 wds.)
- 41 preowned vehicle: ___ car

- 42 this Linares was first director of Texas Lottery
- 43 TXism: "___ tailed tooter" (party animal)
- 44 Indian warrior (2 wds.)
- 45 ex-Cowboy Dorsett
- 46 TXism: "___ as dirt"
- 47 mother of ex-Cowboy coach Jimmy Johnson
- 48 ch. 8 in Dallas refused to air this cop series when it first started (2 wds.)

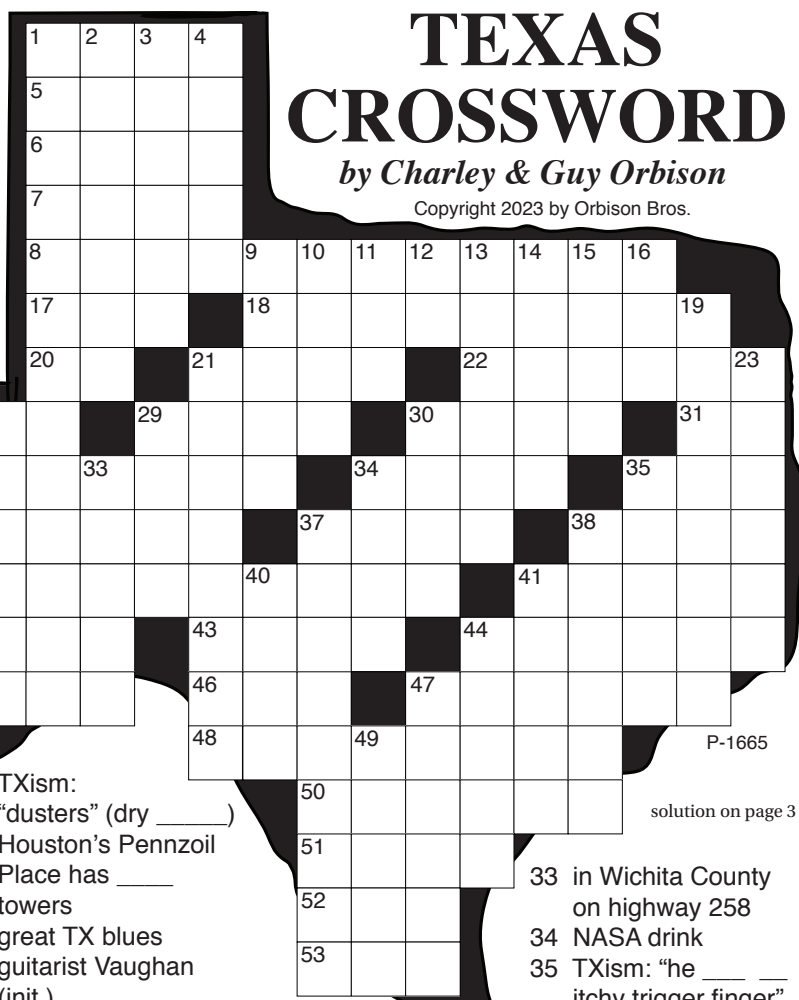
- 50 dog or bat disease
- 51 brandin' or shootin'
- 52 TXism: "___ wit" (stupid)
- 53 explosive letters?

DOWN

- 1 1st chance for football score (2 wds.)
- 2 very old Lockhart church: ___ Episcopal
- 3 south Dallas suburb
- 4 TXism: "hard as putting up ___ in a windstorm"
- 9 actor Ngor of film "Vietnam, Texas"
- 10 Gen. Robert ___
- 11 young fellow
- 12 TXism: big frog ___ the pond" (VIP)
- 13 TXism: "never sign anything in the ___ a neon light"
- 14 TXism: "dusters" (dry ___)
- 15 Houston's Pennzoil Place has ___ towers
- 16 great TX blues guitarist Vaughan (init.)
- 19 a night to stay up: New ___
- 21 a club to use near the green (2 wds.)
- 23 walked with long steps
- 24 Texas need (abbr.)
- 25 "Texas Monthly," e.g. (abbr.)
- 26 TXism: "don't give a hoot ___ holler"

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison
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solution on page 3

- 33 in Wichita County on highway 258
- 34 NASA drink
- 35 TXism: "he ___ itchy trigger finger"
- 37 sauropod track in Glen Rose (2 wds.)
- 38 grinds food finely
- 40 TX Cyd Charisse first stage name
- 41 TXism: "she talks ___ streak"
- 44 bet the lot (2 wds.)
- 47 TX Willie hometown
- 49 singer Bobby in TX-filmed "State Fair"

COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from November 16, 2023 to November 23, 2023

(11/16/23) Donald Placek, Janet Placek — Sean Gault — All of Lots 7, 8, and 9 of Block 20, of the Original Town of Farwell, Parmer County, Texas

(11/16/23) Larry Poole — Child Support Office — See Document

(11/16/23) Christopher Oldham, Heidi Oldham — Joel Barrett, Rachel Barrett — Lot 1, block 6, Mimo Addition, city of Farwell, Parmer County, Texas

(11/20/23) Esteban Mendoza, Adela Mendoza — Marcelo Hernandez Serrano, Francisca Cabrales Soto — Lot 19 and 20, Block 64, Original Town of Friona, Parmer County, Texas

(11/21/23) Wanda Joy Stanton — Cheryl Lynn Smith, Lori Selene Pareo, Michael Thomas Stanton — All of Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Block 16, of the Original Town of Farwell, Parmer County, Texas

Seen this dog?



His name is MAX and he lives at 604 Lela Avenue. He has been missing since Tuesday, November 21st. If you have seen him please call 806-626-3371 or 806-250-5072. Ask for Delia or Darrel. There is a reward for his safe return.

FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



FFA RADIO TEAM won second in district and third in area. They are shown left to right: Wade Schueler, Jerrod Salyer, and Jeremy Hart. (Friona Star, Saturday, November 27, 1993)

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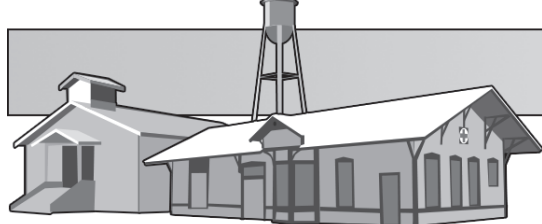
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TOWN TALK

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Project Christmas Card

— The Parmer County Hospital Auxiliary is accepting donations for the 68th Annual Project Christmas Card. Proceeds will be used to purchase medical equipment for Parmer Medical Center. Canisters/boxes are placed around town in various businesses for the collection of donations. The names of donors will be included in a special Christmas Greeting Card in the Friona Star newspaper. Please make sure you put your name with ALL donations. You can contact Connie Neelley at 806-250-2542 for more information.

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Gas Prices Lower

— According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas was priced at \$2.28 while the most expensive was \$4.29 per gallon. The national average price of gasoline fell 5.8 cents in the last week, averaging \$3.21 per gallon. The national average price of diesel fell 5.2 cents in the last week and stands at \$4.23 per gallon.

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State Capital Highlights by Gary Borders

— As time runs out next week on the fourth special session, Gov. Greg Abbott said he will continue to fight for school choice, despite the Texas House once again decisively rejecting it when 21 Republicans largely from rural districts joined Democrats in stripping it from a \$7.6 billion education bill. Abbott has not said whether he will call a fifth special session.

1.4 million Texans lost health coverage through either Medicaid of the Children's Health Insurance Program. Nearly 70% of people who lost

Medicaid coverage in Texas were booted off for procedural reasons, such as failing to return renewal packet requests. The state has the highest rate of uninsured people in the country.

The state again reached a record high nationally with 14.536 million Texans at work, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. The state's

seasonally adjusted jobless rate held steady at 4.1%. The latest report marks the 10th consecutive monthly increase in jobs, with the addition of 21,000 more Texans on payroll, TWC reported.

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Pun Fun — A man drove his expensive car into a tree and found out how the Mercedes bends. Source: www.pun.me

- ### National Days
- November 30 — Computer Security Day
 - December 1 — Pie Day
 - December 2 — Special Education Day
 - December 3 — Roof Over Your Head Day
 - December 4 — Cookie Day
 - December 5 — Trick Shot Day
 - December 6 — Pawnbrokers Day

Keep Friona Clean Roll-off box to open up for waste items

The City will open up the roll-off box this Saturday, December 2, from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Please come by to dump those items that don't belong in your dumpster and do your part to help Keep Friona Clean!

The roll-off box is located at East 8th and South Jackson Ave. It is a free service

provided to Friona residents. Examples of items not allowed in dumpsters includes: steel and metal, mattresses and furniture,

refrigerators/AC units, paint cans (with or without liquids), electronics and appliances, drums/barrels, brick, wood and concrete, railroad ties. Items not accepted in the roll-off box are tires, oil and tree limbs. To dispose of these items, please contact the City office at 806-250-2761.



Newspaper Fun!

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Chatter works so hard making her... (with a sheep illustration)

...tasty holiday dishes and treats! (with a cow illustration)

Kids: color stuff in! (with a pencil illustration)

Holiday Foods and Treats

Everyone will be cooking, baking, frying, frosting, decorating or at least eating their family's favorite foods for winter holidays like Christmas, Hanukkah or Kwanzaa!

1. traditional Mexican Christmas dish, popular in southwest U.S. - corn dough with spicy pork or beef filling, wrapped in corn husks before cooking - served with sauce, cream or crumbly fresh cheese

2. treat of sugar, fruits and nuts: rolled into a ball or shaped to look like a fruit or a star

3. meat glazed with honey, brown sugar, mustard and pineapple juice

4. this pie is mostly dried fruit such as raisins - used to be made of chopped meats

5. cake made with candied fruit, nuts, spices

6. treat shaped into a cookie or a house

7. bird roasted, stuffed with apples, prunes, onions and sweet chestnuts (Germany, the United Kingdom and China)

8. pudding; been around for 600 years! - made with meat, pastry and fruits

9. spongy cake rolled like a log and, when cooled, filled with cream - decorated with powdered sugar, candy mushrooms and fresh berries; Bûche de Noël

10. yolks, milk, sugar and cream drink - often spiced with cinnamon or nutmeg

Hanukkah is a Jewish holiday that honors the victory the Maccabees (a Jewish group) had over their enemy. It celebrates the rededication of their Temple in Jerusalem after it had been ruined. There was only enough oil in the lamps to keep the eternal flame in the Temple burning for one day. But, the oil kept burning for eight days while fresh oil was prepared! Hanukkah is a joyful celebration of the miracle that lasted for eight days.

1. jelly doughnut served fresh; sugared

2. deep fried puffs dipped in honey

3. part of a cow used in traditional Jewish dishes - holiday pot roast

4. _____ Dreidels - treat made using different candies

5. made with egg noodles - can be served with vegetables or fruit

6. potato pancake fried with onions - cheeses or vegetables added

Gingerbread Journey!

Help the Gingerbread family find its way home for the holidays.

Kwanzaa

Kwanzaa is a seven-day holiday celebrated by African-Americans and people in other countries whose families are from Africa. It is a time to think about their lives, family, history and community. It is a time of lighting candles, feasting and gift-giving.

1. used in casserole, fritters and pies

2. dish with tomato paste, peppers, onions

3. rich soup (onions, red peppers, chicken, rice)

4. fried _____ - vegetable is coated with flour, cornmeal, eggs, salt and pepper

5. main dish, flavored with citrus and cooked until crispy

6. traditional appetizer made from black-eyed peas

Sweet Holiday Treats!

Oh, sweet holiday treats! One favorite cookie is called 'pfeffernusse' - a spicy, round cookie covered with powdered sugar. Silver and gold-wrapped chocolate coins are another favorite treat.

Read the clues below to fill in the puzzle with some more favorite holiday treats:

- hard candy stick usually colored red and white - peppermint, cinnamon or fruity flavors
- pecans, pistachios, cashews, almonds - spiced with cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves, sugars
- sweet cake made with ginger and honey - name comes from Germany
- colorful, sugary treat stretched flat, and then folded back and forth
- made of sugar and almond meal - origin of this treat is believed to be the Middle East - formed into all sorts of shapes, such as fruits or cartoon characters
- dough cut into fun shapes and frosted to look like a Christmas Tree or a snowman - can be decorated with all sorts of candy toppings

Small Town Cookin' *By Jeri Lynn White*

Healthy Comfort Foods

For the final week of healthy comfort foods, I found a recipe for garlic mashed potatoes. This recipe calls for sour cream to reduce the butter you use and calls for garlic to add flavor. Hope you enjoy!

Garlic Mashed Potatoes
www.skinnytaste.com

Ingredients

- 2 lbs Yukon gold potatoes, peeled and cubed, 4 medium
- 4 large garlic cloves, peeled and halved
- 1/4 cup light sour cream
- 1/2 cup chicken broth, sub vegetable broth for vegetarian
- 1/4 cup fat free milk
- 1 tbsp whipped butter
- kosher salt, to taste
- fresh ground black pepper, to taste
- 1 tbsp fresh herbs such as parsley, thyme or chives

Instructions

Put the potatoes and garlic in a large pot with salt and enough water to cover. Bring to a boil. Cover and reduce heat. Simmer for 20 minutes or until potatoes are tender. Drain and return potatoes and garlic to pan over low heat. Add sour cream and remaining ingredients. Using a masher, mash until smooth and if it's too watery, let it cook a few minutes until the texture is perfect. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Garnish with herbs.



Choir on Ice — The Friona High Choir, along with Hereford High Choir, got the opportunity to sing the National Anthem prior to the Amarillo Wrangler hockey game a couple of weeks ago.



Friends and family joined in as Pat Martin celebrated her 90th Birthday last Saturday at the Senior Citizen Center. Attendees enjoyed cake and punch as well as visiting and taking photos. Happy Birthday, Pat!!!

Happy Birthday

Nov. 30
Shauna Maynard
Robin Rector
Dean Agee
Brea Brown
Alryna McElreath

Dec. 3
Randie Hamilton
Cheryl Cunningham
Corben Baxter
Thomas Maricle
Terry Davis
Timothy Schueler
Kinsey Barnett
Molly Rector
Sam Perez
Ashleigh LeRoy

Dec. 1
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Alejandra Arreola

Dec. 5
Teena Hughes
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Dec. 6
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Roy Don Smith
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Alisia Rando



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Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



Rosalynn

[dripping with sarcasm] "Of course, Jimmy, I want you to forget the fact that you graduated in the top percentile of the United States Naval Academy and are well on your way to an illustrious naval career so that we can go home and farm. By all means, let's give up the chance to travel the world because you feel an obligation to your mother. Sure thing, Plains is the place I want to land again, with great memories of working my teenage years to help support my family after my own dad died. Yep, honey, we will pack our kids and our dreams even though you have been handpicked to help with the Navy's cutting-edge nuclear submarine program. Of course, Jimmy, whatever you say," said Rosalynn Carter in 1953.

No, Rosalynn did not put it exactly like that.

But she did express her disappointment in her husband's decision to return to Plains to manage the Carter family farm interests upon the death of his father. And I won't even try to recreate the conversations they must have had during the drought Georgia experienced the first year they were home. Records show that the Carter Farm recorded only a net profit of \$187 in 1954.

Rosalynn Smith Carter, who died last week at the age of 96, was a quiet force. It impresses me that this 1950s housewife felt secure in her marriage and in her own identity that she could voice her frustrations about her husband's career choice. She was not happy and said so. She also was devoted to this man, and her actions along those lines spoke even louder. This former first lady was a member of one of American History's most effective, inspiring, and loving partnerships.

It was never about her. It was never about them.

It was about what the two of them could do as equals, sometimes in political arenas but more often than not in humanitarian ones. For the Carters, politics was a means to an end—not for power and money but for bringing about positive and necessary changes that would promote democracy at home and abroad.

A part of me wishes the former president had taken his final breath alongside Rosalynn. An historic state funeral—and one that would be well deserved—would see them collaborate one more time on their final journey.

[whispered lovingly] "Jimmy, let's go Home. Together."

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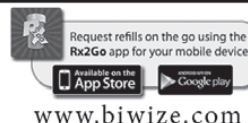
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When God reveals Himself

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

In the modern age there is a strong dose of moral therapeutic deism that seeks to transform God as the endorser in chief of any direction one may go in life. The modern notion even found in some churches is that God is for you and anything you do. This affirmation of His approval is evidenced by an inner peace that equates to a selfish satisfaction of being wise in one's own eyes. Sadly, there is devilish deception afoot with this mentality, because it completely misses what it looks like when God reveals Himself and His direction for people.

In Deuteronomy 5:21-33, Moses tells the Israelites of the encounter with God on Mt. Sinai almost 40 years earlier. During this time the whole assembly heard the Lord speak the Ten Commandments to them in the midst of terrifying fire, smoke and darkness on top of the mountain. The encounter with God was terrifying, so much so that the leaders of Israel asked if Moses could be their intercessor to meet with God, then relay

the message to them. The people were scared to death, but also scared of death, after their close encounter with the Lord. It wasn't just the might of God that terrified them, though, because they had just witnessed God's might bring Egypt to its knees through the plagues, the Red Sea, and crushing Pharaoh's army. At Sinai, God's manifest presence was combined with His holy Word, which caused such fear to descend on the people. This reverent fear was even commended by God, because He knew how forgetful His people would be in generations to come, which would lead to much sin, harm, and missing out on God's blessings. The people had an incredible encounter with God, but powerful experiences must be followed up by faith-filled obedience to God's Word, which is exactly what the people lacked. Today also, remember that inspiring experiences must be tied to obedience to the Word of God, which is to be done with the right heart, God's way, and in faith and love for the Lord.

Panhandle Parables

Shadow of Doubt

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

It was a stormy night, I was supposed to be asleep, but the lightning was so bright and the thunder so loud. It was in one of those flashes of light that I saw it. My heart was beating fast. There it was again. It was in the room with me and I was terrified, for on my wall was a shadow. A shadow of...Well, that was the problem. So I threw my covers over my head and allowed my imagination to get the best of me. (I will tell you how this night ended later.) As I got older, I began to understand that most of the shadows were harmless. They were branches outside my window or a toy sitting too close to the nightlight. Yet there were times, and still I find in my life today, that doubt shows up usually in the form of shadows that seem without source and leave my heart racing as it did as a child.

Are you ever afraid? Do you ever have doubts? Do you see a world of shadows and fear creeping in or lurking in the cor-

ner? Satan likes shadows. He knows that the shadow cannot hurt you, yet he also knows that creating doubt can. When in doubt, most people bury themselves in darkness. I don't think this is what Jesus really called people to experience. Faith is not found in shadows, nor is life found in darkness. Jesus wanted so much to show us His Father that he came to earth to shed LIGHT on the subject.

By the way, that night of terror did not end in terror. I cried out from under the covers for my dad. He came quickly and dispelled for me, in a moment, my fear. He turned on my light! The light dealt with the shadows. It reminded me I was safe inside and not alone. I think God wishes more of His kids would cry out to Him, that He may quickly come to their aid with Light and Love and Joy and Peace. Let your fear melt in the presence of your faith. Let the light of His love dispel the darkness leaving no shadow of doubt.

When You Give, Choose Wisely

By Teena Hughes

Last Sunday, I had to teach Sunday School, a week after I handed it off to my friend Jaelyn. LOL!!! It is life, and I really enjoy the Scripture I had to work with: Matthew 25:31-46. Jesus says that when we do to the least of these, we do to Him.

There is a song sung by the late Grandpa Jones titled "The Christmas Guest" that always reminds me of this passage of Scripture. You may have heard it.

A man named Conrad is told in a vision that God is going to visit him on Christmas Day. Of course he spent time cleaning and getting ready for his Special Guest.

Christmas Day came, and Conrad was ready, but God didn't show up. Oh, a shabby beggar with cold, bruised feet came to his door, and Conrad gave him shoes and a coat that was warmer than the one he was wearing.

Conrad continued to wait, listening to every sound, but the only sound he heard was another knock at his door. This time it was a thin old lady carrying kindling on her back. She asked for a place to rest, so Conrad invited her in and gave her something warm to drink.

As the day wore on, Conrad became concerned God wasn't going to come. Then, a lost child knocked on his door. He brought her in, wiped her tears and calmed her fears; then, he led her home.

At the end of the day, Conrad knelt beside his bed and prayed, asking God why He didn't come. God told Conrad that three times He had shown up at his door; three times Conrad had let him in; three times he had given Him what He needed.

Yes, Conrad gave to the least of humanity, and by doing so, he gave to God!

Our preacher asked how do we react to the least? His question hit home with me. How do I react when I see someone in need? In the Scripture, six ways of meeting one's needs are mentioned--feeding the hungry, giving a drink to the thirsty, being hospitable to a stranger, giving clothing to the naked, caring for the sick, visiting those in prison--but this is just a partial list of what we can do for others. Sometimes doing to the least is just giving someone a pat on the back or a word of encouragement or praying for them.

We just have to be willing to think of others and not self; we have to be constantly looking for someone in need; we have to be willing to react, to do what needs to be done to help, and sometimes that means not giving; we have to be willing to ask God, wait for an answer, and then obey God.

We don't need to follow our heart; we need to depend on God. Following our heart can interfere with God's plan; our hearts can be ruled by emotion and cause us to do the wrong thing. Sometimes doing something for the sake of doing something does not help anyone. It may make us feel better, but it may make matters worse.

As we approach this Christmas season, you are free to give to whomever you want to give. I just hope all of us will give where it does the most good for the least of these, because then, we are doing it for God. Remember though, when we don't react and give to someone in need, when we can, we are also doing that to God. It is all about choices. May we all choose wisely this Christmas season!

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November Bible Verse

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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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★ Sports News ★

High School Basketball

Varsity boys and girls teams are competing in the Whiteface Tourney this week. Junior Varsity boys and girls teams are competing in the Hale Center Tourney. Varsity boys and girls play Adrian at home on Tuesday evening.

1-2 for the season. High Scorers for the 8th grade A Team were: An-nison Steelman (12), Aimee Jimenez (4), Harley London (4), Yahaira Rivas (4), Ellie McGaughy (2).

The Braves hosted Littlefield on Monday for three games. Leading

scorer for the B team was Darius Gonzalez (4) and Marcelo Leon (10) was the top scorer for the 8A team.

The next games are at home on Monday December 4 against Lubbock Christian with Maidens & Braves A teams only.

Junior High Basketball

The Maidens basketball teams played Monday, November 27th in Littlefield. The 7th grade A team came up with a strong win against Littlefield with a final win of 43-34 making them 3-0 for the season. High scorers for the Maidens were: Ivanna Guevara (11), Jaylee Perez (11), D'Nasha Shelby (10), Aylen Moreno (7), Emery Rangel (2).

The 8th grade A team competed tough but came up with a tough loss against the Littlefield team making them

★ Scoreboard ★

Basketball

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Empty Stocking Fund

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NOTICE FINAL PUBLIC HEARING TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The City of Friona will hold a final public hearing on Monday, December 4th, 2023 at 5:05 PM. The hearing will be held at 623 N Main St, Friona, TX 79035 in regard to the Downtown Revitalization Project that was recently completed with a Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG). Topics to be discussed will include the specific program improvements completed and the costs associated with the TxCDBG and the City of Friona. Citizens with a disability requiring accommodation to participate in this public hearing should contact Leander Davila, City Manager, at (806) 250-2761.

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A Two-Room School House (Continued)

Part two of a three part series

Black, Texas - Established 1910-1950
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By Ira Parr

One memorable thing we did was to build/dig a dugout. (Most boys those days liked to play in the dirt. Some of us still do.) Don't remember the thinking or planning behind it. It just seemed the thing to do. First of necessity was to procure digging tools. Someone was elected/volunteered to sneak off (a biggie) across the tracks and U.S. 60 to the Whitaker house and "borrow" a shovel and pick. After our brave hero returned with the tools, we began digging in a secluded spot as far from prying eyes as possible, which in itself was no small feat in the tight, dry, undisturbed sod. By necessity, the width was determined by the only material available for the roof—some cedar posts procured from an old fence line. The length determined by how many fence posts we were able to unearth and lay side by side. The depth determined by how much effort we were willing to exert. The resulting room was maybe all of four feet wide, six feet long and four feet tall. Room enough for three or four people at a time if they were really friendly! We fashioned a fireplace at the opposite end from the uncovered opening,

This was an important feature, especially during cold days. We could take turns warming up during recess. It was surprisingly warm and comfy, given the West Texas winters. An interesting plan was conceived to keep the fire going all day. During class, we would take turns raising our two fingers to be excused to go potty and would take a quick detour to stoke the fire. If the dugout and associated shenanigans were ever suspect, it was never made an issue. All of this another learning experience.

One dubious exercise that transpired was that some daring person would, after a collection was taken, sneak off and run the approximately one half mile to the only business enterprise, other than a railroad depot

and a couple of grain elevators, the Black Mercantile. He would purchase all the candy for the money if no more than penny bubblegum. Again, if this enterprise was ever suspect, it was never made an issue. Not sure of the lesson. We all shared the guilt and the fruits.

Games? We had 'em! All homemade. Some ominous. Like seeing who can jump off the windmill (our only source of water) the highest. David Cobb once climbed the ladder, touched the work platform under the fan blades and jumped! Maybe 20 feet up! No harm done. Effectively putting an end to the game.

We played a lot of touch football of sorts, given the wide range of ages and sizes. Generally whoever had the ball made up the rules. It wasn't so much about the score as who could prevail. Someone did later on install one basketball goal. You ever try to dribble on a blown-



Black, TX School



1st Black Mercantile 1930. Glen Mcrate, Owner

out sod court?

One game that evolved was organized clod fighting. One team would take the boys' outhouse for a fort and the other, the girls! It could be quite brutal! There never was a shortage of ammo. I can still hear the loud whack of clods hitting the wooden sides of the outhouse, if not my head! Some-

one took the fun out and started using cow chips—some fairly fresh. We never knew who actually won.

One thing we did for fun was this: Someone brought an old rear tractor tire. You haven't lived until a bunch of excited kids rolled the tire around with you inside. Another was when someone brought an old empty oil drum. We spent hours trying to stand on the side and log-rolled the drum around. We were not too hard to be entertained.

Of course, we played a lot of marbles. One big deal was to have your one special marble that you used to shoot with. It was called your "TALL." I had saved a quart jar of my favorite marbles up until I left home. Somewhere I

lost all my marbles, as the expression goes.

One thing that caught on was to carry a piece of heavy string about thirty inches long and tied in a circle. I learned to make a "cup-N-saucer." The good kids could make a "Jacob's Ladder." Almost everyone carried a yo-yo. If you were good, you could rock the cradle or go around the world.

One thing I never got the hang of was to spin a top good enough to spike the other guy's top. I felt lucky if I could get it to spin more than two seconds.

There were big, old elm trees all around the school ground. We spent a lot of time playing in the trees, as trees were rare at home on The Plains.

See part three in next week's Friena Star

Friona School Calendar for December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 -JV Boys & Girls Hale Center Tourney -Varsity Boys & Girls Tourney @ Whiteface	2 -JV Boys & Girls Hale Center Tourney -Varsity Boys & Girls Tourney @ Whiteface
3	4 -JH Basketball vs. Lubbock Christian	5 -HS Basketball VG/VB vs. Adrian	6	7 -VG/VB Basketball Tourney @ Smyer	8 -VG/VB Basketball Tourney @ Smyer	9 -VG/VB Basketball Tourney @ Smyer
10 -JH Basketball vs. Denver City G(H) B(T)	11	12 -Christmas Band Concert Jr. High Auditorium -JVG/VG Basketball @ Christ the King -JVB/VB Basketball @ Amherst	13	14 -Choir Christmas Concert	15 -JVG/VG Basketball vs. Muleshoe -JVB/VB vs. Ralls	16
17 -JH Basketball vs. Dimmitt Boys Only *FISD Board Meeting	18 	19 -Early Release for Student Only -HS Basketball @ Denver City	20 -Early Release for Everyone	21 Christmas Break	22 	23
24 	25 Christmas Day 	26	27	28	29 	30
31 	1 *No School 	2 *No School -HS Basketball vs. Dimmitt	3 *Student Holiday/Staff Work day	4	5 -HS Basketball @ Brownfield	6

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Last Call



Amazing Grace

Patsy Gresham Riggins



Patsy Gresham Riggins, 85 of Friona passed away November 24, 2023 peacefully in Amarillo. Viewing was held from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM Tuesday, November 28, 2023 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY with Celebration of Life Services scheduled for 2:00 PM Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at the Sixth St. Church of Christ of Friona with Jeff Procter, officiating. Burial following in the Friona Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Patsy was born March 10, 1938 in her home in Quail, TX to M.T. "Boge" and Virgie White. She was the youngest of four children. Patsy married Wendell Gresham August 7, 1959 in the First Baptist Church at Quail, TX. Wendell and Patsy lived in Amarillo for six years before moving to 1206 W 7th Street in Friona in 1968. Patsy loved living in her home in Friona and never wanted to move from it. Wendell and Patsy raised two daughters Wendy Ruth and Shelia Kay.

Patsy taught school for 33 years before retiring from Friona ISD. She loved being a teacher. All of her years in Friona

she was a fourth grade teacher in the same classroom. One of her favorite things about teaching was teaching siblings, or later the children of kids she had previously taught. Many of Patsy's greatest friendships were the people she taught with. Patsy was an active member of Sixth Street Church of Christ when she was younger and loved attending worship services.

Patsy was preceded in death by Wendell in 1997. Wendell was the love of her life! Later, Patsy married Royce Riggins on January 22, 2000 at Sixth Street Church of Christ. They made their home in Friona. Patsy and Royce shared a love to travel and had great memories together before Royce passed away October 23, 2007.

She was preceded in

death by her parents, her husbands Wendell Gresham and Royce Riggins, her brother Alvin White, two grandchildren Tanner Straughan and Carrie Harris, and a son-in-law Andy Harris.

She is survived by her two daughters Wendy Harris of Amarillo, Shelia Smith and husband Coby of Justin, brother Delbert White, sister Ina Keeton, grandchildren Jo Beth Harris, Marcus Harris, Kami Harris, Kailey Harris, Caleb Straughan and wife Shelly, Hunter Straughan, and wife Hayley, Brady Straughan and wife Haley and one great-grandson Slade Straughan.

Patsy touched many lives in her lifetime and she richly blessed the lives of her family and friends. Her memory will forever be cherished by all who knew her.

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The Reviews are In (photo to the right) — This year’s Junior High One Act Play, *The Magic Well*, was directed by Shanna Daniels. Award winners were — (l-r) Darien Padilla (All Star Cast), Sophie Lewellen (Honorable Mention All Star Cast), Owen Daniels (All Star Cast), and Wendy Ha Garcia (Outstanding Crew).



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