



# Homecoming 2024

Odalis Faudoa Benavente crowned Homecoming Queen



FHS Homecoming Queen Court — (l-r) Reyna Arias, Aubrey Schueler, 2024 Homecoming Queen Odalis Faudoa Benavente, Kitzy Welch, and Leslie Rodriguez.



## 68th Annual Maize Days Celebration

See photos at [frionaonline.com](http://frionaonline.com)



**\$500 for Catching Zs!!!** — The FHS Junior Class were the winners of the 2024 Maize Days Bed Race. Members of the "Dream Team" were — (l-r) Gael Lara, Mario Garcia, Anaesha Carranza, Rafael Rocha Jr, and Francisco Silva. In back is Kelley Jo Ashlock, a class sponsor.



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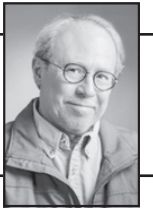


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**State Capital Highlights**

By Gary Borders



**Community Calendar**

Send Calendar information to:  
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**September 19**

• Spaghetti & Meatballs at Noon Meal @ Senior Center

**September 23**

• Pork Loin at Noon Meal @ Senior Center

**September 25**

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

**September 26**

• Stuffed Cabbage Casserole at Noon Meal @ Senior Center

**September 30**

• Tacos at Noon Meal @ Senior Center

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**Vehicle inspections end in 2025**

Texas car safety inspections will no longer be required in 2025, after HB 3297 passed the Legislature in 2023. The Austin American-Statesman reported inspections end Jan. 1, though drivers living in and near major Texas cities will still be required to take their vehicles in for emission tests.

Although actual inspection is ending, all noncommercial vehicles in Texas still will be charged a \$7.50 inspection fee when the vehicle is registered with the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles.

Counties requiring emission tests to comply with federal clean-air requirements are Brazoria, Collin, Dallas, Denton, El Paso, Ellis, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Johnson, Kaufman, Montgomery, Parker, Rockwall, Tarrant, Travis and Williamson. Costs range from \$11.50 to \$35.50, depending on what tests are required.

Diesel vehicles and motorcycles are exempt from emissions testing.

**PUC secures refunds, credits**

The Public Utility Commission has secured refunds and bill credits totaling \$502,982 for Texas electric, water and telecommunications customers for fiscal year 2024, which ended Aug. 31. Nearly

13,000 complaints were filed by consumers during the fiscal year.

“Protecting consumers is the first commitment listed in our agency’s mission statement, and our staff works every day to make sure Texas utility consumers are treated fairly and receive high quality service,” Chris Burch, with the PUC, said.

The bulk of refunds and credits were for electric customers.

Customers who believe they were unfairly charged can file a complaint at [puc.texas.gov/consumer/complaint](http://puc.texas.gov/consumer/complaint).

Bitcoin plant expansion faces backlash in North Texas

A proposal to build a new 300-megawatt power plant next to two existing neighborhoods in Granbury drew about 150 angry residents to a public meeting hosted by the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality last week.

Marathon Digital, a Florida-based cryptocurrency company, operates a 300-megawatt bitcoin mine on property owned by Constellation Energy, according to the San Antonio Express-News. Residents have complained about the constant noise coming from thousands of fans used to cool the banks of computers processing bitcoin transactions.

Constellation hopes to erect

eight new turbines powered by natural gas to generate additional electricity and has applied for air permits to release nearly 800,000 added tons of carbon dioxide each year. Residents near the plant objected.

“It’s not right. Y’all moved in on top of us. We didn’t move in on y’all,” said Nick Browning, who lives about 800 feet from the property.

Texas leads the nation in bitcoin mining, which is an electronic payment system that forgoes use of banks and credit card companies and requires vast amounts of computing power. TCEQ officials have not decided whether to grant a permit for a new plant. Constellation says the new plant would only operate about 40% of the year and “would be prohibited from directly serving industrial load,” such as bitcoin. However, opponents say the new plant would allow existing plants to be used for more bitcoin mining than being done now.

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**Letter to the Citizens of Parmer County**

I am writing to assure the Citizens of Parmer County that their Election is secure and accurate.

There are so many false rumors and stories trying to make people doubt the Election results that I felt I had to respond to the public.

No voting equipment in Parmer County is connected to the internet. It is impossible to hack.

The voting equipment is checked numerous times before Election Day or Early Voting to make sure they are recording correctly. They are tested with a test deck of ballots and compared with a hand count.

We will place a notice in the paper as to when that testing will take place and you are welcome to attend.

All ballots in Parmer County are paper ballots. No matter how

you vote, all ballots are paper. If you vote on our ExpressVote, you touch the screen and it prints your selection. You have the opportunity to review your choices twice before placing it in the ballot box. You can make any changes if you desire to by asking a poll worker how to correct your ballot.

If you color in your bubble, you must make sure you do not “color outside the lines” or mark an X or circle your choice because those won’t count. That is why we prefer the ExpressVote. There is no question using that voting method.

All paper ballots can be counted, recounted, and audited to ensure accuracy. After each Election we must audit a certain percentage of our ballots to ensure accuracy and report that information to the Secretary of State.

Poll Books are connected to each other. If you vote in Friona, they know in Lazbuddie, Bovina, and Farwell that you have already voted. No one can vote more than once.

There is also false information that if your ballot has writing on it that it is not valid. By Election Code the presiding judge in the polling place must sign or stamp their signature on the ballot. This prevents someone from stuffing non-valid or fake ballots in the ballot box.

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact us. We will be happy to discuss the process with you.

Susie Spring, County Clerk  
Jessica White, Election Clerk  
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**ACROSS**

- 1 short crazes
- 5 TXism: “I smell \_\_\_\_\_” (suspicious)
- 6 rattling sound made by unhealthy lungs
- 7 TXism: “that gets my dander up”
- 8 Texan guard Kenyon Green was \_\_\_\_\_ twice
- 18 TXism: “\_\_\_\_\_ earned his spurs” (achieve)
- 19 TXism: “limp \_\_\_\_\_”
- 21 Faye of 1978 “Eyes of Laura Mars” with TX Tommy Lee Jones (init.)
- 22 Dallas community college: “Mountain \_\_\_\_\_”
- 23 “\_\_\_\_\_ it” (do it quicker)
- 24 “\_\_\_\_\_ quarter, call someone who cares”
- 29 camping shelter
- 30 cat with a mane found in zoos
- 31 TX Dabney Coleman 1990 film: “Where the Heart \_\_\_\_\_”
- 32 TX Jack Johnson defeated “the \_\_\_\_\_” (1910)
- 34 TXism: “hope \_\_\_\_\_ doing”
- 35 swab the floor
- 36 “Staked Plains” in NW Texas: “Llano \_\_\_\_\_”
- 37 woman’s purse (2 wds.)
- 38 of sound mind
- 39 TXism: “I’d have \_\_\_\_\_ to die” (sick)
- 41 flower bud protector
- 42 “surf the \_\_\_\_\_”
- 43 TXism: “chucklehead”
- 44 “know-\_\_\_\_\_” (smarty-pants)
- 45 one hour ahead of CST
- 46 not describing Texas
- 47 no longer fresh
- 48 lab cylinder (2 wds.)

**DOWN**

- 1 “Charlie’s Angel” from Texas (2 wds.)
- 2 TXism: “mad as \_\_\_\_\_ on rooster”
- 3 “Big D”
- 4 newspaper in Daingerfield: “\_\_\_\_\_ County Bee”
- 9 Shirley Mac \_\_\_\_\_ starred in Texas-based “Terms of Endearment”
- 10 \_\_\_\_\_ of dominoes has 28 pieces
- 11 JD Vance’s grandmother: “Mee \_\_\_\_\_”
- 12 Harris of Texas based 1985 film “Alamo Bay”
- 13 \_\_\_\_\_ Star, TX in Eastland County
- 14 “this \_\_\_\_\_ a drill” (real danger)
- 15 former Cowboys coach, Gailey
- 16 in Smith County on highway 135
- 17 “Davy Crockett \_\_\_\_\_ Forest”
- 20 Oak Ridge Boys sing country and \_\_\_\_\_ music
- 22 what Gov Abbott did with a bill he didn’t like? (2 wds.)
- 24 \_\_\_\_\_ Bissinger wrote “Friday Night Lights”
- 25 archaic “before”
- 26 “\_\_\_\_\_ in Peace”
- 27 “I can’t \_\_\_\_\_ more bite” (full)
- 28 coaches in frontier Texas
- 29 piece of gossip
- 30 teller of fibs
- 33 ten-gallon \_\_\_\_\_
- 34 it’s placed at “Lone Star Park” (2 wds.)
- 35 Texas has Bigtooth \_\_\_\_\_ trees
- 37 TXism: “happy as a kid in \_\_\_\_\_”
- 38 TX Bobby who co-founded Black Panther Party
- 40 fork prongs
- 41 thrust a knife
- 44 TXism: “cough \_\_\_\_\_” (pay me)
- 47 Joan of “Gunpoint” with TX Audie
- 49 \_\_\_\_\_-and-error

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## 'Tis the View

*Is your smile bigger than mine?  
Is your frown deeper than mine?*

*If we share them both,  
They won't be.*

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## COURTHOUSE NOTES

*Susie Spring, County Clerk*

### Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from September 5, 2024 to September 12, 2024

(9/4/24) Tracy Bunker, Suzanne Bunker — Efrain Balli, Angela Balli — West 80 Feet of Lot 20, Block 1 of the Western Addition to the City of Friona, Parmer County, Texas

(9/10/24) Brandon Foster, Alaina Foster — River-view LLP — Lots 10-13, Block 59 and a Tract measuring 2.9' x 100.0' lying East of Lots 10, 11, 12, and 13, Block 59 Original Town of Farwell, Parmer County, Texas

(9/10/24) Lawanda Lue Meeks — Atkinson Investments Inc. — Lots 12 and 13 of Block No. 27, of the Original Town of Farwell, Parmer County

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

Reported by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office  
September 9 through September 15, 2024  
*Eric Geske, Sheriff*

(9/10/24) Victor Manuell Mendoza, 24, of Littlefield was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on charges of Fail to ID Fugitive Intent to Give False Info; Possession Marijuana < 2oz; and on a Castro County Warrant for Aggravated Kidnapping with Deadly Weapon.

(9/12/24) Derek William Hunt, 44, of Farwell was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Driving While Intoxicated.

(9/15/24) Maritssa Flores, 39, of Friona was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on a charge of Driving While Intoxicated.

## National Days

- September 19:** Butterscotch Pudding Day
- September 20:** Tradesmen Day
- September 21:** Cleanup Day
- September 22:** Ice Cream Cone Day
- September 23:** Family Day
- September 24:** Punctuation Day
- September 25:** Quesadilla Day

## Notice of Public Sale

Chieftain Self Storage Systems of Friona, Texas will hold a Public Auction of Property to satisfy a landlord's lien. The sale will be conducted at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 3, 2024 at 607 Main Street in Friona, Texas 79035. The property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash only. The tenant is Jesus Noel Acosta and the property for sale includes personal items.

### Come have Fun with us at Malouf's Fabric

*These are the classes scheduled this summer*

**September 21**

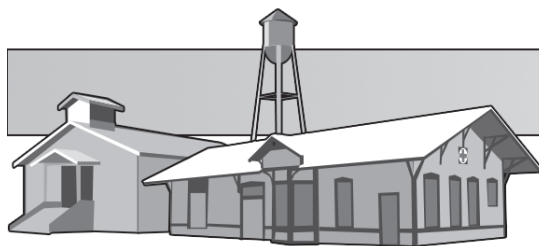
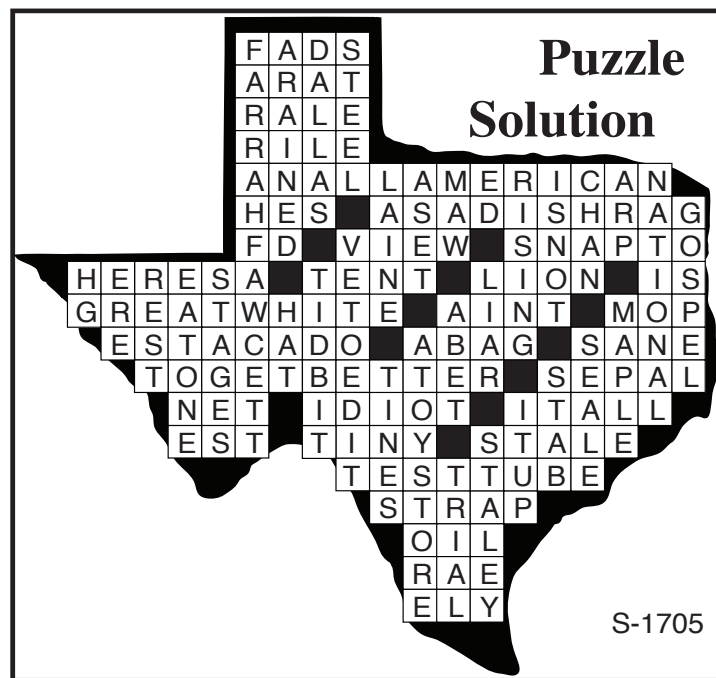
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## TOWN TALK

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And the Winner Is — Congratulations to Donnie Lewellen. He was the winner of the Kubota Zero-Turn Mower in the Friona Volunteer Fire Department fundraising raffle. Fire Chief Danny Campbell said, "On behalf of the members of the fire department, we would like to thank everyone that supported our fundraiser. We could not do the work we do or have the proper equipment if it was not for the generous support from the community of Friona. It is our honor to serve you."

And the Winner is — Congratulations to Rachel Medina. She won the Recliner and Gliding Loveseat combo in the Parmer Paws fundraising raffle. All the volunteers at the Animal Outreach Center appreciate everyone who bought tickets to help support their work

in taking care of our pets.

Pass the Syrup — The Senior Citizens organization would like to thank everyone who supported their Pancake Fundraiser last Thursday. The event raised approximately \$2,800 which will be used to provide meals for seniors each Monday and Thursday.

Save The Date — The annual National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, October 1st. This event honors all our first responders in Parmer County. A free meal will be served, prizes will be drawn for, and everyone will have a chance to meet their first responders. Please see the information on page 6.

Last Chance — Pig Tags are ready to be ordered so contact your FFA teacher or Ag agent. The price is

\$17.00 per tag and the deadline is Monday, September 23rd.

Texas Facts — In the 1836 Texas Revolution, Texans declared their independence from Mexico

and became an independent country, the Republic of Texas. This would last until 1845, when Texas became the 28th state of the USA. Source: funworldfacts.com



Gary Johnson cooking pancakes



Parmer Paws Drawing



Fire Department Drawing

## City Council covers wide-ranging agenda

The Friona City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 12, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 617 Main in Friona, Texas. The meeting began with roll call, an invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance. Council member Cindy Moreno was not present.

A public hearing regarding the proposed city budget and tax rate was held at 6:30 p.m. and no individuals addressed the council concerning either of the items.

The proposed 2024-25 Budget for the City of Friona was approved by a unanimous 4-0 vote. The proposed tax rate of .5852/\$100 valuation was also approved. A separate vote for the General Fund and the Interest & Sinking Fund was required. By law, council members voted individually. Both motions passed by a 4-0 unanimous vote.

The 2024-25 proposed budget for the Friona Economic Development Corporation (FEDC) was also approved. The FEDC receives 25 percent of the sales tax allocation money distributed to the City of Friona from the State of Texas. The Chamber of Commerce receives 10 percent of the FEDC amount to help fund its operations.

End-of-year transfers from the water account and the sewer account to the capital improvement fund in the amounts of \$75,100 and \$43,590 respectively were approved. The funds will be used for capital improvement projects in the future.

A motion to accept the proposed 2024-25 Fee Schedule was approved.

A construction contract with Oasis Water Playground, Inc. was approved for the construction of a \$300,000.00 Splash Pad for the City of Friona. The project is funded by a 2024 Texas Parks and Wildlife grant awarded to the city.

A negotiated settlement between an Executive Committee of Cities and Atmos Energy concerning a rate increase was approved. The amount of the increase was mediated by the Texas Public Utilities Commission (PUC). A rate increase proposed by Southwestern Public Service was denied by the city council and will be arbitrated in much the same manner as the Atmos request.

In other business, the accounts payable for August 2024 were approved as well as the financial statement for August 2024. Also, Minutes of the August 12th regular meeting, August 22nd special meeting, September 4th tax rate meeting, and the September 4th budget workshop meeting were approved.

A motion was approved to increase the fees for the collection of residential and commercial garbage. Residential customers will see a 15% increase and commercial customers will see a 18% increase. The increases are due to the new agreement signed with Republic Services which included different collection dates and added an

extra roll-off box. A 5% increase is projected for next year.

A motion to approve a request from Efrain Balli to receive outside city limit water and sewer service, as well as the costs for such services, at 1619 West 10th Street in Friona was approved.

A motion to designate the Friona Star as the City of Friona's official newspaper was approved.

A motion to adopt administrative rules regarding the consumption of alcohol at City of Friona rental facilities and on City of Friona properties was approved. The rules are in accordance with TABC guidelines. Publication of the rules will be announced at a later date.

The City of Friona approved a one-year agreement with Parmer County to maintain a roll-off box to be used by residents of the county. The city will receive \$15,000 from the county to defray expenses and the roll-off box will be located at East 8th and South Jackson Ave. in Friona, next to the city roll-off boxes. Plans are to start opening the roll-off boxes each Saturday instead of the first Saturday of the month.

City Hall will be closed on September 26th and 27th in order to conduct year-end procedures. The next scheduled regular meeting is Tuesday, October 15th due to the Columbus Day holiday on Monday.

All meetings are open to the public. Information in this article is only a summary.

# Small Town Cookin' By Jeri Lynn White

## Tomatoes

This is a quick way to use up an over abundance of tomatoes. The reviews suggested you can use Italian seasoning if you don't have rosemary, and a sprinkle of grated parmesan or mozzarella cheese is also delicious. It was also suggested to sauté the garlic before you add it to the tomatoes if you want to be sure it is fully cooked. This is good to serve on top of spaghetti and meatballs or with crusty toasted bread.

**Baked Tomato Slices**  
www.allrecipes.com

### Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons olive oil, divided, or as needed
- 1 large tomato, cut into 1/2-inch-thick slices
- 1 sprig fresh rosemary, leaves stripped and finely chopped
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- salt and ground black pepper to taste

### Directions

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Brush a baking sheet with about 1 tablespoon olive oil. Arrange tomato slices on the baking sheet; sprinkle rosemary and garlic on top. Brush with the remaining 1 tablespoon olive oil; season with salt and pepper. Bake in the preheated oven until tender, 5 to 10 minutes.

## Koehler named Chamber Executive VP

Lee Erin Koehler was born and raised outside McLean, Texas and still enjoys spending her free time there today. She developed a strong appreciation for the close-knit, small-town values that continue to shape her life and work today.



Lee Erin Koehler

As a proud mother of two, Lee Erin has raised her children - Chisum, who is currently pursuing his degree at Ole Miss, and Cross, who is a freshman at Kansas State University - with the same dedication and passion she applies to her professional pursuits. Her family is at the heart of everything she does, and she takes immense pride in nurturing their growth while fostering strong community ties.

For several years, Lee Erin owned and operated The Rack Boutique on the Square in Canyon, a venture that ignited her passion for small business and entrepre-

neurship. Her hands-on experience in the retail industry has equipped here with valuable insights into the challenges and rewards of running a successful small busi-

ness. This invaluable knowledge drives her enthusiasm for fostering local economic development and supporting fellow entrepreneurs. Lee Erin's commitment

to her community extends beyond her business endeavors; she has served on the Canyon Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, as well as various other volunteer organizations where she dedicated her efforts to the community.

Looking ahead, Lee Erin is thrilled to embark on a new journey in Friona. With her energetic spirit and experience, she is eager to help grow businesses and meet the wonderful people of the area. Her passion for small business, combined with her genuine love for community engagement, ensures that she will make a significant impact in Friona. As she steps into this new chapter, Lee Erin remains dedicated to fostering relationships, supporting local initiatives, and contributing to all the things that make Friona such a wonderful community.

## Happy Birthday

**September 20**  
Chris Alexander  
Quay Schueler  
Landon Martin  
Jessie London  
Chance Hutson  
Bertha Mendoza  
Magean Garner  
Hannah Alger  
Emma Rector  
JoAnn Padilla  
Génesis Aguirre

**September 23**  
Hector Sanchez  
Marisol Posada  
Lino Contreras

**September 24**  
Marie Saiz  
Mitch Terry  
Shirley Ferguson  
Leigh Monroe  
Jon Douglas  
Danny Murphree  
Barry Procter  
Cortlyn Bynum

**September 21**  
Randy McCasland  
Gail Sifford  
Nathan Moroney  
Caroline Estrada  
Glen Shirley  
Kevin Reeves  
Zenka Ortiz  
Abel Portillo

**September 25**  
Jane Dixon  
Dr. Robert Alexander  
Robert Alexander, Jr.  
Kristen Veggeberg  
Shayle Swink  
Victoria Brown

**September 22**  
Casey Renner  
Paige Baker  
Aimee Houston  
Garrett Tongate  
Carly Talley  
Heather Turner

**September 26**  
Mike Chaney  
Brent Hinkle  
Rachel Clark  
Christopher Alexander  
Phyllis Alexander

## Gas prices keep falling

By GasBuddy

Average gasoline prices in Texas fell 13.2 cents last week, averaging \$2.67 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas was priced at \$1.99 while the most expensive was \$3.59 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline fell 6.9 cents last week, averaging \$3.15 per gallon. The national average price of diesel declined 3.4 cents last week and stands at \$3.57 per gallon, the lowest level

since January 2022.

"Gasoline prices continue to crumble across nearly the entire nation, with average prices below \$3 per gallon in 18 states, with some 65,000 stations selling below that psychological mark. Diesel prices are also falling and are at their lowest level in nearly 1,000 days," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

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

## Commissioners approve budget and tax rate

Parmer County Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, September 12, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the County Courtroom of the Parmer County Courthouse in Farwell, Texas. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Texas Flag.

There were no comments from the public during the public hearing or the open forum. Minutes from the August 26th regular meeting were read and approved.

Commissioners approved the payment of the accounts payables as presented by County Treasurer Sharon May. The Treasurer's Payroll Report was also approved.

By a unanimous 5-0 vote, Commissioners voted to approve a budget of \$7,896,988.22 for fiscal year 2025. A 2024 tax rate of 0.3800/\$100 valuation was also approved by a unanimous 5-0 vote.

Sheriff Geske reported that the Parmer County Law Enforcement Center is currently

housing 21 inmates, 16 from Parmer County and 5 from Lamb County.

A Memorandum of Understanding with the Auto Theft Task Force was approved. This non-binding agreement involves the implementation of the Catalytic Converter Grant. Cameras will be installed on Highway 60 and 70/84 to capture photos of license plates. The Sheriff's Office will be notified by local law enforcement agencies in our surrounding counties when a potential crime has been

committed and help is needed to track a suspect's vehicle. Activation of the system is not limited to auto theft.

Renewal of a Maintenance Agreement with White Services of Lubbock concerning the Law Enforcement Center's HVAC system was approved. A Maintenance Agreement renewal with Tremco was tabled.

Sheriff Geske announced that the annual National Night Out event, which honors local first responders, is scheduled for Tuesday, October 1st from

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Law Enforcement Center located at 300 4th Street in Farwell.

In other business, approval was given to repair a water line under County Road B in Precinct 2. Also, installation of a new water line under County Road B was also approved. The two water lines are at different locations on CR B. The next Commissioner's meeting is scheduled for September 23rd.

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# Listen Close

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

In my morning quiet time of prayer and reading the Bible I recently read through the Psalms and it was rich and challenging. Spending a few moments in the Word before going to work is a time to hear from the Lord and draw near to him in preparation for the day. I am thankful for how the Lord speaks through His word and how the Holy Spirit highlights what I need to hear. Psalm 85:8, says, "Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly." I don't know how I didn't already have that

verse marked, but it is so rich and raises some convicting questions to ask myself.

First, am I listening to the Lord? In our world that is striving for the wrong things and headed in a hellish direction, I must carve out time to hear from the Lord. This is true in my role as pastor, but this is equally true for each one of us who know the Lord as well. Satan is a great deceiver, but he is also an excellent distractor, and I must battle the clutter that keeps me from the Lord. Next, notice that God speaks peace to His saints. In a world of turmoil and sin, the

peace that passes understanding flows in part from God's Word to His children. When I look for peace and tranquility am I looking to the Lord and listening to His word?

Final question, am I turning back to folly in any areas of my life? The final warning of Psalm 85:8 warns against turning back to folly after drawing near to the Lord. The natural drift of the human heart is toward sin and wickedness, and following Christ demands war on the flesh, and hearing and obeying God's word is key in living a victorious Christian life.

## Panhandle Parables

# Good Morning, Potential!

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

There are those who rise slowly from slumber and ease into the morning, then there are those who explode into the day, hardly able to wait and see what is in store for the day. For myself, I think I am a hybrid of the two. I am not a fan of an alarm clock, but I need one for the hounding encouragement it brings as it startles me awake long enough to hit the snooze button for another blissful 9 minutes. However, once I am up I love meeting the morning. We are entering that fall season, where many mornings, I head out the door and sun is beginning to stretch, with beams shooting upward from a yet to be seen ball of light that will soon explode onto the horizon signaling morning has arrived. Every sunrise reminds me of a verse that helps me launch into my day. "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; 23 they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. 24 "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." Lamentations 3:22-24. ESV

There are many times I need to be reminded that my failures in one day do not necessarily have to carry over the next day. His mercy is new every morning. When you rise from your bed each morning whether you explode onto the scene or ease into the morning, His mercy is new. We give Him our yesterday, whether success or failure, and start today with a clean slate full of potential. What a great gift! God allows you to write your story one page at a time and He gives you that clean page each morning for you to fill. My encouragement for you is to embrace this daily dose of mercy and use it for good not evil. Become the best you that you possibly can as you are given today to serve. Serve with energy and heart. Give God and others your best and when you lay down at night give that page back to God. It may not be what you hoped your day would have been, but it is done. Repent if needed, give thanks and rest for tomorrow is another day full of potential.

# Love With Genuine Affection

By Teena Hughs

A few weeks ago, Mickey Harrelson texted Romans 12:9,10 from the New Living Translation: "Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other."

I love the NLT, but here lately, I have been studying from MacArthur's New King James Version, so I looked up these Scriptures in it: "Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another."

True confession, the "Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them... Love each other with genuine affection" convicted me. I can quickly name three family members I can't honestly say I love with what I consider "genuine affection". Two of them and I are 180 degrees apart when it comes to politics and certain beliefs in the Bible. The other one and I agree on politics and the Bible; I just prefer to keep her at arm's length because of things she has said to me and other family members.

Sometimes I get hung up on the meaning of certain words like "genuine affection", so I googled these

verses, and I found a helpful article by a minister named Steven J. Cole. He based his thoughts on the NKJV of these Scriptures.

Cole reminds us that the greatest commandment is to love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself. Cole says, "To love God, we must first understand that He first loved us (1 John 4:19). Romans 5:8 says, 'But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.'"

Cole further states that, "Based on Christ's self-sacrificing love on the cross, we can define biblical love as 'a self-sacrificing, caring commitment that shows itself in seeking the highest good of the one loved.' If you're not seeking to live out that kind of love in relationships, you're disobeying God. By the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit, you can choose to sacrifice your selfish interests on behalf of others with the aim that they will be conformed to the image of Christ (their highest good). The first fruit that results from walking in the Spirit is love (Galatians 5:16, 22-23)."

As Scripture tells us, our love must be without hypocrisy. It has to be real and genuine; it has to be

sincere; it can't be fake. You can't be all lovey-dovey with someone and then trash them behind their back. Cole says, "Biblical love must be wise and discerning, always keeping in mind the highest good of the one loved." Sometimes that means confronting sin, not ignoring it; sometimes you have to teach people something. Your motive has to be to help the person grow in Godliness and conforming to the image of Jesus Christ.

I can honestly say I am "kindly affectionate" to these ladies. I have never been ugly to them; I have always taken them for who they are for the sake of family peace. In other words, I let them have their say, but I stay quiet. If I get the courage, I hope to ask them some day how the two justify their beliefs about Scripture when what they believe is not in Scripture. If done in a spirit of love, maybe God can change their thoughts; who knows?

I have decided that even though I have differences with these three ladies, I can continue to treat them with "genuine affection" or "kindly affection...with brotherly love". I am just glad Jesus is patient, and works with me until it becomes true genuine affection and true kindly affection!!

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## September Bible Verse

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*Si confesamos nuestros pecados, Dios, que es fiel y justo, nos los perdonará y nos limpiará de toda maldad. 1 Juan 1:9 NVI*



has an archive of past obituaries at [frionaonline.com](http://frionaonline.com)



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## City to receive \$55K in Monthly Sales Tax Revenue

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced today last week that he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts \$1.1 billion in local sales tax allocations for September. This amount represents a 6.3 percent increase over September 2023. These allocations are based on sales made in July by businesses that report tax monthly.

The City of Friona will receive \$55,832.72 in sales tax allocation for September. This amount represents a 0.13 percent increase over the September 2023 total of \$55,754.88. For year-to-date 2024, the total is \$494,868.69 which is a 0.42 percent decrease as compared to YTD for 2023 of \$496,958.91. The FEDC will receive \$13,958.18 of the August allocation for its operating budget.

Friona Sales Tax Allocation		
Sept. 2024	Sept. 2023	%change
\$55,832.72	\$55,754.88	0.13%
YTD 2024	YTD 2023	% change
\$494,868.69	\$496,958.91	-0.42%



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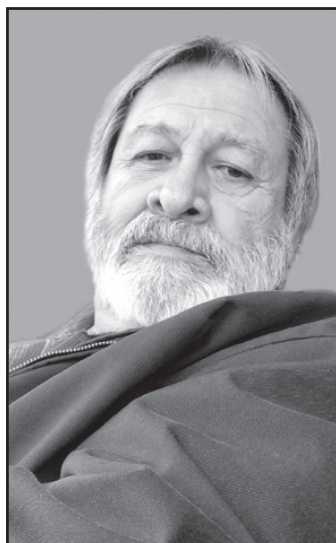


## Obituaries



### Mickey Ramón

Mickey Ramón, 68 of Bovina passed away September 10, 2024 in Lubbock. Viewing was held from 3:00PM to 8:00PM with Rosary Services at 6:00PM Sunday September 15, 2024 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina with Mass of Christian Burial Services scheduled for 11:00AM Monday September 16, 2024 also at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina with Father Jose Gomez as Celebrant. Burial following in the Bovina Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.



quiet and observant, hardworking truck driver and mechanic. He loved playing with his grandchildren, watching wrestling on TV and had an amazing John Deere toy collection.

Mickey was born May 8, 1956 in Littlefield, Texas to Catarino and Irene Peña Ramón. He later married Yolanda Serna March 12, 1975 in Bovina. He was a very

He is preceded in death by his parents- Catarino and Irene, 2 brothers- Jesse and Anthony Ramón and a sister Annette Ramón.

Those remaining to cherish his memories include his wife Yolanda Ramón of Bovina, 1 daughter Melinda Timms and husband Terry of Abernathy, 1 son- Miguel Ramón and wife Marisa of Bovina, 1 brother- Ralph Ramón of Mission, Texas, 1 sister- Miroslava Robledo of Amarillo, 7 grandchildren- Kolton, Tanner, Katie and Addie Timms, Jasmine, Elvis, and Ava (Eva Lou) Ramón, and numerous nieces and nephews.

You may send blessings to the family and sign the online guest book on Mickey's memorial page exclusively at: [hansardfamily.com](http://hansardfamily.com)



### José David Canel Suy

José David Canel Suy hijo de Olga Marina Suy de Friona falleció el 4 de septiembre de 2024 en Hereford. El velorio se llevara a cabo el jueves 12 de septiembre de 2024 a partir de las 3:00 PM en la Iglesia La Nueva Jerusalén en Friona. Servicios de celebración se llevará a cabo 10:00 AM Viernes 13 de septiembre 2024 en la Iglesia La Nueva Jerusalén en Friona. Entierro en el Cementerio de Friona por HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home de Friona.

incluyen a su mamá- Olga, hermanos- Oscar y Keylin de Friona y Olga Esparanza de Guatemala.

Usted puede enviar bendiciones a la familia y firmar el libro de visitas en línea en: [hansardfamily.com](http://hansardfamily.com)

José David Canel Suy infant son of Olga Marina Suy of Friona passed away September 4, 2024 in Hereford. Viewing will be held on Thursday, September 12, 2024 beginning at 3:00 PM at Iglesia La Nueva Jerusalén in Friona. Celebration Services was held 10:00 AM Friday September 13, 2024 at

Iglesia La Nueva Jerusalén in Friona with pastor Benito Mejia, officiating. Burial following in the Friona Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Those that will mourn the loss of baby José include his mom- Olga, siblings- Oscar and Keylin of Friona and Olga Esparanza of Guatemala.

You may send blessings to the family and sign the online guest book at: [hansardfamily.com](http://hansardfamily.com)



## DPS Issues Reminders for Child Passenger Safety Week

In recognition of Child Passenger Safety Week, which runs Sept. 15-20, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is reminding drivers to educate themselves on the best child safety seat practices in order to keep our state's youngest passengers safe on the road.

"Children mimic the adults around them, so it is critical for parents, grandparents and loved ones to model the importance of wearing seatbelts and following other safe practices in the car," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "A child's best protection in a vehicle collision is to be buckled up correctly in the right car seat - and the department urges all drivers to make sure they know what those best practices are as soon as possible."

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), motor vehicle crashes are a leading cause of death for chil-

dren ages 1 through 13. In 2022 alone, there were 1,129 children killed in motor vehicle crashes.

DPS offers the following tips to ensure children are properly restrained while riding in a vehicle:

- When selecting a car seat for your child, ensure it fits in your vehicle properly before purchasing it.
- Avoid purchasing a car seat if you are not aware of the history (i.e. yard sales, social media platforms).
- Model good behavior to young passengers and make sure you are wearing your seatbelt so your children will know it's the right thing to do.
- Infant car seats should always be rear-facing, and never used forward-facing.
- Be sure to check the maximum height and weight limits of the car seat so children may be properly transitioned to the next one.
- For older children who are using booster seats with lap belts, ensure the belt is across

the pelvic area and the shoulder belt strap is placed across the shoulder. It should never be placed along a child's neck or abdominal area. It should never be used under the arm or behind the back as it could cause severe injury in a crash.

• Texas law states all children younger than 8 years old, unless taller than 4'9", are required to be in the appropriate car seat wherever they ride in a passenger vehicle. The car seat MUST be installed according to the manufacturer's instructions.

• Children 8 years and older must be in a seatbelt, if an adult hasn't properly restrained a child, they can receive a \$250 ticket.

Certified technicians are available to inspect your car seat installation or assist with the process at locations across the state. Visit the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration website to find a location near you.

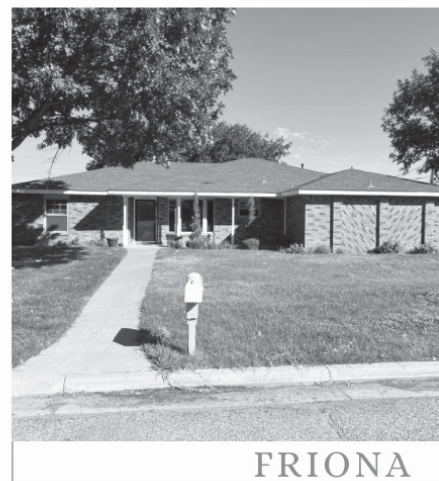


## FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



PULLING a cattle truck isn't easy but it won the Friona Junior Class a first place float prize in Saturday's Maize Days parade. Tugging the ropes and tossing candy were, l-r, Adrienne Anthony, Lindsay Neill, Dollie Lookingbill, Michelle Stanberry, and Pedro Ramos. Dana D. Jameson photo (Friona Star, Thursday, September 30, 2004)



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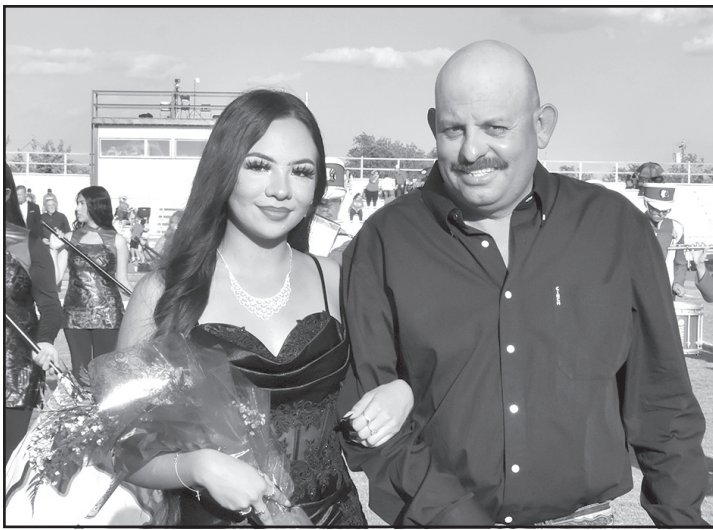
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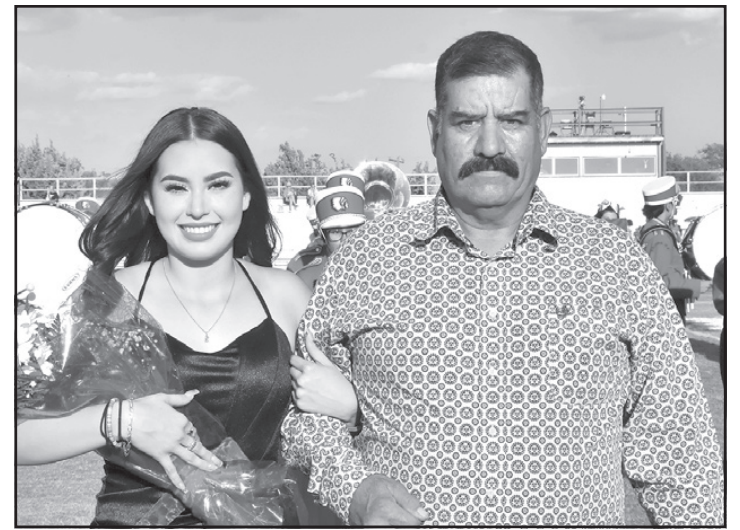




Leslie Rodriguez, daughter of Jesus and Susana Rodriguez, escorted by her father.



Reyna Arias, daughter of Carrie Davis, escorted by her grandfather Gary Davis.



Odalis Faudoa Benavente, daughter of Adriana and Manuel Benavente, escorted by her father.



**Homecoming Mascots** — Sebastian Rocha and Harper Carrillo.



Aubrey Schueler, daughter of Wade and Candice Schueler, escorted by her father.



Kitzy Welch daughter of Katy Welch, escorted by her grandfather Kevin Welch.



## Friona Homecoming 2024







# Sports



## Friona 7 Wellington 42

### Scoring Summary

Qtr	Score
2	W - TJ Salinas 26 yd pass from Callen Kane (kick no good)
2	W - Caleb Strickland 3 yd run (Travon Lewis run)
2	W - King Molina 36 yd interception return (Major Brown kick)
3	W - Travon Lewis 28 yd run (Brown kick)
3	W - Noah Cantu 4 yd run (Brown kick)
4	W - Cantu 46 yd pass from Brown (Brown kick)
4	F - Izaac Ortiz 30 yd run (Mario Garcia kick)

Rushing Stats	Carries	Yards	TDs	Avg
2 Trevino, Justen	17	52		3.1
5 Izaac Ortiz	3	31	1	10.3
7 Rosales, Aaron	17	45		2.6
22 Gonzalez, Iram	4	1		0.3
24 Rocha, Rafael	1	4		4.0
<b>Rushing Totals:</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3.2</b>

Receiving Stats	Receptions	Yards	TDs	Avg
7 Rosales, Aaron	2	-3		-1.5
10 Daniels, Jameson	1	13		13.0
1 Gonzalez, Iram	1	2		2.0
<b>Receiving Totals:</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3.0</b>

Passing Stats	Comp	Att	Yards	TDs	INTs
2 Trevino, Justen	4	8	12	0	1

Kicking Stats	Extra Pt	Att	Field Goal
53 Garcia, Mario	1	1 0	0

Defensive Stats	UN	AST.	TOT	TFL	FR	FC	INT	SACK
Rosales, Aaron #7	2	1	3	-	-	-	-	-
Daniels, Jameson #10	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-
Alvarez, Michael #11	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Lara, Gael #12	3	5	8	-	-	-	-	-
Gonzalez, Xavier #14	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Ramos, Gabriel #15	3	2	5	-	-	-	-	-
Ortiz, Izaac #16	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Rocha, Abram #17	3	3	6	-	-	-	-	-
Stanberry, Bryer #20	2	-	2	1	-	-	-	-
Munoz, Edwin #22	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Rocha, Rafael #24	-	4	4	1	-	-	-	-
Gonzalez, Jacob #28	2	3	5	-	-	-	-	-
Garcia, Mario #53	1	4	5	0.5	-	-	-	-
Perez, Hevilat #54	1	2	3	0.5	-	-	-	-
Escobar, Julio #66	1	3	4	-	-	-	-	-
Saucedo, Angel #72	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-

**Yards allowed; Rushing 219, Passing 143, Total 362**



## Friona Star Sports News Friona Star

### Varsity Football

The Chieftains fell to Wellington 42-7 and moved to 0-3 for the season. The defense played well in the first half but the Skyrockets showed why they are a force to contend with each year in the play-offs as they wore the young Chieftain team down in the second half. Gael Lara (8) and Abram Rocha (6) were the leading tacklers. Friona did get on the scoreboard in the 4th Quarter as Isaac Ortiz ran for a 30 yard touchdown and Mario Garcia kicked the extra point. The Chiefs travel to Dalhart this week and will battle the Wolves starting at 7:00 p.m.

### Junior Varsity Football

The JV hosts Dalhart on Thursday with the game starting at 6:30 p.m. at Chieftain Field.

### Junior High Football

The 7th grade Braves beat Wellington 38-30 after overcoming a 12 point deficit in the 4th quarter. Vicente Quintana scored on a 51 yard run for the tying touchdown with 49 seconds remaining. Jace Jarecki ran in the 2 point conversion to take the lead for good. Vicente Quintana also score on runs of 79, 73, 68, 40, and returned a 94 yard interception back to ice the game. Quintana ran for a total of 328 yards.

The 8th grade Braves lost to Wellington 40-0. Eli Rosales ran for 45 yards and had some key tackles. Darien Padilla added 10 yards rushing as well.

The 7th and 8th Braves travel to Dalhart this Thursday with games starting at 5:00 p.m. and 6:15 p.m.

### High School Volleyball

The Squaws fell to Lubbock Christian 3-0 last Saturday and defeated Wildorado 3-0 Tuesday night to move to 20-6 for the season. The Squaws will play Brownfield on Saturday at 12/12/1 and Vega/Portales Tuesday evening at 4/5/6. Both are home games.

### Junior High Volleyball

The Maidens will host Perryton on Monday, September 23rd. All four teams (7AB and 8AB) will play beginning at 5:00 p.m.



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Ayden Hayes serenades at the Meal on Main



Hot Wheels Racing



The Bed Race



**Hello FIFI** — Bill & Jeri Lynn White attended the AirPower History Tour at the Texas Air and Space Museum on Wednesday, September 4th. The museum is located at Rick Husband International Airport in Amarillo. The main feature of the show was “FIFI”, a B-29 Superfortress first flown in 1942. Bill & Jeri Lynn were going to take a ride in the aircraft but mechanical issues kept the plane grounded that day.



Parmer County Retired Teachers and Support Personnel held a luncheon on Tuesday. Guest speaker at the event was new FISD Superintendent Daniel Rosales. **In the photo** — (l-r) Mickey Griffin, Melissa Randolph, Connie Slagle, Mercedes Williams, Daniel Rosales, Sharon White, Cheryl Procter, and Kevin Cooper.

## Reimagining Texas’ Health Care System by Investing in Primary Care Research and Innovation

By Tom Banning, CEO, Texas Academy of Family Physicians

Until 2021, most Texans didn’t think twice about the state’s electrical grid. But that year, the grid widely failed when an Arctic snowstorm strained its capacity, leaving millions without electricity or heat for several days, wreaking havoc on the state. The collective shock of that experience drew Texans’ attention to the fact that the electrical grid needs regular maintenance, investment, and research and development to ensure it can keep pace with the state’s growing population and changing energy needs.

Like the electrical grid, Texas’ primary care system has struggled to keep pace with the needs of a modern state. Of the state’s 254 counties, 224 are designated as primary care health professional shortage areas. Is it any wonder that getting a primary care appointment can be a nightmare, even if you already have a primary care physician? In a state brimming with world class medical schools, health sci-

ence centers, and hospitals, many Texans have been left scratching their heads, asking how the state’s primary care system got to this point.

We know a robust primary care “grid” is vital to Texas’ interests, serving as the bedrock of the state’s health care system. Numerous studies show that robust access to primary care benefits both individual patients and communities. Patients with a regular primary care relationship have better health outcomes, higher satisfaction, and lower overall health care costs, while communities with higher numbers of primary practices enjoy better and more equitable population health, making primary care a common good — like electricity.

Nationally, primary care practices provide more than one in three health care visits and often serve as the only source of care for patients, including people with chronic conditions, such as diabetes, or mental health needs. For underserved communities, primary care often is the only

option.

Increasing the number of primary care physicians practicing in Texas is the first step to fixing this problem, and it’s a step Texas has taken. Over the past several legislative sessions, lawmakers have allocated significant funds to expand graduate medical education, grow rural primary care training programs, increase access to primary care loan repayment, incubate new federally qualified health centers, and more.

However, expanding the primary care workforce without better understanding how to optimize the practice of primary care, its integration into the larger health care system, and its ability to adapt to a rapidly growing population is like installing more power lines without knowing if they’re going to the right place or can handle the load. Texas should now pair investments in its primary care workforce with research into how to improve its efficacy and ingenuity, developing strategies to im-

prove patient management, health outcomes, and inter-professional collaboration. In other words, Texas must help primary care practices adapt now so they will be available in the future.

Research dollars dedicated to primary care account for only 0.3% of all federal research funding. Texas similarly spends little to no dollars specifically on primary care practice improvement. As a result, primary care clinicians are reliant upon research conducted in settings unlike theirs or among patient populations that do not directly correspond to primary care.

According to the National Academy of Science, Engineering and Medicine, “The neglect of basic primary care research ... not only adversely affects primary care outcomes but also leads to the lack of a population-based understanding of illness and disease along the health care spectrum. Better [primary care research] support could lead to answers to questions

that are critically important for improving population health.”

Texas can solve this deficiency by establishing and funding its own Primary Care Research and Innovation Lab, in partnership with the state’s health science centers, with the express purpose of evaluating strategies to improve primary care resiliency, capacity, access, efficacy, cost effectiveness, and inter-professional, primary care collaboration.

As the state’s primary care system goes, so goes the rest of the health care system. Texas has long incubated state-of-the-art medical and specialty services, such as cancer research to improve cancer treatment, with the goal of improving the health of its own residents as well as the nation. That expertise now should be harnessed to research and reimagine a sustainable, resilient, integrated, cost-effective, and accessible primary care model that can power Texas’ health care system.

### Lions Club News

#### VDG visits Noon Lions Club

1st Vice District Governor Deanna Porter and Kayla Ebenkamp, both members of Canyon Lions Club, were the guest speakers at the Friona Noon Lions Club meeting on Tuesday.

The purpose of their visit was to congratulate the club for its 65 years of service including collecting eyeglasses, hosting blood drives, and supporting community events. They also encouraged the growth of membership and the use of online tools to stay involved with district-wide events as well as local events. VDG Porter will serve as District Governor for District 2-T1 starting in July 2025.



**In the photo** — (l-r) VDG Deanna Porter, Club Sweetheart Aubrey Schueler, and Kayla Ebenkamp.

## FASFA OVERVIEW NIGHT

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE FIRST STEP IN GETTING YOUR FASFA COMPLETED. WE WILL SHOW YOU HOW TO SET UP YOUR FSA ID & GIVE YOU A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL AID PROCESS. ALL STUDENTS REGARDLESS OF THEIR PLANS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL MUST COMPLETE A FASFA TO GRADUATE. WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU WITH THIS PROCESS!

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**Homecoming Royalty** — 2024 Homecoming Queen Odalis Faudoa Benavente (left) poses with 2023 Homecoming Queen Leslie Faudoa (right) who just presented her the crown.

## Cargill Friona's Home Opener Tailgate Meal



**Cargill Friona Cooking Team** — (l-r) Mickey Pena, Kyle Lambert, Wes Drake, Troy Castilleja, Wyatt Mobley, Jesus Guevara, and Benito Ortiz. The Cargill team cooked over 1,200 hamburgers for event before the Friona vs. Spearman football game.



**Friona Noon Lions Club Fries Family** — (l-r) Shemp Fries, Moe Fries, Larry Fries, and Curly Fries aka Jason Rector, Ruben Rejino, Greg Lewellen, and David McGaughy. The Lions cooked 10 boxes (500 lbs.) of fries for the Tailgate Meal under the direction of President Andy Montana (far left in the photo).

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