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2024-25 Cheerleaders (l-r) — Jaquelyn Salinas, Lilliana Abarca, Xandra Castaneda, Anaesha Carranza, Yaelene Faudoa (mascot), Shelby Lewellen, Aubree Salas, Stevie Herring, Miranda Pina. Please see more “Meet the Chieftains & Squaws” photos on page 7 and 10 and frionaonline.com.



In the photo — City Manager Lee Davila receives the Champion for Social Change award presented to him by staff members of the TAASA.

Davila receives Champion for Social Change award

Friona City Manager Lee Davila received the Champion for Social Change award at the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault's annual awards ceremony on Tuesday in South Padre. The event celebrated the impactful work of those who tirelessly advocate for survivors and work to prevent sexual violence.

The TAASA's prestigious award recognizes individuals who have significantly influenced policy or social norms to advance the mission of ending sexual violence in Texas.

“This recognition is a reflection of our community's dedication to fostering a safe environment for all,” Davila told the Friona

Star. “I am honored to receive this award and remain committed to continuing our work towards ending sexual violence.”

Davila had emerged as the top choice among several nominees from across the state, a testament to his unwavering commitment to creating a safer and more just society.

Pantex becomes largest employer across the Texas Panhandle

More than 4,600 now employed at Pantex

More than eight decades ago, during World War II, the Pantex Ordnance plant was a major contributor during the global conflict. At its height in January 1943, Pantex employed 5,254 full time employees. When WWII ended, Pantex closed its doors. Then in 1951 the Federal Government reclaimed the site, creating the cornerstone of the nuclear weapons complex.

Since 1975, Pantex has been the nation's primary assembly, disassembly, retrofit, and modification center for nuclear weapons. The total number of employees has changed throughout the decades. Ten years ago, it remained consistent with approximately 3,100 employees. That number has increased dramatically over the last few years as hundreds of new employees have been hired at Pantex.

“That growth is simply



explained,” said Colby Yearly, Pantex Site Manager. “Our workload has increased and with that increase - the need to bring on hundreds of new Pantexans to meet production demands. It became obvious that our workforce would have to grow to match the more than 70% increase in our work load. We've been hiring ever since and now at of the most recent count, Pantex has 4,626 employees.”

According to Pantex Field Office Manager, Jason Armstrong, “The economic impact of Pantex on our community - and the entire Panhandle - cannot be overstated. It's something we're very proud of. We rely on Pantexans daily to deliver our national security deterrent by combining their unique talents and abilities, driven by their deep sense of patriotism and dedication.

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State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



Community Calendar

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August 22

- Pile On at Noon Meal @ Senior Center

August 25

- Chicken at Noon Meal @ Senior Center

August 28

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

August 29

- Hamburgers at Noon Meal @ Senior Center

September 2

- Labor Day Holiday
- No Senior Meal

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Heat-related deaths in Texas likely undercounted

As Texans endure the dog days of summer, experts say deaths related to heat in Texas and nationwide are likely undercounted, the Texas Standard reported.

With climate change causing warmer days and nights, last year was the hottest on record in Texas. Though this summer has not been quite as brutal, those working outside are still at considerable risk.

In 2023, 365 people in Texas died directly from heat, and heat was named a contributing factor in another 197 deaths. Accounting for heat's role in a death is challenging, however.

"The health impacts (of heat) are a little bit more subtle," said cardiologist Sameed Khatana, assistant professor of medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. "They can be delayed. And trying to tease apart whether a death or an adverse health effect occurred due to the temperature is quite challenging."

Heat has been called "the most dangerous phenomenon that workers face," according to the Texas Standard story.

Overcrowding, understaffing force jails to move inmates

Jails both large and small are struggling to properly house incarcerated people, and millions in tax dollars are being spent to transport inmates to other jails, sometimes in other states, The Texas Tribune reported.

The number of Texas inmates housed outside the county where they were arrested more than doubled from 2019 to 2024, from 2,078 to 4,358. In June 2024, 41% of Texas county jails housed inmates elsewhere, according to the Texas Commission on Jail Standards.

"Counties are having to think outside the box," said Ricky Armstrong, assistant director of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards. "We know there are some counties housing people out of state. It's not something we recommend or encourage, but we see that as a necessary evil."

Among the factors increasing the number of inmates held elsewhere: a law limiting who can be released from jail while awaiting trial; an overburdened mental health system; and a difficulty in finding jailers.

While law enforcement officials advocate for increased jail space to ease the problem, civil rights advocates and defense attorneys say the state should invest more in mental health services and alternatives to jail.

"We are addicted to carceral solutions," Krish Gundu, co-founder of the Texas Jail Project, which advocates for people in Texas county jails, told The Tribune. "If we really cared about not having these people in jails, you'd look at why they are ending up in jail and solve the problem at the root."

Paxton threatens to sue over State Fair gun policy

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton says he will sue the City of Dallas if it does not change a new gun policy. The city plans to ban licensed gun holders from bringing weapons to the State Fair of Texas unless they are active police officers or qualified retired officers. The Dallas Morning News reported the fair announced the change after a shooting last year wounded three people.

A letter from the AG's office to the city of Dallas said the new policy violates state law, which says cities and other entities cannot ban handguns on government property unless there is a legal exception, such as for schools.

More than 70 Texas lawmakers issued a letter last week urging the fair to rescind its new policy, saying "gun-free zones are a magnet for crime because they present less of a threat to those who seek to do evil," The News reported.

Meanwhile, the Houston Chronicle reported Paxton will work at a food bank as part of a plea deal he made in March with prosecutors to close the securities fraud case against him. He is required to complete 100 hours of community service and pay about \$300,000 in restitution to the victims.

A cooler and wetter July for most of the state

The drought situation in Texas continues to ease, thanks in part to a wetter and cooler July, according to Mark Wentzel, hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board. At the end of July, 20% of the state was in drought, down five percentage points from the end of June. That is the lowest extent of drought since October 2021.

"Precipitation varied consider-

ably, with large areas of Central and East Texas getting twice their normal rainfall, while parts of West Texas and the Panhandle got less than 25 percent of normal," Wentzel wrote.

The return of the La Niña weather system is likely to bring warmer and drier temperatures to the state this winter, according to Wentzel. Much of the drought area that remains in Texas is in the Big Bend area, as well as in the Hill Country west of San Antonio.

TWDB adopts the first state flood plan

The state now has its first comprehensive statewide assessment of flood risk after the water development board voted to adopt the 2024 State Flood Plan.

"Adopting the first-ever state flood plan is a monumental achievement for Texas," said TWDB Chairwoman Brooke Paup.

The plan presents about 4,600 plans and projects from 15 regional flood planning entities. Approximately one in every six people in Texas lives or works in known flood hazard areas.

TWDB will produce a new state flood plan every five years.

Fraudulent banking website reported

The Texas Department of Banking is warning consumers to be aware of a fraudulent banking website purporting to offer online and in-person banking services. A fake bank calling itself "All Finance Bank of Texas," claiming to be located in Houston, and a website, allfinanbnktx.us, are not known to be associated with a known bank.

"No bank doing business under the name All Finance Bank of Texas has been authorized to provide banking services in Texas, nor is any bank by that name supervised by the Department of Banking, the FDIC, the Federal Reserve, or other U.S. regulatory authorities," TDB said in a news release.

Anyone with information or questions about the purported bank are urged to call TDB at 877-276-5554.

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ACROSS

- 1 oil rich countries
- 5 Patricia of Texas-based film "Hud"
- 6 "___-farty" (pretentious)
- 7 made a run for it
- 8 San Antonio Zoo has several of these (2 wds.)
- 16 ambulance services (abbr.)
- 17 Galveston County town (2 wds.)
- 21 TX Ernie who was "Mr. Cub" (init.)
- 22 New England ___ chowder
- 23 TXism: "___ a bug in a rug"
- 24 TXism: "from womb ___" (lifetime)
- 29 TXism: "at the drop of ___" (impulsive)
- 30 rose stalk
- 31 t-shirt size
- 32 TX Gary Morris hit: "The Love ___ Me"
- 34 planting dirt
- 35 LBJ Supreme Court nominee, Fortas
- 36 in the 1990s, it was easy to find one in Texas (2 wds.)
- 37 TX Ronnie who sang with Brooks
- 38 long, narrow cut
- 39 in Columbus, TX: "Tate-___-Brandon House"
- 41 TXism for "fellow"
- 42 enjoyed a meal

- 43 TX Bobby, co-founded the Black Panther Party
- 44 unoriginal, trite
- 45 "tit for ___"
- 46 "in ___" (work well together)
- 47 TXism: "sticks like ___ a road"
- 48 Cuero's Turkeyfest race: "Great ___ Gallop"
- 50 Gulf game fish
- 51 dove sound

DOWN

- 1 TXism: "attacked like conventioners ___"
- 2 how shearers charge? (2 wds.)
- 3 cowboys are big ___
- 4 in Callahan County on I-20
- 9 37th governor, Shivers
- 10 teidy
- 11 Neil Diamond's "___ . . . I Said"
- 12 late Texas singer, Gilley (init.)
- 13 live music TV show: "___ City Limits"
- 14 with "S2," name of a security system
- 15 TXism: "he's lower than pond ___"
- 18 Army inspector, e.g. (abbr.)
- 19 in 1991, IRS sold some of TX Willie Nelson's property to pay this (2 wds.)
- 20 "___ Mission" is oldest in Texas
- 22 smokestack
- 24 TXism: "dot the i's and cross the ___"
- 25 TX Roy Orbison's "___, Pretty Woman"
- 26 golf ball holders
- 27 sirloin and brisket are cuts ___

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COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

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(8/9/24) William Chester Simpson, William H. Simpson Testamentary Trust — Tiffany Mote, Erin Blair — 575.47 Acre in Section 3, Block B, Capitol Syndicate Subdivision, Parmer County, Texas; 564.81 Acres in Section 4, Block B, Capitol Syndicate Subdivision, Parmer County, Texas

(8/9/24) Warlick Thomas, Joann Thomas, The Warlick Thomas and Joann Thomas Joint Revocable Living Trust, Karen Suzanne Phillips, Richard M. Duke, Janis Duke, The Richard M. Duke and Janis D. Duke Revocable Living Trust — Brett Layne Anderson, Richard Lee Anderson — Tract in the South of Half of Section 4, Block B, Rhea Brothers Subdivision, Parmer County

(8/13/24) Estate of Rebecca Lucio, Jenette Saenz — Roberto Lucio, Lucia Lucio — West 1/2 of Lot 3 and All of Lots 4, 5, and 6, of Block 1, of Fox Addition to Lariat, Parmer County, Texas

(8/13/24) Panya Bourapa, Mekkala Bourapa, Sasima Intharak — Nohely Martinez, Fabian Arturo Martinez — Lot 50, Block 2, Western Addition, City of Friona, Parmer County, Texas

(8/13/24) Betsy S. Clark — Manuel Toledo — All of Lot 3, in Block 6 of the 3rd Staley Addition to City of Friona, Parmer County

Panhandle Community Services celebrates 60 years of community action

Tuesday, August 20th, 2024 marked the 60th anniversary of the signing of the Economic Opportunity Act into law by President Lydon B Johnson in 1964 as a milestone in his War on Poverty and Great Society domestic programs.

The EOA established social programs aimed at facilitating education, health, employment and general welfare for impoverished Americans. Community Action Agencies were created as part of this legislation to be boots on the ground, know the needs of their community, and how to best bring stability.

Panhandle Community Services is a local 501C3 non-profit and Community Action Agency which was later birthed from this legislation. Our mission is to work as a community leader and partner in the Texas Panhandle to change the lives of low-income people by bridging the gap from poverty to self-sufficiency.

The Friona office is located at 104 W 9th. For more information, call 806-250-5043 or visit <https://www.pcsvcs.org/contact-us/friona-office>.

Come have Fun with us at Malouf's Fabric

These are the classes scheduled this summer

August 24th

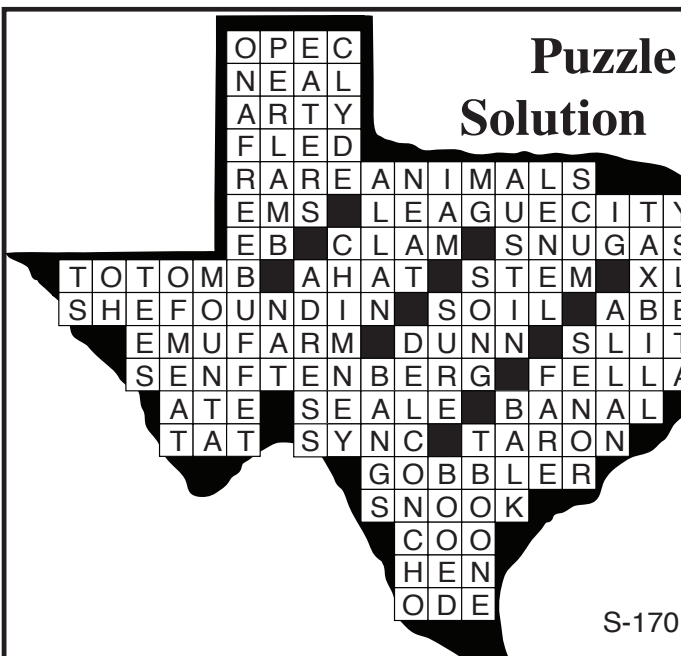
Quick Christmas 3 Yard Quilt Class

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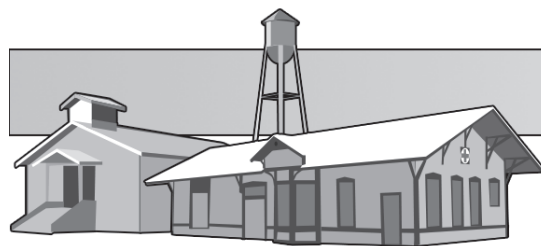
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Mayor Lewellen met with Seniors last Thursday

Smokin' — Place your pre-order today for delicious smoked baby back pork ribs. The Friona Vocational Agriculture Association is smoking 200 racks of ribs and will be available for pickup August 28th through September 14th. Money raised will help local 4-H, FFA, and FCCLA kids. Please see ad below for more information.

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Save the Date — get your tickets today for the Parmer County Junior Livestock Show Steak Dinner to be held on September 7th at Alpo's Barn in Farwell. Please see the ad on page 6 for more information. Tickets are available at the AgriLife Extension Office in Bovina and from various board members, and are \$100 each. The ticket includes two steak dinners and two admission tickets to the concert. All the money raised will go towards benefiting the exhibitors at this year's upcoming 2025 Parmer County Junior Livestock Show.

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Energy Alert — Xcel Energy declared an Energy Alert on Monday urging customers to cut back on their use of electricity. More alerts could be issued in the upcoming days because of the recent heat wave. Xcel

Energy and the electric cooperatives declare an Energy Alert only when a reduction in electricity use is urgently needed to maintain the electricity system and service to customers.

Suggestions on how to reduce electric load include: (1) increase your thermostat setting until after 7 p.m. This does not apply to customers who depend on air conditioning for health reasons. (2) Put off household chores that involve electrical appliances until after 7 p.m. (3) Put off tasks at work, if possible, that would demand electricity. (4) Turn off televisions and electronic equipment unless they are necessary to conduct business or to ensure your health and safety. (5) Turn off unnecessary lighting, leaving on only enough to move about safely indoors.

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Eat and Greet — Mayor Greg Lewellen dropped by the Senior Luncheon last Thursday and gave an update on all the projects that have been underway around town and a couple of future projects.

There will be a Senior Citizens Pancake Fundraising Meal at Noon on Thursday, September 12th at the Senior Center located at 1410 Wash-

ington St. The meal will consist of pancakes, bacon, & sausage and the price is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids 12 and under. Proceeds will be used to buy food for future meals.

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Texas Facts — In 1520, the Spanish Alonso Álvarez de Pineda was the first European to see Texas, while trying to find a route from the Gulf of Mexico to Asia. Although Álvarez claimed

the area for Spain, the region of Texas was mostly ignored for almost 200 years. Source: funworld-facts.com

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Yes and No — National Waffle Day is Tuesday. At first I decided to celebrate it, then I decided not to, and then I decided I would. Actually, I bought some Hungry Jack Belgian Waffle mix and it all ironed out deliciously, with Log Cabin syrup of course.

National Days

August 22 — Tooth Fairy Day

August 23 — Ride The Wind Day

August 24 — Waffle Day

August 25 — Secondhand Wardrobe Day

August 26 — Dog Day

August 27 — Peach Day

August 28 — Bow Tie Day



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Small Town Cookin' By Jeri Lynn White

Grilling Recipes

Shish Kabobs are a quick summertime recipe and an easy way to involve your kids in helping prepare dinner. After all the marinating and slicing are done, the kids can form an assembly line and put all the ingredients on the skewers.

Teriyaki Shish Kabobs
www.tasteofhome.com

Ingredients

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 1 cup ketchup
- 2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 2 teaspoons ground ginger
- 2 pounds beef top sirloin steak, cut into 1-1/2-inch cubes
- 2 to 3 small zucchini, cut into 1-inch slices
- 1/2 pound medium fresh mushrooms
- 1 large green or sweet red pepper, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 small onion, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 2 cups cubed fresh pineapple

Directions

For marinade, mix first 5 ingredients. In a large bowl or shallow dish, add half the marinade and the beef; turn to coat. Cover and reserve remaining marinade. Cover and refrigerate beef and marinade overnight. On metal or soaked wooden skewers, thread vegetables and, on separate skewers, thread beef with pineapple. Discard remaining marinade from beef bowl. Grill kabobs, covered, over medium heat until vegetables are tender and beef reaches desired doneness, 12-15 minutes, turning occasionally. In a small saucepan, bring reserved marinade to a boil, stirring occasionally; cook 1 minute. Remove vegetables, pineapple and beef from skewers before serving. Serve with sauce.



Chamber Business Spotlight

Presented by the Friona Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture



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Jean Botello

August 24
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Leslie Rushing
Gonzalo Blanco
Byron Brewer
Virginia Armstrong

August 27
Rhonda Reeve
Ralph Chavez
Bentley Irwin
Barbara Brown
Robin McGowan
Cindy Simmons
Cassie (London) Smith
Bryan Masse

August 25
Mike Maynard
Edwina Davenport
Trey Ellis
Mary Ford
Caleb Huckins
Nolan Neill
Hope Ferguson

August 28
Monica Perez
Logan Tyler
Julie (Landrum) Baughman
Aaliyah Herrera
Aubrey Reyes



August 29
Ty White
Colby Carthel
Eileen Rainey
Leon Mendoza Jr.

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

Lower prices for the near future

By Gas Buddy

Average gasoline prices in Texas fell 2.0 cents last week, averaging \$2.97 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. According to GasBuddy price reports, the lowest price in the state was \$2.61 while the highest was \$4.15 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline fell 4.2 cents last week, averaging \$3.37 per gallon. The national average price of diesel declined 2.6 cents last week and stands at \$3.69 per gallon which is the lowest level in 940 days.

"Gasoline and diesel prices continue to trail off across much of the country as summer demand fades away. Lower demand in other oil-consuming nations is also helping to lead the downward pressure on pump

prices as we approach Labor Day," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

"With little new action in the Middle East to rile up prices and Hurricane Ernesto remaining far out at sea, it looks like the downward trend could continue into the week ahead. As more schools begin to resume, gasoline demand will likely continue to ease. With the transition to winter gasoline less than a month away for the majority of the nation, gas prices will soon begin their seasonal cooling off— just as temperatures soon will as well," De Haan added.

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By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Jude 1:3 tells believers to “contend for the faith,” by battling false teachers and fleshly desires that would lead one off the Lord’s path. Contending for the faith is not to be taken in a negative connotation, because in Jude 1:19, the Bible says, to be “building yourselves up in the most holy faith...” Not only are you to contend for the faith, but also you must be mindful of building up your faith on the solid ground of God’s Word. An unkept faith becomes a weak and complacent faith, while a faith that abides in Christ grows in faith, love and effectiveness for the Kingdom. The difficulty in building faith, though, is that strong faith is not built up overnight, or even over a short time, but is the result of simple, steady faith in Christ and obedience in accordance

with His Word. That’s why Jesus likens faith to a seed in his parables, which takes time to grow as it receives proper nutrients, but can yield a great harvest in due time. Faith is not microwavable, but it is often tested with the trials you endure. Faith is not self-centered, but requires dying to self daily.

In verses 19-23, Jude displays that faith is built up in the Lord through praying in the Spirit, love for God and others, a focus on Christ and a concern for the souls of others. A stronger faith isn’t the result of gimmicks, but of living out the words of the hymn “I Surrender All,” and experiencing a nearness to God. Also, being more like Christ and developing a strong, committed faith that endures under persecution and the trials of life.

Panhandle Parables

Radio Reception

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

In my teenage years I learned to drive a tractor. Several summers I drove a tractor for a few different folks. My specialty was layout ground. Not much I could hurt except weeds and sometimes those too escaped my path. I enjoyed driving a tractor. You had time to think, but you had to pay attention because even in layout ground you wanted to keep it straight, that was more efficient. I drove John Deere and Case as that was what was given. Regardless of the tractor the radio seemed mostly the same, AM/FM or sing to yourself. Apparently, AM radio in Parmer County basically was 710 KGNC out of Amarillo. It worked well, but if there was a storm anywhere in the panhandle you could hear each lightning strike. Plus, there is only so much talk radio

a teenager can handle. FM was four stations, two out of Clovis, one rock and one country. One in Hereford, country until evening then Spanish, which Mrs. Schueler can attest my Spanish was marginal, but the music was lively. Then the lone Christian channel out of Farwell, which was mostly preaching. Depending on the field and direction, my choices were limited. Seemed most of the time Farwell was it, so preaching of various kinds joined the engine noise of the tractor. If I plowed late into the evening the AM channels came alive. I even listened to one out of Nebraska. I digress, but radio reception seemed to be connected to the direction you were headed or the field you were plowing.

Now it is different, tractors have GPS and I’m

guessing better radios, although the stations remain the same. Sometimes, I think hearing God often depends on my direction and location. If I find myself moving away from Him, I get the static and missed words, which can be dangerous because I begin listening to other things and focusing on other things. If direction is not changed, I may not hear Him at all. Not because He is not speaking but my choices have placed me where I am not listening. Yet, the opposite is also true. When my direction is toward Him, the more I hear, the more focused I become, and the less static from life interferes. The simple question is what are you listening to, and which way are you going? The answer can bring you peace or chaos. Choose well.

Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

By Teena Hughs

When I hear something several times, I wonder what God is trying to tell me. Over the last few weeks, I have heard about leaving yesterday behind, not worrying about tomorrow, and just focusing on today at least three times. I haven’t figured out what God is trying to tell me or teach me, but I know it is something.

The first time I remember hearing this a couple of weeks ago, the person said after two days, let it go. That is easier said than done. Sometimes we need to take care of things from yesterday. Maybe we need to finish a project; maybe we need to correct something we said or we need to tell someone we are sorry for something we said and ask for their forgiveness and understanding; maybe God has given us an idea and we need to carry out that idea. Whatever it is, it needs to be handled quickly so we can let it go and move forward with life. If we don’t, we won’t ever let it go!

Worrying about what could or could not happen tomorrow is a waste of time. Right now, I am praying about two friends who are spending time together. They haven’t been friends in about 15 years. I am praying for their relationship to be reconciled, but I refuse to worry about what could or could not happen during these three days. I told God that He knows what led to their estranged relationship, and only He knows what it will take to reconcile them. To worry about what will or will not happen will not help their relationship be reconciled, but praying and God will; that is why I have turned these people over to Him.

That brings us to today. If we ask God to help us make the most of today; if we try to be the best person we can be; if we try to live in a way that glorifies Him; if we give this day our all and our best, we should be able to put our head on a pillow at night, thank God for the day He has given us, and then we should sleep like a baby.

To close, I want to share a poem, “Yesterday Today and Tomorrow”. I don’t know who wrote it, but it is read at many 12 Step meetings:

There are two days in every week about which we should not worry, Two days which should be kept free of fear and apprehension.

One of these days is YESTERDAY, With its mistakes and cares, Its faults and blunders, Its aches and pains. YESTERDAY has passed forever beyond our control.

All the money in the world cannot bring back YESTERDAY. We cannot undo a single act we performed; We cannot erase a single word we said. YESTERDAY is gone.

The other day we should not worry about is TOMORROW With its possible adversities, its burdens, its larger promise. TOMORROW is also beyond our immediate control. TOMORROW, the sun will rise, Either in splendor or behind a mask of clouds, But it will rise. Until it does, we have no stake in TOMORROW For it is as yet unborn.

This leaves only one day--TODAY. Any man can fight the battles of just one day. It is only when you and I add the burdens of those two awful eternities--YESTERDAY and TOMORROW-- That we break down.

It is not the experience of TODAY that drives men mad. It is remorse or bitterness for something which happened YESTERDAY And the dread of what TOMORROW may bring.

Let us, therefore, live but ONE day at a time.

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will continue. "As we continue to move forward—we continue to grow in numbers and scope within the community. Later this year, we are going to house 300 employees in Amarillo to accommodate expansion and teleworking. We will continue with our modernization programs, including an increased workload and workforce, he said.



Aerial view of Pantex Plant

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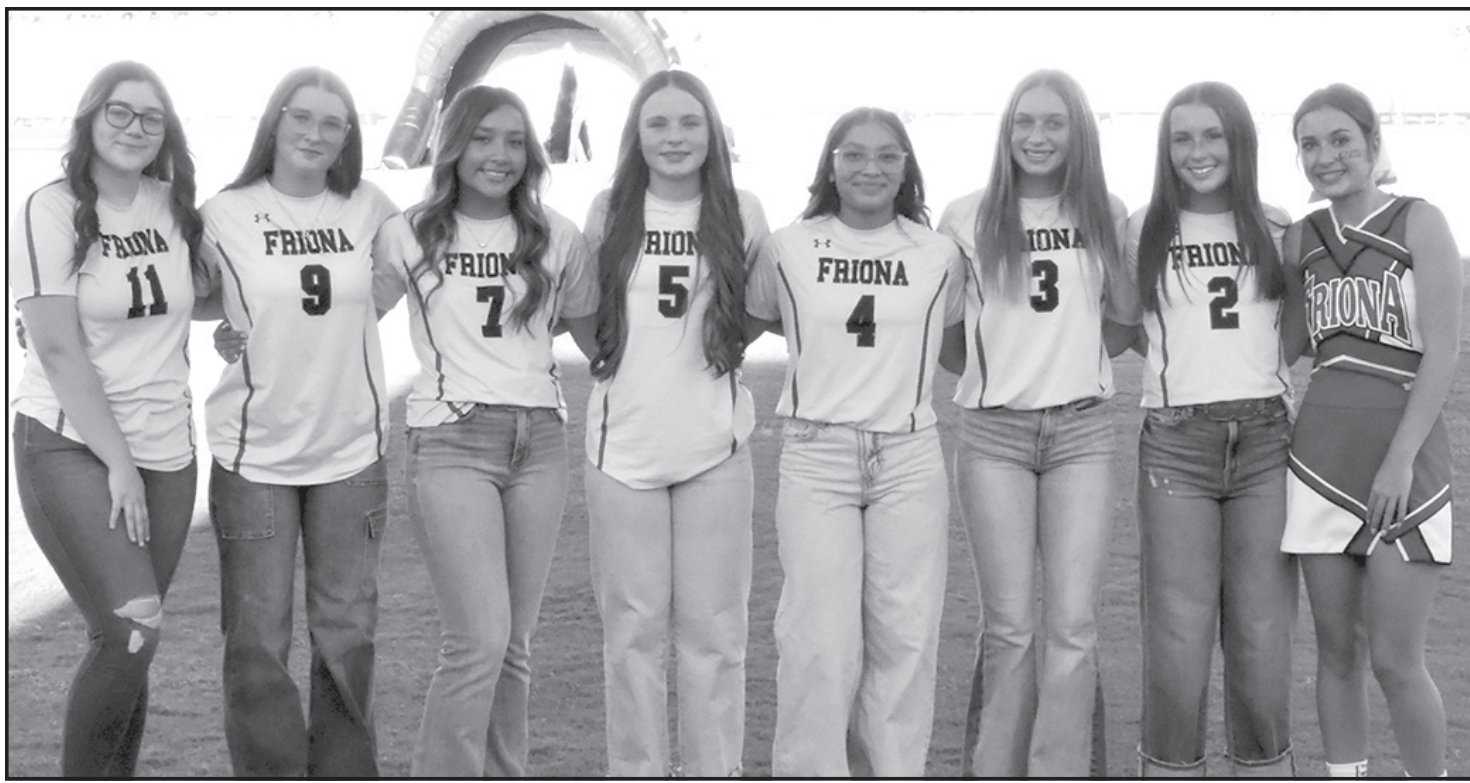
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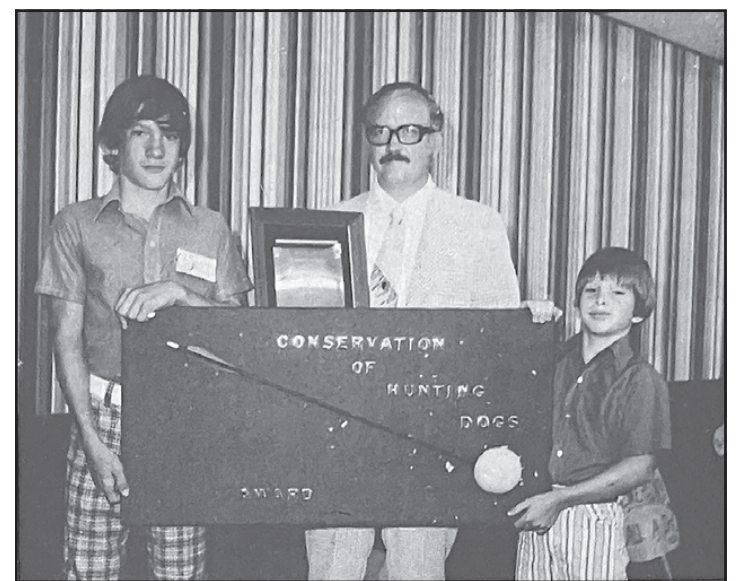


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FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



DR. A's AWARDS . . . Dr. Robert Alexander and his two sons pose with the awards present to Dr. Bob at the appreciation night banquet Tuesday. Robert, left, and Andy, flank their dad, who holds his plaque. The boys hold the award for "Conservation of Hunting Dogs," presented to him by Dr. Gary Cash.



ADMIRE PLAQUE . . . Dr. Paul Spring, his daughter Susie, left, and wife June admire the plaque presented to Dr. Paul at the Doctors' Appreciation banquet here Tuesday at the Community Center.



LEE'S CROWD . . . Dr. Lee Spring holds the awards he was presented at the banquet here Tuesday. He is flanked by daughters Gigi, left, and Sandy, who hold a couple of the placards which were used during the "children's demonstration."
(Friona Star, Sunday, August 18, 1974)

FSA News

USDA Name County Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds producers of approaching application deadlines for purchasing risk coverage for some crops through the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP). NAP provides financial assistance to producers of non-insurable crops impacted by natural disasters that result in lower yields, crop losses, or prevented crop planting.

NAP covers losses from natural disasters on crops for which no permanent federal crop insurance program is available, including forage and grazing crops, fruits, vegetables, floriculture, ornamental nursery, aquaculture, turf grass and more.

Upcoming application deadlines for NAP coverage in Parmer County for the 2025 production season include:

- **September 1, 2024:** Small grains for grazing or forage
 - **December 1, 2024:** Native and Improved grass for grazing and forage
- NAP basic coverage is available at 55% of the average market price for crop losses that exceed 50% of expected production. Buy-up coverage is available in some cases. NAP offers higher levels of coverage, ranging from 50% to 65% of expected production in 5% increments, at 100% of the average market price. Producers of organic crops and crops marketed directly to consumers also may exercise the "buy-up" option to obtain NAP coverage of 100% of the average market price at coverage levels ranging between 50% and 65% of expected production. Buy-up coverage is not available for crops intended for grazing.

For all coverage levels, the NAP service fee is the lesser of \$325 per crop or \$825 per producer per county, not to exceed a total of \$1,950 for a producer with farming interests in multiple counties. Premiums apply for buy-up coverage.

If a producer has a Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource, Beginning and Veteran Farmer or Rancher Certification (form CCC-860) on file with FSA, it may serve as an application for basic coverage for all eligible crops beginning with crop year 2022. These producers will have all NAP-related service fees for basic coverage waived. These producers may also receive a 50% premium reduction if higher levels of coverage are elected on form CCC-471, prior to the application closing date for each crop.

FHS Class of 1959



Celebrating 65 Years!!! — The Friona High School Class of 1959 celebrated its 65th Reunion on August 16-17 at the Holiday Inn Express in Amarillo,

Texas. Fourteen class members and six spouses enjoyed a time of food, fellowship, and memories. **In the photo** — Back Row (l-r):

Bomar Stacy, Wayne Rhodes, Gary Dean McLaughlin, O'Neil Greyson, Gene Pope, Larry Joe Moyer, Billy Gene Zachary. Front Row (l-r):

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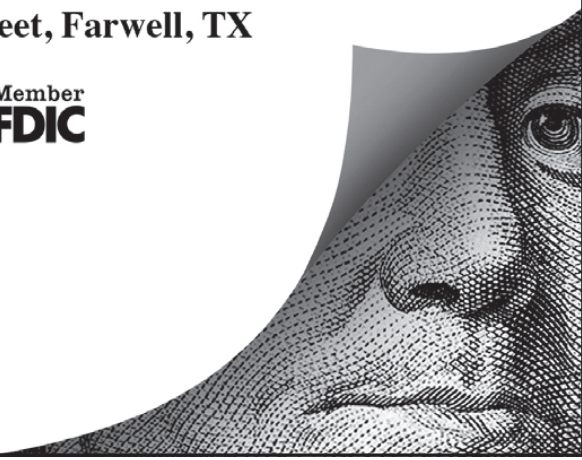
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PARMER COUNTY 2025 PROPOSED BUDGET/2024 PROPOSED TAX RATE**

The 2025 proposed budget and proposed tax rate are available for inspection in the County Clerk's office, Room 102, at the Parmer County Courthouse, 401 3rd St. Farwell, TX. The County Clerk's Office is open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, and Friday from 8:30am to 3:00pm.

The Parmer County Commissioners Court will hold a public hearing on the 2025 Proposed budget, 2024 Proposed tax rate and the Elected Officials salary increase, at 9:30am on September 12th 2024. The hearing will take place in the Parmer County Courtroom, at the Parmer County Courthouse, 401 3rd St, Farwell, TX.

There being no objections, the Parmer County Commissioners Court will then plan to adopt the 2025 proposed budget and proposed 2024 tax rate, in its regularly scheduled meeting on that same day.



Obituary



Charles A. Myers

Charles A. Myers, 82, of Roll, Oklahoma was born on June 7, 1942 in Pasadena, Texas. He is the son of Charles Myers Jr. and Loree (Hilton) Myers. He went to be with his Lord and Savior on Saturday, August 17, 2024 at his residence in Roll, Oklahoma surrounded by his loving family.

He married the love of his life, Judy Karen Guinn on June 25, 1962 in Hereford, Texas. Charles enjoyed fishing, hunting, metal detecting, collecting Indian artifacts, arrowheads, coins, guns, knives, and woodworking.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, August 22, 2024 at Arnett Church of Christ, Arnett, Oklahoma. Randy Sherrill will officiate. Interment will be at Silent Home Cemetery, Roger Mills County, Oklahoma. Services have been entrusted to the care of Richard and Tammy Dugger and the



staff of Martin-Dugger Funeral Home in Elk City, Oklahoma.

Cherishing his memory is his loving wife, Judy of the home; his son Jeremy Myers and his wife, Marla of Ovalo, Texas; two daughters, Lamona Gay Black and her husband, Kris of Crawford, Oklahoma, Tamara Vogel and her husband, Randy of Plainview, Texas; six grandchildren, Konstanze Hardy of Midland, Texas, Kreighton Biggs of Plainview, Texas, Phylli Roberts of Lubbock, Texas, Eleanor Myers, Hayes Myers and Eisley Myers all

from Ovalo, Texas; four, great grandchildren; one sister, Pat Bass and her husband, Charles of Pearidge, Arkansas; one uncle, Gene Hilton of Littleton, Colorado.

Charles is preceded in death by his parents, Charles Myers Jr. and Loree Myers; In-laws, Gene and Mildred Guinn; brother-in-law, Layton Sawyer.

Memorials can be made to the Arnett Church of Christ or the New Mexico Christian Children's Home in care of Martin-Dugger Funeral Home, P.O. Box 707, Elk City, Oklahoma 73648.

We invite you to leave a message of condolence, expression of sympathy or perhaps share a memory of Charles at www.martin-duggerfuneralhome.com.

The family would like to invite all that cannot attend to watch the service live on Martin-Dugger Funeral Home website.

**Parmer County
Notice of Proposed Salaries for Elected Officials
2025 Budget Year**

The Parmer County Commissioners' Court proposes the following salary increases effective January 1, 2025, for the following elected officials:

Office	2024 Salary	2025 Salary
County Clerk	51,108.12	53,663.52 5.0
District Clerk	51,108.12	53,663.53 5.0
Justic of the Peace, Pct 1	31,770.48	33,359.04 5.0
Justic of the Peace, Pct 2	31,770.48	33,359.04 5.0
Justic of the Peace, Pct 3	31,770.48	33,359.04 5.0
County Attorney	41,704.20	43,789.44 5.0 *
County Treasurer	51,108.12	53,663.53 5.0
County Tax A/C	51,108.12	53,633.53 5.0
County Sheriff	75,000.00	78,750.00 5.0 **
County Judge	54,735.48	57,472.20 5.0
County Commissioner PCT #1	31,107.96	32,663.40 5.0
County Commissioner PCT #2	31,107.96	32,663.40 5.0
County Commissioner PCT #3	31,107.96	32,663.40 5.0
County Commissioner PCT #4	31,107.96	32,663.40 5.0

*These salaries do not include supplements paid by the State.

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PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$ 0.3800	per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$ 0.3626	per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$ 0.3800	per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2024 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for PARMER COUNTY from the same properties in both the 2023 tax year and the 2024 tax year.

The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that PARMER COUNTY may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that PARMER COUNTY is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2024 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON 09/12/2024 09:30 AM at 401 3rd Street, Farwell, TX.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, PARMER COUNTY is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the PARMER COUNTY at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE TAX RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

Property tax amount = (tax rate) x (taxable value of your property) / 100

(List names of all members of the governing body below, showing how each voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase or, if one or more were absent, indicating absences.)

FOR the proposal: Isabel Carrasco, Charles Wilkins, Kenny White, Casey Russell, Kirk Frye

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by PARMER COUNTY last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by PARMER COUNTY this year.

	2023	2024	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.3990	\$0.3800	4.76% decrease
Average homestead taxable value	\$93,618	\$104,186	11.28% increase
Tax on average homestead	\$373	\$395	5.98% increase
Total tax levy on all properties	\$4,879,207	\$5,191,491	6.4% increase

(Include the following text if these no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate adjustments apply for the taxing unit)

No-New-Revenue Maintenance and Operations Rate Adjustments

State Criminal Justice Mandate (counties)

The Parmer County Auditor certifies that Parmer County has spent \$ 11,025 in the previous 12 months for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Parmer County Sheriff has provided Parmer County information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for the reimbursement of such costs.

This increased the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate by 0.0000 /\$100.

Indigent Health Care Compensation Expenditures (counties)

The Parmer County spent \$ 19,176 from July 1 2023 to June 30 2024 on indigent health care compensation procedures at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance.

For current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is \$ 0.0000.

This increased the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate by 0.0000 /\$100.

Indigent Defense Compensation Expenditures (counties)

The PARMER COUNTY spent \$ 22,098 from July 1 2023 to June 30 2024 to provide appointed counsel for indigent individuals in criminal or civil proceedings in accordance with the schedule of fees adopted under Article 26.05, Code of Criminal Procedure, and to fund the operations of a public defender's office under Article 26.044, Code of Criminal Procedure, less the amount of any state grants received. For current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent defense compensation expenditures is \$ -19,176.

This increased the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate by 0.0000 /\$100.

Eligible County Hospital Expenditures (cities and counties)

The Parmer County spent \$ 0.0000 from July 1 2023 to June 30 2024 on expenditures to maintain and operate an eligible county hospital.

For current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's eligible county hospital expenditures is \$ 0.0000.

This increased the no-new revenue maintenance and operations rate by 0.0000 /\$100.

(If the tax assessor for the taxing unit maintains an internet website)

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for PARMER COUNTY at (806) 251-1405 or pcad@parmercad.org, or visit parmer.truthintaxation.com for more information.

(If the tax assessor for the taxing unit does not maintain an internet website)

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for PARMER COUNTY at (806) 251-1405 or pcad@parmercad.org.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Friona ISD will hold a public meeting at 4 p.m. Friday, August 30, 2024 in the Administration Building Board Room at 909 E. 11th Friona, Texas. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$.6669	/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax		
Approved by Local Voters	\$.334	/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	6.460	% increase	or	.000	% (decrease)
Debt service	.807	% increase	or	.000	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	5.653	% increase	or	.000	% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 607,503,443	\$ 681,826,243
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 18,227,126	\$ 21,158,098
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 593,032,461	\$ 666,409,612
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 18,086,432	\$ 20,941,878

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(8).
** "New property" is defined by Tax Code Section 26.012(17).
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 18,407,325

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$.66920	\$.33400 *	\$ 1.00320	\$ 6,726	\$ 7,704
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$.93518	\$.14886 *	\$ 1.08404	\$ 7,960	\$ 5,144
Proposed Rate	\$.66690	\$.33400 *	\$ 1.00090	\$ 7,530	\$ 5,277

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 123,505	\$ 145,154
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 30,708	\$ 37,892
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.0032	\$ 1.0009
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 308.06	\$ 379.26
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 71.20

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.0009. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of 1.0009.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 5,817,832.09
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 1,213,621.41

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

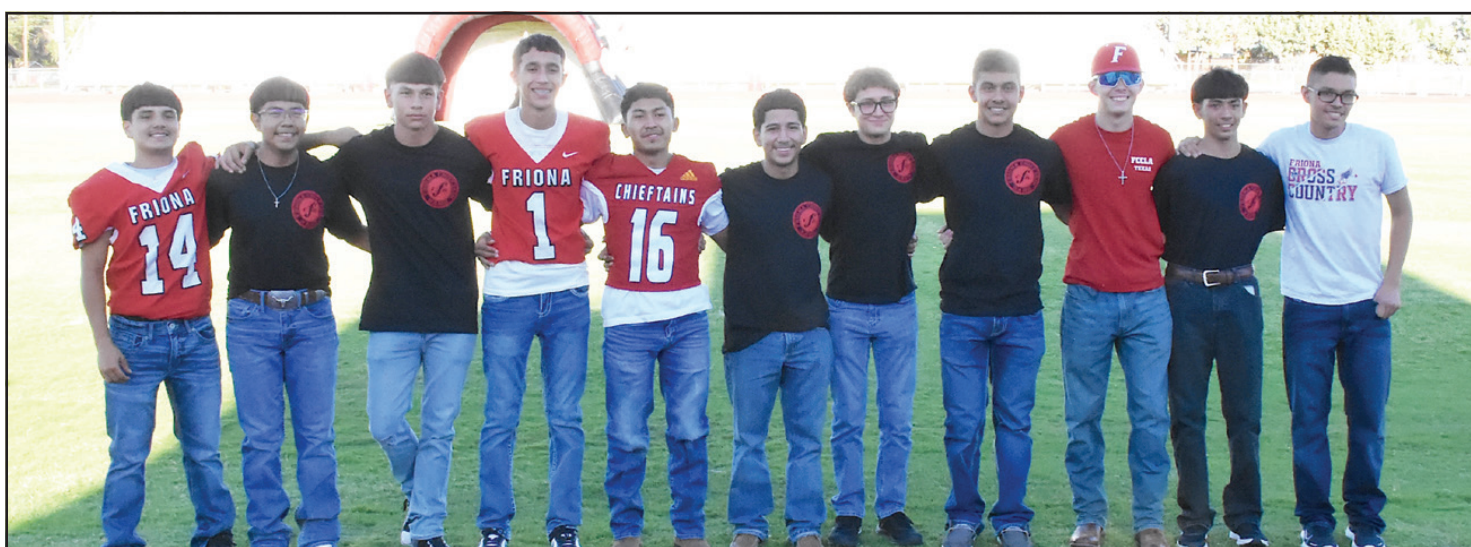
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