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Squaws Set to Begin District Play



We Got It — Coach Masse looks on as Angelica Reyes (11) and Aubree Bunker (2) get ready to block a shot against Portales in their match on Tuesday evening. The Squaws are 22-6 for the season and begin district play this Saturday at Dalhart.

Burn Ban Lifted and National Night Out Proclaimed

Parmer County Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, September 23, 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.

Due to recent heavy rains throughout the Commissioncounty, ers approved the lifting of the current Burn Ban which originally went into effect last December.

Commissioners approved a Proclamation highlighting National Night Out which honors local first responders. The event 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.

Sheriff Geske reported that he was currently housing 18 inmates and that 5 were from Lamb County. Commissioners approved the Sheriff's Fees Schedule for next

A one-year Maintenance Agreement with Tremco Roofing & Building Maintenance of Lubbock in the amount of \$3,934.50 was approved. Tremco representative Nick Elliff was present to answer any questions/ concerns that arose. ARPA funds will be utilized to fund the agreement which covers both

the Courthouse and Law **Enforcement Center.**

Procedures concerning a 48-hour Cremation Waiver were discussed and approved. Under Texas law, you must wait 48 hours after the official time of death before you can cremate a body. Applicants must file paperwork with the appropriate Justice of the Peace

in order to obtain a waiver to bypass the law.

In other business, approval was given to repair a water line under County Road 23 in Precinct 1. Also, a request from Farwell ISD for the release of monies from the Parmer County Permanent School Fund was approved.

There were no com-

ments from the public during the public hearing or the open forum. Minutes from the September 12th 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.

The next Commissioner's meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 15th. The meeting was moved to Tuesday because of the Columbus Day holiday on Monday.

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



Congratulations to the 2024 Maize Days Best Business Float Winner — Parmer Paws Animal Outreach Center **In the photo** — Mari, Lupe Salinas, and Lee Erin.



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Tuesday, October 1st

National Night Out

- Free Meal & Prizes -

Come meet your first responders 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Law Enforcement Center

300 4th Street, Farwell Tx

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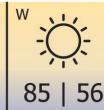




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Community Calendar

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September 26

• Stuffed Cabbage Casserole at Noon Meal @ Senior Center

September 30

• Tacos at Noon Meal @ Senior Center

October 2

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

October 3

• Noon Meal @ Senior Center

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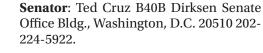


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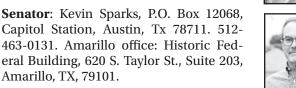




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State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



Voter registration deadline nears for November election

Eligible Texans planning to vote in the November general election have until Oct. 7 to register, Texas Secretary of State Jane Nelson reminds folks. The registration deadline applies to both early and election day voting.

"Texans have just a few short weeks left to register to vote, and I want to ensure all eligible Texans who want to make their voices heard are registered and prepared to do so," Nelson said.

Instructions on how to register to vote and how to update existing voter registrations can be found at VoteTexas.org. To be eligible to vote, you must be a U.S. citizen, a resident of the county where you register and at least 18 years old on Election Day.

Texas officials say they have scrubbed voter rolls of more than 1 million voters deemed ineligible. The routine process culls people who have moved out of state or are dead. Voters can ensure they are registered by going to the My Voter Portal on the secretary of state's website, https://teamrvmvp.sos.texas.gov/MVP/ mvp.do

Early voting begins on Oct. 21 and ends Nov. 1. The last day to apply for a ballot by mail is Oct. 25. Election Day is Nov. 5.

Venezuelan gang designated terrorist organization

Gov. Greg Abbott and state officials have labeled the Venezuelan gang Tren de Aragua as a "foreign terrorist organization," the Austin American-Statesman reported.

The gang originated in Venezuela's prison system a decade ago and first operated from the state of Aragua, from which it derives its name.

Its criminal activities include drug trafficking, human smuggling, kidnapping, extortion and illegal mining, according to the report. State officials believe the gang is operating in Texas.

"Our goal is to defend Texas from the growing threat of the gang," Abbott said. "We will not let them use Texas as a base of operations to terrorize our citizens."

Abbott has said El Paso is a locus of illegal activity by members of Tren de Aragua. A law passed in 2023 to target smugglers of undocumented immigrants will be used against gang members, he said.

PUC urged to more closely vet plant loan applicants

The Public Utility Commission has drawn criticism after initially approving a power plant project in the Rio Grande Valley for a company whose CEO was convicted of embezzlement seven years earlier.

The application has since been canceled, the Texas Standard reported. Earlier this month, the Senate Finance Committee grilled agency leaders, who are tasked with approving loans out of a \$5 billion fund approved by lawmakers to boost the state's power grid.

"The role of your organization has changed dramatically," state Sen. Paul Bettencourt, R-Houston, told PUC Chair Thomas Gleeson. "We're expecting more from you. You're not just a [electricity] rate organization anymore."

Gleeson said the PUC would review its processes and has penalized Deloitte, the firm hired to administer the Texas Energy Fund, by cutting its contract by 10%. The agency is under pressure to finish loaning the \$5 billion by the end of 2025, according to the legislation.

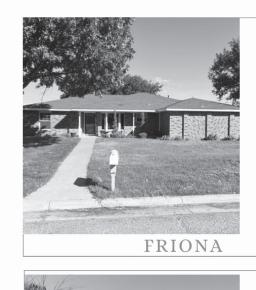
Time for flu, COVID-19 vaccines

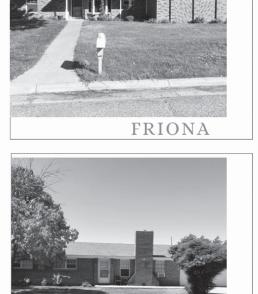
Autumn has officially

arrived, which means it's the season to consider booster shots for the flu, COVID-19 and other immunizations, such as shingles or pneumonia. The Statesman reported healthcare providers say it's OK to get both the flu and COVID-19 shots at the same time, but people should first check with their healthcare provider.

The federal Food and Drug Administration has approved three updated COVID-19 boosters, and the agency urges people of all ages to get vaccinated. The vaccines typically become effective in two weeks, healthcare authorities say. Most insurance plans cover the cost of the vaccines.

Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches, Lufkin and Cedar Park. Email: gborders@texaspress.com.





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Congratulations to Rick and Ximena Villarreal of Amarillo, Texas on the birth of their daughter, Evie Daniela Villarreal.

She was born at Northwest Hospital on September 21, 2024, in Amarillo, Texas. She weighed 6 lbs 9 oz and was 19 3/4 inches long. Grandparents are Richard and Elida Villarreal of Bovina, Texas; and Victor and Alma Gomez of Sunray, Texas.

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(9/18/24) Baudelio Vela, Gregoria Vela — Jose Noe Salas Hernandez, Blanca Estela Moreno Ramirez -All of Lots 14-17, Block 13, Original Town of Bovina; NE 75' Lots 18-20, Block 13, Original Town of Bovina, Parmer County, Texas

(9/18/24) Erik Estrada, Emilia Estrada — Hanna Rae Morgan, Clayton Morgan — Lot 8, Block 4, First Addition to West Loop Drive, City of Friona, Parmer County, Texas

(9/18/24) Kyle Owen, Haley Owen — Matthew Ancyra — Lots 4 and 5, Block 12, Original Townsite, City of Farwell, Parmer County, Texas



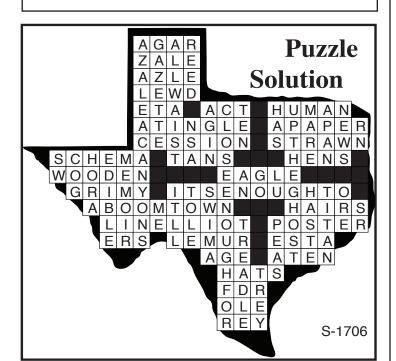
SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

(9/21/24) Irbin Jesus Acosta Nava, 26, of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of Driving While Intoxicated BAC ≥ 0.15

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.





TOWN TALK

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Best Days Market — A reminder of the upcoming Best Days Market on Saturday, September, 28th from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The vendor pop-up event will take place at 510 W. 12th Street (next to Los Arcos) in Friona. Admission is free and merchandise will include jewelry, car freshies, baked goods, t-shirts, trucker hats, mini pancakes, artisan soaps, work boots, and apparel. There will also be BBQ, and much more!

Night Out — 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.

Save The Date — Created With

Purpose of West Texas has announced its 5th Annual "Night of Purpose" Banquet. The pregnancy resource center will host the fundraiser on Monday, October 28th at the Friona Community Center starting at 7:00 p.m. RSVP by October 7th to cwpwtxbanquet@gmail.com or call 806-251-4673. Adults only.

Landmark Bipartisan Bill — On Monday, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill authored by Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) and Sen. Mark Kelly (D-Ariz.) to dramatically expedite semiconductor manufacturing plant construction. The Kelly-Cruz bill, which removes burdensome hurdles to achieving environmental reviews and permits for microchip projects, previously passed the Senate unanimously and now heads to the President's desk for his signature. The new

law would expedite semiconductor construction and unlock tens of thousands of jobs for Texans.

Texas Facts — In the Compromise of 1850, Texas gave up on acquiring 67 million acres that are now part of New Mexico. Otherwise, Texas would have been even larger today. Source: funworldfacts.com

National Days September 26: Pancake Day September 27: Scarf Day September 28: Hunting and Fishing Day September 29: VFW Day September 30: Chewing Gum Day October 1:

> Taco Day ***

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If you have a special woman in your life; your wife, mom, motherin-law, girlfriend, best friend, or even yourself - give the gift of flowers. Please help FHS Floral Design students get hands-on experience in the classroom by purchasing a subscription.

The Floral Design class sells a yearly subscription of five arrangements, delivered throughout the school year, for only \$175. Due to the rising cost of product and material, they are having to increase pricing for the yearly subscription. Money is due when you turn in the attached order form, they deliver in Friona ONLY.

The deadline to turn in your order forms and money will be Friday, October 4th. Please make any checks payable to FHS Floral Design.

If you have any questions, reach out to Ms. Roque via email at mroque@frionaisd.com.



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Small Town Cookin' By Jeri Lynn White

Tomatoes

Basically, this recipe is a tomato bacon pizza. The sauce is a unique mixture. Most of the reviews enjoyed the sauce although some suggested adding a bit of Dijon mustard to the sauce to add a little kick. One reviewer used Greek yogurt instead of the mayo. You could easily adjust this to whatever ingredients you like or that you have in the fridge. Hope you enjoy.

Tomato Bacon Squares

www.allrecipes.com

Ingredients

6 slices bacon

1/3 cup chopped green bell pepper

⅓ cup chopped onion

4 Roma (plum) tomatoes, seeded and chopped

1 teaspoon dried basil

2 tablespoons mayonnaise

1 clove crushed garlic

1 refrigerated pizza crust dough

34 cup shredded Swiss cheese

Directions

Preheat oven 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Place bacon in a large skillet over medium heat. Fry bacon until crisp. Drain on paper towels. Crumble bacon into a medium-size mixing bowl. Mix in bell pepper, tomatoes, and basil. In a separate small bowl, combine mayonnaise and garlic. Roll pizza crust into a 12x15 inch rectangular baking sheet. Spread the mayonnaise mixture evenly over the crust. Sprinkle the bacon mixture over the mayonnaise and top the entire pizza with cheese. Bake 18 to 20 minutes or until the top is bubbly and the crust is golden brown. Cool and cut the pizza into 24 squares.

Water District Approves 2024 Tax Rate

The High Plains Underground Water Conservations District (HPWD) Board of Directors adopted the 2024 tax rate at their

September 10th regular meeting. The approved rate is \$0.0031 per \$100 valuation. The rate is 30.1% lower that the 2023 tax rate. The

lower rate decreased the tax levy on an average homestead by 21.8% and the total tax levy on all properties by 23.7% with all other factors being equal. Visit hpwe.org/tax-rate to view all truth in taxation documents and the tax rate calculation worksheet.

Happy Birthday

September 27

Ethel Walker Mariah Edelmon

September 28

Dennis Anthony Sonja Prieto Breanna Godinez

Canna Ray
September 29

Shana Fleming Sandra Padilla Tammi (Potts) Burney Morgan Peace Emery Baughman Jolie (Moyer) Robbins Irene Martinez

September 30

Tessa Schueler Avery Schueler Grace DaKan Bridget Soltero October 1

Sheila Clark Cayce Epperson Ian McDaniel Hannah Hoyle Beth Collier Cindy Hooley

October 2

Madeline Scott J'Mai (Cash) Gayle Patrick Scott Rylan Kendrick Brynlee Reyes Hector Aguirre Gabbie Trevino

October 3

Marlene Mueller Jackie Martin Sarah Schueler Brennen TeBeese Bryson Montoya Rhett Reyes Troy Sharrock

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









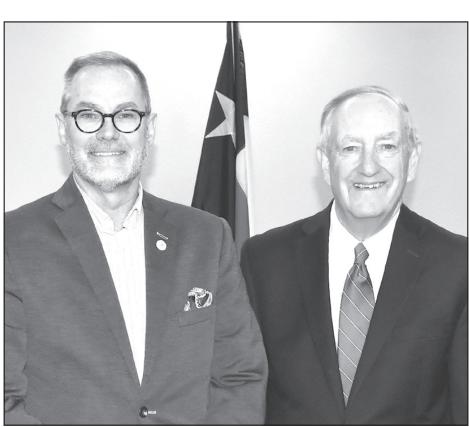
Sparks and Smithee Conduct Town Hall

State Senator Kevin Sparks made a stop in Hereford on Monday as part of a series of Town Halls held throughout his district. The event was non-partisan and guests had a chance to meet him and ask questions. Sparks is a first-term senator serving District 31 which includes 45 counties in the Panhandle and the Permian Basin. He was elected in 2022 and is currently serving a four year term.

Rep. John Smithee joined Senator Sparks for the Hereford Town Hall. Rep. Smithee serves District 86 which includes Armstrong, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Hartley, Oldham, Parmer, and Randall counties. He was first elected in 1984 and is running for re-election this year. Representatives serve two-year terms.

Both legislators gave a brief synopsis of the last legislative session and what might be in store for the next session. It is estimated that the State of Texas will have a \$18.6B surplus for the next budget cycle.

Senator Sparks touched on two critical concerns that need to be addressed in the next legislature. The ERCOT energy grid needs updated. He believes that wind and solar power are intermittent sources only and cannot be relied upon in extreme



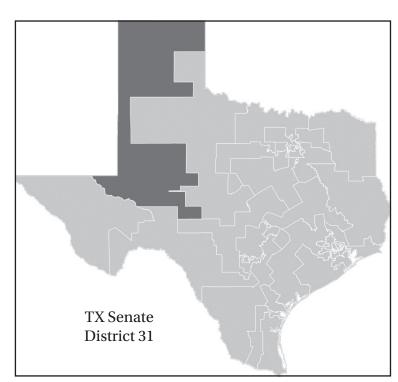
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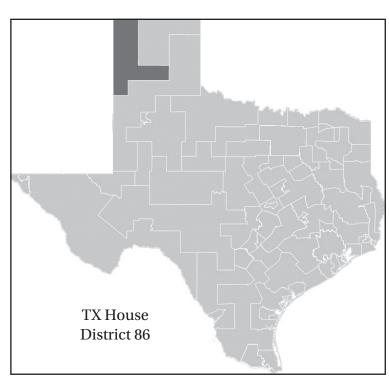
emergency situations. Sparks also believes that the availability of water is a vital issue that needs addressed sooner rather than later.

Rep. Smithee lamented the fact that teachers did not receive what had been designated for them and that the school security measures became just another unfunded mandate for the school districts. He stated that he believes Governor Abbott should declare teacher pay

an emergency item next year so that it will have priority over other agenda items.

Also, Smithee has put his hat in the mix for Speaker of the House in the next session and actually had the most votes of any of the candidates but did not reach the threshold to get elected. He suspended his bid and put his support behind another candidate but did not withdraw his name from consideration.





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By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Can you imagine living in a country where the nations around you would love to see you wiped off the map, and are committed to this end to various extents because of religious identification? Can you imagine being a country that is an outpost for democracy and western ideals, yet even your supposed allies waver in giving you the support they should? Can you imagine if your country was regularly attacked with no restraint, yet in your response to those attacks you show restraint, precision and planning, yet receive scoffing from the world that is watching?

Such is the situation for Israel today. Although their existence and place back in the land is a miracle of history, they are one of the most polarizing nations today, and such was the case 2500 years ago as well. In Nehemiah you read about the Israelites' return to the Promised land led by Nehemiah and his notable accomplishment to lead the people to rebuild the walls around Jerusalem in 52 days (6:15). Their noble work took focus, hard work and persistence, but it was not a work that did not have those who opposed the people of Israel in this endeavor. Nehemiah 2:10 says, "But when Sanballat the Horonite and Tobias the Ammonite servant heard this, it displeased them greatly that someone had come to seek the welfare of the people of Israel." The mentality of Sanballat and Tobias is alive and well today, because Israel is not simply another nation on the planet, but Israel is actually a people chosen by God.

The Abrahamic Covenant clarifies God's choice of Israel and is affirmed through scripture and history as Israel still exists today. This reality is not saying Israel is perfect or gets a free pass to heaven, but it is saying that God has chosen to put his hand on them, which is why they still exist today against all odds. Because Israel is God's chosen people, that also means that Satan will stop at nothing to stir up the nations of the world against them and try to destroy them. Satan hates what God loves, which puts the anti-Israel protests in perspective. Sadly though, even among evangelical believers there is confusion on whether one should stand with Israel. Replacement theology says the church replaces Israel in God's plan, apathy says it's not a big deal, and uncertainty will keep believers on the fence.

Therefore, remember God's word to Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." Christ is the ultimate fulfillment of this promise, but the existence of Israel is another aspect of it that gives a blessing to those who stand with Israel, and a curse to those who don't.

Panhandle Parables

Physical Fitness, Chuck Norris, and Me

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

I have a bond with Chuck Norris. We share something in common and I bet you will never guess, but go ahead and try.

"You both sing the theme song to Walker, Texas Ranger poorly?" Nope, the shower head tells me I sing great.

"You both can take out bad guys with your karate moves without losing your hat?" Nope, I respect those who do martial arts, but the only belt I have signifies nothing about skill in hand-to-hand combat.

Do you give up? Ok, good.

Chuck Norris and I both own Total Gyms. Yes, I know it wasn't immediately obvious. So far, in the ten years that I have owned this product I have figured out how to open it up and close it back. Which, when you think about it, is a little exercise. It is a workout just to get it out from under the bed and figure out which end to unfold and by then it's time for supper, and I'm not one to miss

a meal, so back under the bed it goes. Now judge me if you like but take the clothes off your own exercise bike before you come after my Total Gym.

Similarly, it would be like saying I have something in common with Jesus because I own a Bible. Now if your Bible is getting less of a workout than your workout equipment or in my case the same as your workout equipment then I encourage you to reconsider. A wise older preacher, who has the remarkable ability to quote lots of scripture said once when asked, how do you have so much committed to memory? His response was, "15 minutes a day and you will have read the Bible in a year." So, if you have read the Bible each year for 60 plus years, guess what, you are familiar with what God has said, what He has done and what He desires from you and for you. So go pull that Bible out from under the bed and get started.

Once Again, Genuine and Kindly Affection

By Teena Hughs

Ok, I have to admit that this "genuine affection", "kindly affection" thing is still bothering me, and here is why. I want to be able to say I am genuinely and kindly affectionate to ALL people, and I don't FEEL that kind of affection toward some people, even when I do nice things for them.

For example, when our church started the process of disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church, one couple was totally adamant about not leaving the UMC. Nothing was going to change their minds. So, they were the only two to vote to stay with the UMC while the rest of us voted to leave.

Since the vote, she became a lay minister at a rural United Methodist Church. They made the decision to move to San Antonio to be closer to doctors and her church.

Somehow, and I can only guess how, word got out in our community that we are a hateful church, because of our stance on homosexuality. Homosexuality is NOT the reason we left the UMC; the reason we left is because the UMC isn't following the Word of God.

Before they moved, they talked a woman in our church into not coming to our church anymore.

After they moved to San Antonio, her husband's cancer came back with a vengeance in January, and he passed away in late June. From the time it was re-diagnosed in January, our church prayed for them; I sent cards from the church; we talked on the phone; we offered to go see them one Saturday, but they already had a lot of company. We went to the funeral; I have written a letter; texted; had the church and ladies in Bible study sign a card for her birthday.

So, my question to myself is: Did I do all of these things out of genuine, kindly affection, or did I do them to show her we are not a hateful church? Did I do them because I felt obligated to do them or because I really do feel sorry for her and what she is going through? Will I ever change her mind about what she thinks about our church by sending her cards and texts, or will she forever think

what she does because she believes we will never welcome gays into our church, something we never ever said we would do! In fact, a gay man's mother attends our church, and when I saw that woman today, she gave me one of the warmest hugs I have ever received!

To answer my questions, I have no real feelings about any of this, but I would have done the same things I did, no matter what this woman and her husband thought about our church, or what they said about us as a church. I felt very sorry for her losing her soulmate, and I wanted to express our condolences and concerns for her. I don't know if I can honestly say I did these things out of genuine and kindly affection, and that still bothers me. Sometimes you do nice things for people just because you know what they are going through, and you want them to feel loved.

With everything that has happened, I don't know how she felt when she received our acts of love. Maybe she felt the love; maybe she didn't feel anything; maybe she just threw the cards in the trash. I know I felt a responsibility to get the things I did in a timely manner.

I will never change her mind about our church or homosexuality. I went to their house and talked to her and her husband about the whole church issue. I even apologized if I said or did things to offend them over the disaffiliation. At that time, I told them I would not change their minds about homosexuality, and they would not change my mind. My beliefs about homosexuality are based on Scripture, and if she is going to change, it will be God who has to change her!

I did the right things in trying to minister to this woman during and after the death of her husband. In fact, I probably need to send her a "Thinking of You" card in the next week or so. We have to choose what we do for people in their hour of grief and need. How they respond is their choice. If I keep doing things for this woman, maybe I will someday feel genuine and kindly affection towards her.

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Texas Job Growth Surges

The Texas labor market achieved a new record-high level for jobs and the civilian labor force in August. Texas' seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment increased to 14,239,200 after 78,000 jobs were added over the month. Texas added 302,400 jobs from August 2023 to August 2024. Texas' annual nonfarm growth rate currently sits at 2.2 percent, outpacing the U.S. growth rate by 0.7 percentage points.

Texas' seasonally adjusted civilian labor force achieved a new record-high of 15,398,400 after adding 44,800 people over the month in August. This marks the eighth consecutive month of growth for Texas' civilian labor force. Over the year, Texas' civilian labor force has added 277,900 people.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Texas registered at 4.1 percent, which was 0.1 percentage points below the national rate.

"With the addition of 78,000 new jobs last month, the Texas workforce continues its positive annual growth," said TWC Chairman Bryan Daniel. "The Texas workforce offers many opportunities for a meaningful career."

Leisure and Hospitality added 15,500 jobs in August, registering as the industry with the largest over-themonth increase. Professional and Business Services added 12,700 jobs over the month and Trade, Transportation, and Utilities added 9,600 jobs. With the addition of 8,300 jobs in August, Construction showed 4.4 percent growth over the year, which outpaced the industry's national growth rate by 1.6 percentage points.

"For the last eight months, Texas' civilian labor force has reached record-high levels," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Alberto Treviño III. "Our partnership with the 28 Workforce Solutions Boards helps to strengthen the workforce by connecting job seekers to rewarding, in-demand careers across our great state."

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) had the lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a not seasonally adjusted rate of 2.8 percent in August, followed by the Amarillo MSA at 3.4 percent and the College Station-Bryan MSA at 3.6 percent.

"Texas continues to outpace the nation in annual employment growth, which highlights the hard work and ingenuity of private-sector Texas employers," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Joe Esparza. "I encourage Texas employers to partner with TWC, educational institutions, and local Workforce Development Boards to capitalize on this momentum."

Employment estimates released by TWC are produced in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. *All estimates are subject to revision. To access this and more employment data, visit TexasLMI.com.

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Obituaries



Fred Bailey

Fred Bailey, 72 years of age passed away and went to be with his Lord and Savior on September 21, 2024, in Friona. A viewing and visitation was held on Wednesday, September 25, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Friona, with a Celebration of Life Funeral Service starting at 2:00 p.m. with Pastor Brett Hoyle officiating, burial will follow at Friona Cemetery. Funeral Services have been entrusted to Mendez and Mullins Family Funeral Home of Hereford.

Fred was born to his loving parents, James Fredrick and Mary Catherine (Moize) Bailey on January 13, 1952, in Hamlin, Texas. Fred was a long-time Friona resident, graduating from Friona High School class of 1970. Fred later got married to his love Beverly (Anthony) Bailey and they got married on April 17, 2004, in Friona. Fred had a strong work ethic and worked many



years self-employed; he cherished his time and memories spent with his grandchildren and nieces and nephews, teaching them many lessons such as how to fish. Fred's priority was to serve the Lord and put him first.

He enjoyed playing his guitar some and he loved to spend most of his time outdoors. He loved watching old western movies and loved John Wayne. Fred was definitely his father's son.

Those left to carry on his legacy are his wife, Beverly Bailey of Friona, Texas; his children, Michael Elam and wife Shelly of Amarillo,

Texas, Montessa Moore and husband Steven of Calhan, Colorado, Nikki Morris and husband Bryan of Amarillo, Texas, Lori Mangum of Fort Worth, Texas, Kelli Heinecke of Fort Worth, Texas, Paige Gatlin and husband Jeff of Dallas, Texas; his grandchildren, Cody Elam and wife Halie, Casey Elam, Brooklyn Elam, Keylan Moore and wife Natalie, Kinzie Moore, Madison Moore, Chase Elam, Hayden Azbell, Taylen Aaron, Deven, Kaitlynn, Dakota, Sienna, Casyn, Dylan, Hailey, Jared; his great-grandchildren, Carsen, Kairi, Mason; and his siblings, Cathy Jackson and husband Cary of Dimmitt, Texas, Willie Bailey and his wife Sally of Kemp, Texas.

Those preceding him in passing are his parents, James Fredrick and Mary Catherine Bailey, his late wife Vera Mangum; his brother Johnny Woodson; and his grandson, Alec Mangum.

Adelynn Rose Cervantes

Celebration Services for Adelynn Rose Cervantes, infant daughter of Ivette Roman and Roberto Cervantes, Jr. of Friona will be held 3:00PM Saturday, September 28, 2024 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of the funeral home with Deacon Jose Correa, officiating. Cremation arrangements by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Mourning with her parents are her grandparents Rosa and Jose Roman of Friona and Diane and Roberto Cervantes, Sr. of Amarillo, along with numerous aunts, uncles

and cousins.

You may send blessings to the family and sign the online guest book on Adelynn's memorial page exclusively at: hansardfamily.com



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NOTICE OF THE INTENTION OF PARMER COUNTY, TEXAS TO DESIGNATE A REINVESTMENT ZONE; TO ESTABLISH THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

As part of the process of the consideration of applications submitted by Lazbuddie Wind Energy LLC and Lazbuddie Wind Energy II, LLC to amend and enter into Amended and Restated Tax Abatement Agreements pursuant to Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, Parmer County is required to give notice of its intent to establish the Parmer-Lazbuddie Wind Reinvestment Zone #2. A public hearing on the establishment of such reinvestment zone is scheduled for Tuesday, October 15, 2024. This hearing shall be held at the Parmer County Courthouse, 401 3rd Street, Farwell, Texas and is set to start at 10:00 a.m.

By state law, the County is required to publish notice of such hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the County no later than seven (7) days before the date of the hearing. If you desire further information regarding the proposed reinvestment zone, you may contact the Parmer County Judge's office.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF TEST OF AUTOMATIC TABULATING EQUIPMENT

Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the 2024
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Susie Spring Parmer County Clerk

AVISO PUBLICO DE PROBAR EL EQUIPO PARA TABULAR AUTOMATICAMENTE

Por lo presente se da aviso que el equipo para tabular automáticamente que se usará en la Elección generales del 5 de noviembre de 2024 que se llevará a cabo el 1 de Octubre 2024 se probará a las 10:00 am en Parmer County Court House en 401 3rd Street Farwell, Tx.

79325 para determinar si el equipo contará con exacitud los votos para todos los puestos

oficiales y sobre todos los proyectos de ley.

Susia Spring Parmer County Clerk

Johnny Lynn Valdez

Johnny Lynn Valdez, 65 of Littlefield, formerly of Friona passed away September 23, 2024 in Littlefield. No Services are scheduled. Cremation arrangements by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Johnny was born November 8, 1958 in Albuquerque, New Mexico to Joe Edward and Janice Marian Carthel Valdez. He was a long-time heavy equipment operator. He loved weekend sports, especially bowling and his fast cars. Johnny loved small towns; he embodied small town America.

He is preceded in death by his father Joe



Edward Valdez.

Those to mourn his passing include his mother-Jan Saiz of Littlefield, 2 brothers-Jeff Wade Valdez of Littlefield, Joel Wayne Valdez and wife Kathy of Sandia Park, New Mexico, 2 sisters-Jonece Daylene Long and husband Bo

of Amarillo, and Julie Deann Mason and husband Sean of Lubbock, 2 step-brothers-Daniel Saiz of Clovis, Bobby Saiz and wife Julie of Pampa, 1 step-sister-Samantha Knispel and husband Billy of Wichita, Kansas, nephew-Austin Mason, nieces-Suzanne London and Jennifer Garrison.

You may send blessings to the family and sign the online guest book on Johnny's memorial page exclusively at: hansardfamily.com.



Prices rise after interest rate cut

By GasBuddy

Average gasoline prices in Texas rose 6.6 cents last week, averaging \$2.73 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. According to Gas-Buddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas was priced at \$2.03 while the most expensive was \$3.59 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline rose 1.2 cents last week, averaging \$3.16 per gallon. The national

average price of diesel declined 2.1 cents last week and stands at \$3.55 per gallon.

"With oil prices jumping after the U.S. Federal Reserve cut interest rates by a larger-than-expected half percent, we've seen some states where gas prices have inched back up, while others have continued to decline. Most of these increases should be temporary with declines returning in the days and weeks ahead," said

Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

"While the future looks good for gas prices to continue trending lower for most in the weeks ahead, oil's jump may mute the downside potential just a bit — for now," De Haan added.

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



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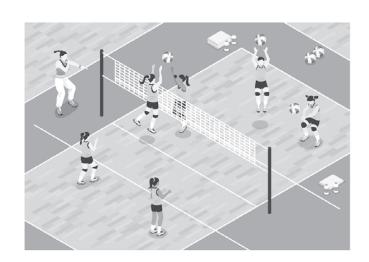
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Friona School Calendar for October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	-JH Volleyball vs. Dalhart	-Elem/JH Picture Day -HS Volleyball vs. Dimmitt -HS District Cross Country @ Mae Simmons Park	9	-Primary Picture Day -JH Football @ Childress -JV Football vs. Childress	*Early Release for Students & Staff -Chieftain Football @ Childress	-HS Volleyball vs. Bushland
13	-JH Volleyball @ Bushland	-HS Volleyball vs. Dalhart	16	-JW Football @ Canadian -JW Football vs. Canadian	*Early Release for Students & Staff -Chieftain Football @ Canadian	-HS Volleyball @ River Road
20	*NO School -Cross Country Regionals @ Lubbock *FISD School Board Meeting	-HS Picture Day -Cross Country Regionals @ Lubbock	23	24	25	-HS Volleyball @ Dimmitt
27	-JH Volleyball @ Dimmitt	-HS Volleyball @ Bushland	30	JH Football vs. Tulia -JV Football @ Tulia		





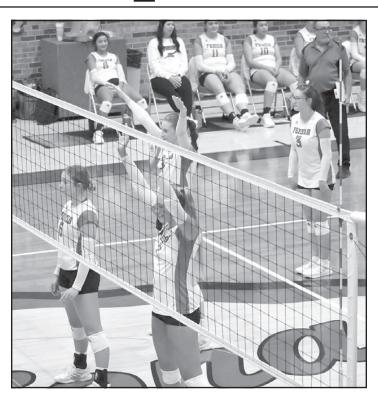


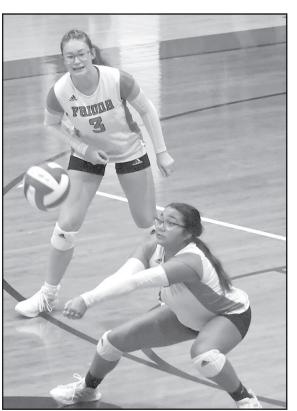
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Friona O Dalhart 36

Scoring Summary

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- D Hunter Trusler 1 yd run (Avalos kick)
- D Brett Alver 12 yd pass from Trusler (Talon Garcia run)
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Receiving Stats

7 Rosales, Aaron

10 Daniels, Jameson

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5 Izaac Ortiz	19	32	-	1.7	
10 Jameson Daniels	1	-6	-	-6.0	
17 Abram Rocha	2	2	-	1.0	
22 Iram Gonzalez	12	55	-	4.6	
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Yards allowed; Rushing 136, Passing 137, Total 273

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Varsity Football

The Chieftains fell to Dalhart 36-0. Iram Gonzalez was the leading rusher with 55 yards on 12 carries. Isaac Ortiz carried the ball 19 times for 32 yards. Justen Trevino completed 9 passes for 102 yards. Tony Diaz caught 5 passes for 60 yards and Jameson Daniel's hauled in 4 passes for 42 yards. On defense, Damian Sanchez (12) was the leading tackler followed closely by Abram Rocha (11) and Mario

Garcia (10). Jameson Daniels had an interception. The Chiefs travel to Abernathy this week and to battle the Antelopes starting at 7:00 p.m.

Junior Varsity Football

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

Junior High Football

The 7th grade Braves lost to Dalhart 32-20. Vicente Quintana scored on a 3 yard run but the two-point conversion was

no good. Next, Quintana scored on a 9 yard run but the ensuing conversion attempt failed. The Braves final score came on a Quintana 40 yard run. The conversion was good by Jace Jarecki. Vincente Quintana had 264 total yards rushing in the game.

The 8th grade Braves lost to Dalhart 30-16. Eli Rosales scored first on a 65 yard run and Darien Padilla ran for the twopoint conversion. Later, Kolton Thompson scored on a 55 yard pass from Rosales who then ran for the conversion. Eli Rosales ran for 141 yards and threw for 82 yards. Ian Vasquez had an interception on defense.

Saucedo, Angel #72

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

Varsity Volleyball

The Squaws defeated Vega 3-2 and Portales 3-0 Tuesday night to move to 22-6 for the season. The Squaws will open district play on Saturday at Dalhart with games at 11/12/1 and host River Road on Tuesday with games at

Junior High Volleyball

The Maidens travel to Sanford on Monday, September 30th. All four teams (7AB and 8AB) will play beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Cross Country

The Cross Country teams will compete this Saturday at Canyon High School.

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION AVISO DE ELECCIÓN GENERAL

To the registered voters of the County of Parmer Texas:

(A los votantes registrados del Condado de <u>Parmer</u>, Texas)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to November <u>5</u>, 20 <u>24</u>, for voting in a general election to elect Presidential Electors,

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(Notifíquese por la presente, que las casillas electorales citadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el _5___ de noviembre de 20 24___ para votar en la Elección General para elegir Electores Presidenciales, Miembros del Congreso, Miembros de la Legislatura, y oficiales del estado, distrito, condado y del precinto.)

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207 9 th Street Farwell, TX. 79325	(Todos los precintos)
Bovina XIT Center (Bovina XIT Centro)	ALL Precincts
215 North Street Bovina, TX. 79009	(Todos los precintos)
Lazbuddie Methodist Church (Lazbuddie Iglesia Metodista)	ALL Precincts
655 FM 1172 Lazbuddie, TX. 79053	(Todos los precintos)

During early voting, a voter may vote at any of the locations listed below: (Durante Votación Adelantada, los votantes podrán votar en cualquiera de los sitios de votación nombradas abajo.)

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Parmer County Courthouse 401 3 rd Street Farwell, TX. 79325	Mon-Fri October 21- 25 8am-5pm Sat October 26 7am-7pm Sun October 27 9am-3pm Mon-Fri Oct 28-Nov 1 7am-7pm

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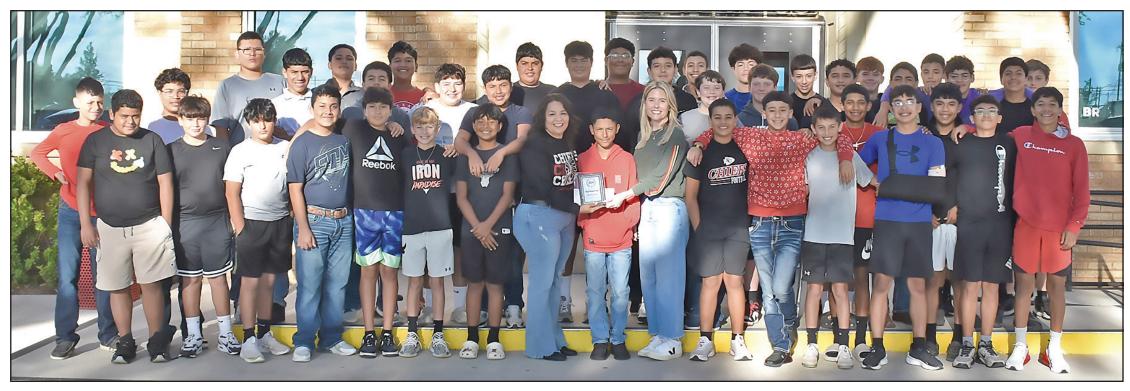
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9AM - 5PM Amarillo, TX Please join us for a weeklong exhibition at the 11th annual Youth Art Show featuring pieces from creative students across the Texas Panhandle.

Winners of the competition will be recognized at the awards ceremony on Saturday, November 16th. The ceremony will begin at 11 am with winners being announced at 2 pm.

Please call (806) 350-9599 for additional information.