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Traveling in Style — The Friona Chieftain Marching Band will travel to Canadian on Friday and to Amarillo on Saturday and will be doing so in style with a brand new Fine Arts utility trailer. The gift was presented to Friona ISD on Tuesday by Dennis & Connie Slagle and Greg, Jamie, Shelby & Sophie Lewellen in memory of Jason Slagle.

General Election

— Early Voting —

Parmer County Courthouse 401 3rd St., Farwell, TX 79325

Monday-Friday | October 21-25, 2024

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday | October 26, 2024

7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Sunday | October 27, 2024

Monday-Friday | Oct. 28-Nov. 1, 2024

7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

— Election Day —

Tuesday, November 5, 2024 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

All Precincts (Todos los precintos)

First Baptist Church of Friona (Primera iglesia bautista de Friona) 404 W. 5th, Friona, TX 79035

All Precincts (Todos los precintos)

Farwell Community Center (Centro Comunitario Farwell) 207 9th, Farwell, TX 79325

All Precincts (Todos los precintos)

Bovina XIT Center (Centro Bovina XIT) 215 North St., Bovina, TX 79009

All Precincts (Todos los precintos)

Lazbuddie Methodist Church (Iglesia Metodista Lazbuddie) 665 PM 1172, Lazbuddie, TX 79053



Kelley Tucker, Erika Montana, Sophie Lewellen, Shelby Lewellen, Connie Slagle, Jamie Lewellen, Joy Morton, Greg Lewellen, Ben Monk, Chris Rackley, Preston Hitt



Fall Senior Night (l-r): Xandra Castañeda, Angelica Reyes, Racee Rogers, Kitzy Welch, Aubrey Schueler, Lillianna Abarca



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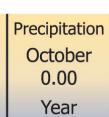
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Community Calendar

Send Calendar information to:

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October 17

• Brisket at Noon Meal @ Senior Center

October 18

FISD Early Release for students & staff

October 21

- No School
- Early voting begins
- Beans & Cornbread at Noon Meal @ Senior Center

October 23

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

October 24

 Spaghetti & Meatballs at Noon Meal @ Senior Center



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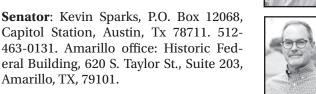
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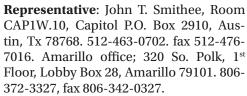


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Mobile STEM Lab Visits Friona Junior High

This is a three-part article on the recent visit of Learning Undefeated's Texas Mobile STEM Lab to Friona Junior High students. Part 1 is an introduction, Part 2 covers the learning experience, and Part 3 is a summary and student reaction.

Part 2 — The Learning **Experience**

Small groups (around 24) students visited the STEM Lab in sessions throughout the day. After a brief introduction to the lab, the students were given instructions concerning their project which was to build a bridge from one lab table to another and then test its viability.

First, there was a review of different types of bridges which included: beam, suspension, truss, cable-stayed, cantilever, tied arch, and arch. Actual bridges were shown on video screens to get a better idea of how they functioned.

Next, the students were divided into groups of 3-4 and each team was given a budget and money to buy materials which included: a wagon, large and small popsicle sticks, straw, glue, tape, rubber bands, chenille stick, string, thick foam sheet, and scissors.

Each team decided what kind of bridge they were going to build and what materials would be needed to construct it and to do so with the budget limit assigned. The teams were also working under a time constraint of approximately 40 minutes.

Remember that STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics? It is the educational approach that integrates the four fields in order to help students develop skills like problem solving, critical thinking, and teamwork.

That is the exact approach these teams of Friona Junior High students used in order to build their bridges. Not only were the students building physical bridges, they were also building an educational bridge to their future through the development of STEM skills.

Next week, Part 3 — Summary and student reaction

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CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison



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'Tis the View

Written words are the accelerant that flames the fires of progress.

> Never, never, never, *Underestimate their power.*

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SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

Eric Geske, Sheriff (9/23/2024) Angelica Maria Reyes, 36, of Hereford

was arrested by Parmer County Sheriff's Office for a false drug test falisification device. (9/24/2024) Frank Trejo, 31, of Friona was arrested

by Friona Police Department for Theft of property >=\$2500,<30k.

(10/1/2024) Ramon Izaguirre, 36, of Friona was arrested by Parmer County Sheriff's Office for Criminal

(10/3/2024) Mario Aguilar, 27, of Friona was arrested by Friona Police Department for Driving while intoxicated 3rd or more.

(10/11/2024) Matthew Loftis, 58, of House, NM was arrested by Parmer County Sheriff's Office for Unauthorized use of a vehicle.

(10/12/2024) Omar Emmanuel Sandoval, 34, of Amarillo was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for Driving w/lic inv w/prev conv/susp/w/o/

(10/13/2024) Zachary Isaiah Ramos, 24, of Amarillo was arrested by Friona Police Department for Burglary of Habitation and Evading Arrest Detention.



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Save The Date — Prairie Acres will host Friona Trunk or Treat again this year. Administrator Jeff Procter said, "It has been a great success the past couple of years and our residents enjoy seeing all the little spooks and heroes looking for a little treat." The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Halloween, which is Thursday, October 31st.

The Chiefs Go Marching In — Good luck to the Mighty Chieftain Band as they compete in the Regional Marching Contest on Saturday at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo. March time is around 4:15 p.m. The band participated in a contest at ENMU a couple of weeks ago and were selected as the Best in Class AAA, Best Marching Performance Class AAA and Best General Effect.

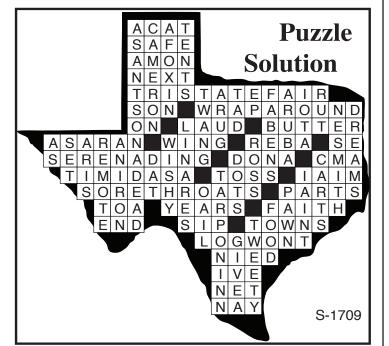
Flapjack Reminder — Friona Junior High is hosting a Pancake Supper Fundraiser on Tuesday, October 22nd from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Jr. High Cafeteria. Tickets are \$10 each and proceeds will go to the Student Activity Fund. Dine-in only. Tickets are available from 8th grade students and at the Junior High office. 250-2788.

Texas Facts — By the early 1900s, Dallas was the world's leading center of cotton. Source: funworldfacts.com

*** **National Days**

October 17 — Pasta Day October 18 — Mammography Day October 19 — Whole Hog Barbecue Day October 20 — Youth Confidence Day October 21 — Back To The Future Day October 22 — Color Day

October 23 — TV Talk Show Host Day





Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from October 3, 2024 to October 10,

(10/3/24) Kenneth Lane Sorley — Kenneth L. Sorley, Terri Sorley — the E/2 NW/4 of Section 28, T7S, R2E, Capitol Syndicate Subdivision, 160 Acres of Land NE/4 of Section 28, T7S, R2E, Capitol Syndicate Subdivision

(10/3/24) Kenneth Lane Sorley, Terri Sorley — Kenneth Sorley, Terri Sorley — All of the Northwest 187 Acres of Section 11, T7S, R2E, of Capitol Syndicate Subdivision; More Tracts on Exhibit A

(10/3/24) First Baptist Church Bovina Texas — Travis Jacob Steelman, Jade Rochelle Steelman — Lot 3, Block 36, Original Townsite City of Bovina, Parmer County

(10/4/24) Welsey Jarman, Kristi Jarman — Shawnee Nicole Meeks — South 68 ft. of Lot 8, North 32 ft. of Lot 7 and N 8.47 ft. of the S 68 ft. of Lot 7, All in Block 2 of Ridgecrest Unit 1, an Addition to Farwell, Parmer County, Texas

(10/7/24) Denton Omar Morales — Cardinal Financial Company, Black Mann and Graham LLP — All of Lots 10, 11, and 12, of Block 17, of the Original Town of Farwell, Parmer County, Texas

(10/7/24) Welsey Jarman, Kristi Jarman — Shawnee Nicole Meeks — Correction on Document 68040



Parmer Medical Center Administrator Gayla Quillin was the guest speaker at Tuesday's Noon Lions Club meeting. She reminded attendees of the upcoming Drive-Thru Flu Shot Clinic on Saturday from 9 a.m. till Noon (see back page) and Medicare's open enrollment period for 2025 that runs from October 15th to December 7th (see page 8). She also hinted about plans underway to bring in new staff members next year. Stay tuned.



In the photo — PMC Administrator Gayla Quillin and Club Sweetheart Aubrey Schueler.

State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



Early voting begins next week

Early voting for the Nov. 5 general election begins Monday, Oct. 21 and ends on Nov. 1. Texas voters will be choosing from a full slate of candidates, from president to U.S. senator to various county positions.

The deadline to register to vote was Oct. 7. Voters are reminded to bring one of seven approved forms of photo IDs to the polls. Among the options are a Texas driver's license, passport, or handgun license. A complete list of acceptable IDs can be found at vote.texas.gov. Voters can also make sure they are registered by going to that site.

A recent Texas Standard story notes that under a little-known Texas elections law, convicted felons in prison are eligible to register and vote if they are actively appealing their convictions. It is unknown, however, how many of the 134,000 people currently held in state prisons actually register and vote, since the state doesn't track that data.

"Nobody's asking to do this because they have no idea that they can," Jennifer Toon of the Lioness Justice Impacted Women's Alliance, a nonprofit for incarcerated women.

Under state law, a conviction is not considered "final" as long as it is under appeal. Convicted felons who never appealed their case, or who lost their appeal, are not eligible to vote.

High court to hear nuclear waste challenge

The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to hear a challenge to plans to store nuclear waste in West Texas, according to U.S. News & World Report. That comes af-

ter the state appealed a decision by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to grant a license to a private company to store spent nuclear fuel at a dump in Andrews County.

The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals previously found that the NRC has exceeded its authority under federal law. Abbott has said that Texas "will not become America's nuclear waste dumping ground."

The state of New Mexico is closely watching the case, since it is fighting plans to build a similar facility just across the line from the proposed site in Andrews County. Approximately 100,000 tons of spent fuel, some of dating back to the 1980s, is stockpiled at current and former nu-

clear plants while the legal battles ensue. A proposal to build a national storage facility at Yucca Mountain in Nevada has been abandoned because of widespread opposition in that state.

Monarch migration not looking promising

Millions of monarch butterflies are making their way through Texas to their winter vacation site in Mexico, but conservationists say the migration this year features far fewer than hoped, kut.org reported. The butterflies started the spring in Mexico with second-smallest population ever recorded. Poor weather conditions in the upper Midwest, where many of the beautiful creatures spend summers, hurt

monarch reproduction before the southern migration.

"It's not looking as promising as we had hoped," said Kristen Baum, director of the nonprofit research group Monarch Watch.

Researchers know the full picture until butterfly census takers head to the mountain forests of Central Mexico this winter. That is where the monarchs spend the cooler months.

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



Small Town Cookin' By Jeri Lynn White

Pumpkin

Although my usual preference is sweat treats, pumpkin can be used as a savory ingredient as well. I found this soup recipe you might like as the weather turns cooler. Hope you enjoy.

Pumpkin Soup

www.delish.com

3 Tbsp. unsalted butter

2 carrots, thinly sliced

1 medium yellow onion, finely chopped

1 Tbsp. finely chopped garlic

2 tsp. finely chopped peeled ginger

Kosher salt

Freshly ground pepper

Ingredients

12 oz. butternut squash, peeled, cut into 1/2" cubes

2 Tbsp. tomato paste

1/2 tsp. smoked paprika

1 (15-oz.) can pumpkin puree

6 c. (or more) low-sodium vegetable broth

Heavy cream or sour cream and roasted pumpkin seeds, for serving (optional)

Directions

In a large Dutch oven or heavy pot over medium heat, melt butter. Add carrots, onions, garlic, and ginger; season with salt and pepper. Cover and cook, stirring occasionally, until vegetables are tender, 5 to 6 minutes. Add squash, cover, and cook, stirring occasionally, until squash is barely fork-tender, 4 to 5 minutes. Add

tomato paste and paprika and cook, stirring, until tomato paste is brick red, 1 to 2 minutes. Add pumpkin puree and 6 c. broth. Partially cover pot, then bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer, stirring occasionally, until squash is very tender, about 15 minutes. Remove pot from heat. Using an

immersion blender, blend until smooth (alternatively, let soup cool, then blend in batches with a standard blender). Add more broth, 1/4 c. at a time if needed, if soup is too thick; season with salt and pepper. Divide soup among bowls. Top with a dollop of sour cream and pumpkin seeds (if using).

Farm Bureau conducts annual meeting

Parmer County Farm Bureau held its annual meeting Monday evening in the Friona High School Cafeteria. Attendees enjoyed a meal catered by Desperado's of Amarillo.

Special guests in attendance included Texas Farm Bureau State Director District 2 Walt Hagood and Texas Farm Bureau Field Representative Todd Thompson.

Hagood informed the

audience on the status of the current farm bill in congress and the need for farmers to have a safety net in order to survive the past two lean years. PCFB President Alan Monroe highlighted the various community activities the organization was involved with during the past year. He also conducted a drawing for door prizes which concluded the meeting.



PCFB President Alan Monroe



Parmer County Farm Bureau Officers & Guests — (1-r) Monty Schueler, officer; State Director District 2 Walt Hagood; Alan Monroe, president; Mitchell Smiley, agent/manager; Ricky Barnett, officer; Fred Cook, officer; Field Representative Todd Thompson; Kirk Frye, officer.

Happy Birthday

Oct. 17

Sandra Berend John Randall Brittany Montoya **Cortney Groves** Isaac Madrigal Shelby Carrillo Andy Bentley

Oct. 18

Rondee Clark Gabe Goodwin

Oct. 19

Danny Kendrick Kenny Sifford Dylan Gayle Colton Riethmayer Kamryn Riethmayer Kteed Wren

Oct. 20

Monty Schueler Brian Edelmon Gena (Wright) Hankins Diana Cruz **Kimberly Tamez Brayden Francis**

Oct. 21

Marcy Sims Maberry Lindy Varner Jonathan Schlenker Yolanda Bautista Lou Walling

Oct. 22

Doug Carthel **Delbert Davis** Tiffany Vazquez Darla Sealey Norma Thompson Carrie Schueler Landrum Juan Samarron Mary Beth Wyly Carla Boyd

Oct. 23

Pamela Kendrick Jessie Kube Jett Jarecki **April Thomas**



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

City to receive \$41K in **Monthly Sales Tax Revenue**

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced last week that he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts \$1.1 billion in local sales tax allocations for October, 1.2 percent less than in October 2023. These allocations are based on sales made in August by businesses that report tax monthly.

The City of Friona will receive \$41,233.36 in sales tax allocation for October. This amount represents a 30.15 percent decrease over the October 2023 total of \$59,038.91. For year-to-date 2024, the total is \$536,102.05 which is a 3.57 percent decrease as compared to YTD for 2023 of \$555,997.82. The FEDC will receive \$10,308.34 of the October allocation for its operating budget.

Friona Sales Tax Allocation

Oct. 2023 Oct. 2024 %change \$59,038.91 \$41,233.36 -30 15% **YTD 2024 YTD 2023** % change \$536,102.05 \$555,997.82 -3.57%

Prices to resume downward trend

By GasBuddy

Average gasoline prices in Texas fell 0.5 cents last week, averaging \$2.72 per gallon. The cheapest station in Texas was \$2.26 while the most expensive was \$3.59 per gallon. The national average price rose 3.3 cents last week, averaging \$3.16 and the national average price of diesel declined 3.4 cents last week to \$3.57 per gallon.

"Hurricane Milton left a third of all stations in Florida without gas, but the situation in Florida is expected to improve," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "We could start to see a decline in gas prices and the first sub-\$3 per gallon national average since 2021."

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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In His Presence

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Do you act differently depending on the situation you are in? At first, you might think that this is a bad thing, but on the other hand you probably don't joke around and cut up as much as you might want to when you are attending a funeral, or in line to go through security at the airport. Obviously, there is a huge difference between being a hypocrite and being mindful of your surroundings, and in prayer this also is key. In Matthew 6:5-8 Jesus empties the hypocrites' prayers of effectiveness, and exposes them as empty phrases and showy speeches.

Then in verse 9 Jesus shows us how to pray,

and he begins with a strong reminder that when we pray, we are entering into God's presence, and that is to be taken with utmost seriousness. We enter God's presence in prayer with trust and honor because of the adoption that we have received. "Our Father in heaven," displays the lavish love with which God has saved us so that we are forgiven of our sins and made his sons and daughters, but within that cry, there should also be the lingering mental presence that our adoption was paid in full by Jesus' blood.

Secondly, when you pray, Jesus clarified that we must not discount God's power or person because of our blessed position with him. "... hallowed be your name," is not a phrase that could be said of anyone or anything else, but only God. Hallowed points to his supreme holiness by nature of who He is. God's holiness sets him apart from you and me and all creation, and is that attribute that angelic beings proclaim in a glorious triad to worship who he is.

When you pray, it is entering into conversation with almighty God. Even the most beautiful and theological words fall short of describing the vastness of who He is, yet he loves even you, and invites you into his presence in prayer.

Panhandle Parables

Cool Change

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

I love fall weather. I like the crisp mornings, pleasant afternoons, and around here a little wind to make sure we know that things are changing. It is the season of harvest and preparation for winter. It is the time to finish the things that must be completed. It is a time of change and it is cool.

Change is not something that comes easy. For some, change is a bad word that should be banned from the vocabulary, yet in nature change comes as the earth moves on through its orbit as it has since God created it.

It is easy for me to see the need for change in others. We all sort of do that don't we? We can tell others, demand of others, encourage others, even guilt others to recognize they need to change. Yet, change, real change, begins with the changes I make in myself. If I want to change the world, let it begin with that fellow in the mirror. What does he need to change?

Soon the Sandhill Cranes and Canadian Geese will be flying overhead moving to a change of scenery. The frost will not be far behind and days will get shorter and temperatures cooler, all of it reminding us that things change.

My challenge for you as we move through October is to think about all the changes around us and to formulate a plan to change ourselves in very specific ways that Christ is more central. Change in Christ-like ways the way we treat our spouses, our friends and neighbors. Winter is coming and this is a time of change, embrace it that God may be glorified, His kingdom spreads because others see the change He has made in you. That will be a cool change.

Hold Your Nose and Vote

By Teena Hughs

Early voting starts Monday, October 21st. I am not going to tell you how to vote; those of you who read this already know where I stand and who I will be voting for.

I do want to encourage you to vote early.

With all the CRAZY things happening in this world today; with examples of what happened in the last presidential election; with the influx of criminal illegals; with the weather patterns being what they are, we don't know what election day will be like this year, so that is why I am encouraging everyone to vote early.

This year, above all years of my life, my vote, your vote, counts more than ever! We are at a crossroads in our country, and I believe God has given us a clear and distinct choice for the future of our country. After November 5th, we will either be on a path of trying to right many wrongs, or we will be losing more and more freedoms thanks to the Marxists and Communists who will be continuing to run our coun-

If you are someone who doesn't know who to

vote for, spend a couple of hours researching the candidates and their history. Don't go by what their advertisements say trying to get your vote, look at what they have actually said and done. And, don't just watch one network like CNN; balance their views with Real America's Voice or Newsmax.

Choose the candidates whose values are most similar to yours, and hopefully the Word of God. I am firmly against abortion for any reason; some of the people I will be voting for are in favor of abortion up to 15 weeks. Do I like their views? No, but they are better than the people I am not voting for who are in favor of abortion up until the time the baby is to be born. People on this side will never move even a little bit toward any ban on abortion, but hopefully the people on the side I am voting for will at least consider moving to the right, not the left, of their current position.

Some evangelicals and Christians refuse to vote because no candidate believes exactly the way they do. I gave up finding that candidate a long time ago. I have to hold my nose and vote for some of these people for the sake of our country, and when they are up for re-election in two years, I will be hoping and working for them to get beat!

Friends, our candidates aren't perfect, but neither am I. Eight years ago, my candidate did not get his party's nomination for President. When I held my nose and voted for the one who did get the nomination, I didn't think he would get elected, and if he did get elected, I thought he would be like all other politicians and basically do nothing to improve our country.

Well, he did win, and I was wrong. He did a lot to make this country better, and he is still fighting to make our country better. What is his reward? He is one of the most hated men in America, because he did what he said he was going to do! Sometimes these candidates we have doubts about turn out to be better than we ever thought!

Please vote, and vote early if you can. Hold your nose; do whatever you have to do, but vote. The future of our country depends on you.

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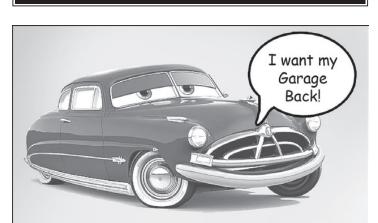
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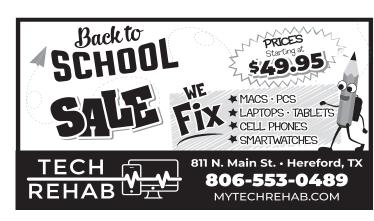


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Obituaries



Jerry Lowell Chiles

Our beloved uncle, Jerry Lowell Chiles, passed away at the age of 86 at his residence in Grand Junction, Colorado, on October 9, 2024.

Jerry was born to Leonard Dal Chiles and Marjorie Dean Jack Chiles on September 21, 1938 in Hereford, Texas. He predeceased his brother, David, and nephew, Joe. He is survived by his niece, Christie Chiles (John) Hatch, nephews, David Chiles, Cory Chiles, Nathan (Rebecca) Chiles, and numerous grandnieces, grandnephews, greatgrandnieces, and greatgrandnephews.

Raised on a farm in Friona, Texas, Jerry learned hard work and self-reliance at a young age. His family spent summer vacations fishing near the old mining town of

Jim D. Parker, aged 78,

passed away on October

9, 2024, in Carrollton,

Texas. Born on August 18,

1946, Jim devoted his life

to education, music, and

service, touching the lives

State University (Master of Education), and West

Texas A&M at Canyon

(mid-management and

superintendent certification), fostering a lifelong

passion for learning. He

served honorably in the

Army during the Vietnam

War from 1969 to 1971,

where he developed a re-

silience that would define

his career and personal

A revered music educa-

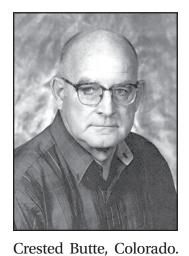
tor, Jim spent over forty

years in various educational roles. He was a

beloved band director at

schools across West Tex-

endeavors.



After graduating from

Friona High School in 1957, Jerry moved to Dallas and worked for Goodwill Industries, where he developed an interest in antiques and coins. After a ski resort opened near Crested Butte in the mid-1960s, he decided to move there and try his fortune in the now growing town. A few years later, his mother, Marjorie, joined him. During his four decades in Colora-

equipment, plowed snow, built or expanded three houses, and served as Crested Butte's first fire chief, a post he held for 30 years. His hobbies included fly fishing, hunting, mushrooming, and woodworking. A confirmed bachelor, he took care of his mother as she got older and was a significant presence in the lives of his niece, nephews, and their families.

In 2003, Jerry moved to Dubuque, Iowa, where he lived in a house down the street from his niece, Christie, for 8 years. After she and her husband moved to Pennsylvania, they relocated Jerry to White Horse Village in the rural country west of Philadelphia. In 2022, all three of them moved to Grand Junction, Colorado, where he lived out the rest of his days.

Jim D. Parker

do, Jerry operated heavy



of many with his kindness and quiet strength. Jim graduated from Dublin High School and went on to further his administrative roles, becoming the principal of education at Sul Ross University (BA Music Friona Primary School Education), Tarleton and subsequently the su-

> Jim's passion for music extended into his religious life; he was an active choir director and member at Mart First United Methodist Church, Post First United Methodist Church, and Friona First United Methodist Church. His commitment to music ministry lasted over a lifetime with 25 years at Friona United Methodist Church, enriching many services and events.

perintendent of Friona

Outside of his professional and religious commitments, Jim enjoyed directing and singing in a gospel group that performed across western Texas. His living choral

Christmas tree was renowned and much appreciated over the years in the area. He also directed the Borden County **Bicentennial Celebration** which was attended by over 10,000 people which was famous and included a parade, cattle drive and played to a packed auditorium.

He was known as "Captain Community" by Jan because was always giving to others in any way he could. He was also a passionate advocate for animal welfare and was always looking for ways to improve the lives of abandoned pets.

Jim leaves behind his loving wife, Janice Parker; son, Jon Parker and daughter-in-law, Karen; grandchildren, Bennett, Wimberleigh, Hannah and her husband Mark, Kaitlin, Bethany and her husband James; sister, Delores; in-laws, Oma T. Martin, Ken and Fran Jurney, Kristi and Mark Stevens; and numerous nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews. His devoted dog, Snoopy, will miss his rides in the pickup twice a day. He was preceded in death by his parents, "Mickey" Lee Foley Parker and William "Red" Davis Parker.

Visitation was at Harrell Funeral home from 12:00-1:45 p.m. on October 14, 2024. A graveside service was held at New Dublin Live Oak Cemetery at 2:00 p.m. on October 14, 2024. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Erath County Humane Society, 891 E Road, Stephenville, Texas 76401.

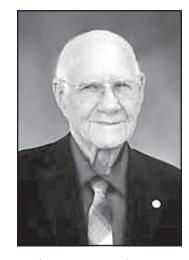
Jim's legacy of kindness, dedication, and joy in music will resonate with all who knew him.



Billy Joe Neely

Billy Joe Neely, 92 of Friona passed peacefully at home, surrounded by his family, on October 13, 2024. Viewing was held from 9:00AM to 8:00PM with family visitation from 5:00PM to 7:00PM Tuesday, October 15, 2024 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of the funeral home with Celebration of Life Services set for 2:00PM Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at Calvary Baptist Church in Friona with Pastor Brett Hoyle and Pastor D. Jay Lewis, officiating. Burial is set for 1:00 PM Friday, October 18, 2024 in the Meridian Cemetery in Meridian, Texas by HAN-

SARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona. Billy was born on March 2, 1932, in Meridian, Texas. After graduating from Meridian High School, he attended Weatherford Junior College on a basketball scholarship and later earned his master's degree from Trinity University in San Antonio. Billy also served in the U.S. Army Reserves for 11 years. Throughout his life, he was a devoted deacon at several churches, with his final membership



and service as a deacon at Calvary Baptist Church in Friona. Billy dedicated 34 years of his professional life to healthcare administration, retiring in 2004. The last 14 years of his career were spent at Parmer Medical Center in Friona, where he played a vital role in laying the groundwork for a new community hospital. A Mason for over 60 years, he served as Master of South Hills Lodge No. 1389 from 1969-1970. He was also actively involved in his community, serving as President of the Meridian Chamber of Commerce, President of Little League Baseball, and a member of both the Kiwanis and Lions Clubs. Additionally, he was the Vice Chairman of the Texas Hospital Association's Small and Rural Hospital Committee. Billy was an avid outdoorsman who loved fishing and hunting, often enjoying these activities with his longtime friend,

He was preceded in death by his first wife of 50 years, Barbara Jean White Neely; his father, Marshall F. Neely; his mother, Gertrude Gardner Neely Bell; and his sister, Mary Elouise Neely Preston. He is survived by his loving wife, Peggy Baca Neely; his daughter, Marsha Gayle Neely Hafer and her husband, Tom, of McKinney, Texas; his son, Stephen Paul Neely and his wife, Traci, of Bullard, Texas; his stepdaughter, Stephanie Cabrera Blanco and her husband, Eric, of Midland, Texas; his stepson, John Andrew Cabrera, of Michigan; his brother-in-law, Raul Braillif, of Friona; 9 grand-

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorials be made to Calvary Baptist Church, P.O. Box 276, Friona, Texas 79035, or Parmer Medical Center, 1307 Cleveland, Friona, Texas 79035.

children, 13 great-grand-

children, numerous cous-

ins, nieces, and nephews,

and a host of friends.

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



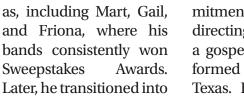


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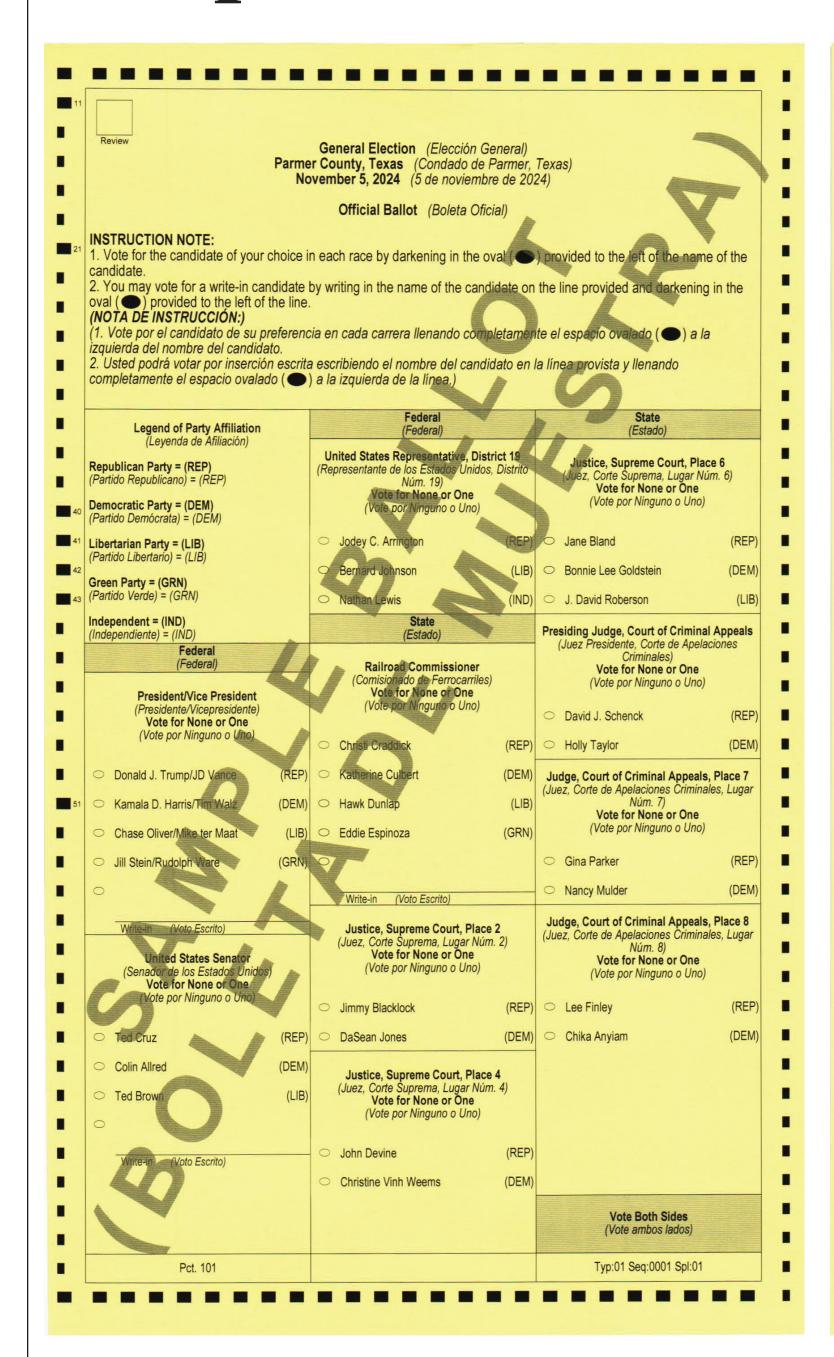


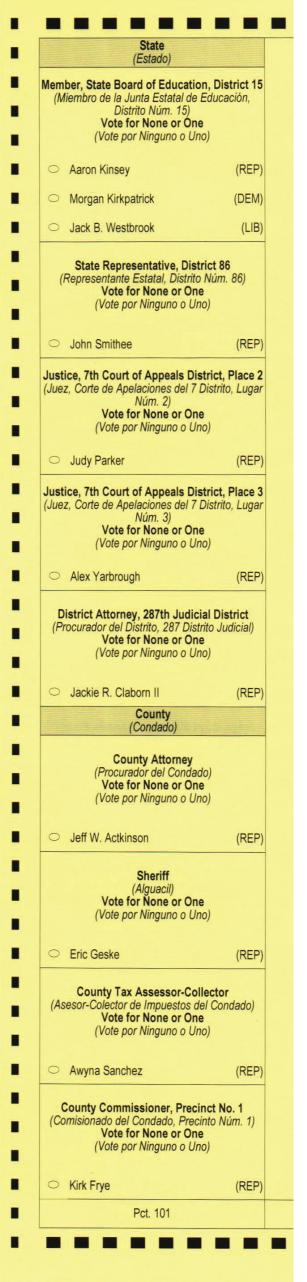
From the Friona Star Archives

Friona Flashbacks

NANETTE STARS Some of the Stars of the Thespian Play, "No, No, Nanette" are shown during a rehearsal session this week. The musical production will be given Monday and Tuesday, October 21-22 at 7:30 p.m. at the high school auditorium. Standing, left to right, are Hope Mays, Phillip Duggins, Carol Bavousett and Cris Beck. Seated are Jeanine Jarboe and Steve Stone. (Friona Star, Sunday, October 20, 1974)

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Boys Cross Country Team:

Izaac Ortiz, Thomas Cook, Bryan Cecena, Mason Ramos, Avram Hernandez, Erik Estrada, Israel Santiago

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Varsity Boys (3 miles)

Friona Team — 5th Place 11. Avram Hernandez......18:33.90 Bryan Cecena 19:26.94 26. Erik Estrada19:43.56 Izaac Ortiz......20:14.39 Israel Santiago......20:53.46 Thomas Cook......22:28.13

45.	Mason Ramos	22:41.00					
Varsity Girls (2 miles)							
25.	Merary Salinas	14:43.64					
38.	Lexi Saldana	15:21.18					
47.	Eydi Lopez	15:58.08					
Junior Varsity Boys (3 miles)							

5.	Nicholas Gutierrez	21:24.43
10.	David Tafoya	22:20.67

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31.	Miranda Pina	18:52.90				



Girls Cross Country Team: Merary Salinas, Lexi Saldana, Eydi Lopez

Friona 13 Childress 48

Scoring Summary

Qtr Score

- F Jameson Daniels 20 yd pass from
- Aaron Rosales (kick no good)
- C Jacob Mora 15 yd run (Juan Yebra kick) F - Rosales 16 yd pass from Justen
- Trevino (Mario Garcia kick)
- C Cash Hightower 7 vd pass from Jonah Reed (Yebra kick)
- C Lucian Davis 14 yd run (Yebra kick)
- C Kobe Sims 16 yd run (Yebra kick) 3
- C Luke Rodriguez 15 yd pass
- from Reed (kick blocked)

Rushing Stats

- C Hightower 31 yd pass from Reed (Yebra kick)
- C Julian Silva 31 yd pass from Reed (Yebra kick)

Carries

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7	Rosales, Aaron	8	3	17	2.1		
17	Rocha, Abram	1		1		1.0	
1	Gonzalez, Iram	7	,	43		6.1	
24	Rocha, Rafael	1		0		0.0	
40	Hoyle, Seth	2	;	19		9.5	
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	Diaz, Tony	1		5		5.0	
	Daniels, Jameson	2	2 30			15.0	
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	11	Alvarez, Michael	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
	12	Lara, Gael	3	3	6	-	-	-	-	-
	14	Gonzalez, Xavier	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
	15	Ramos, Gabriel	1	6	7	-	-	-	-	-
	17	Rocha, Abram	6	8	14	-	-	-	-	-
	20	Stanberry, Bryer	2	1	3	-	-	-	1	-
	21	Gutierrez, Frank	4	10	14	-	-	-	-	-
	22	Munoz, Edwin	4	4	8	-	-	-	-	-
	24	Rocha, Rafael	2	4	6	1	-	1	-	1
	28	Gonzalez, Jacob	2	6	8	-	-	-	-	-
	50	Quezada, Diego	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
	53	Garcia, Mario	3	7	10	1	-	1	-	-
	55	Mills, Eden	-	10	10	-	-	-	-	-
	66	Escobar, Julio	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
	72	Saucedo, Angel	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-

Yards allowed; Rushing 253, Passing 169, Total 422

Varsity Football

The Chieftains played some of their best football in the first half of the game against Childress and only trailed 14-13 at intermission. However, they could not keep the momentum and the Bobcats rallied for a 48-13 victory. Isaac Ortiz rushed for 48 yards and Iram Gonzalez added 43 yards. The Chiefs had 2 passing touchdowns with Aaron Rosales connected with Jameson Daniels for 20 yards and Rosales receiving a 15 yard pass from Justen Trevino.

On defense, the leading tacklers were Abram Rocha (14), Frank Gutierrez (14), Marco Garcia (10), and Eden Mills (10). Bryer Stanberry recorded an interception. The Chiefs travel to Canadian this week with a 7 p.m. start time versus the Wildcats.

Junior Varsity Football

The JV Chiefs host Canadian on Thursday with the game starting at 6:30 p.m. at Chieftain Field.

Junior High Football

The 7th grade Braves defeated Childress 46-8 last Thursday. Vicente Quintana recorded 7 rushing touchdowns in the game. He scored on runs of 62, 2, 29, 99, 47, 37, and 60 yards, respectively. He also ran for a two-point conversion as did Jace Jarecki. For the game, Quintana had 379 total rushing yards. Owen Daniels and Ediel Rocha each had a fumble recovery and Zane Gonzales had an interception. The 7th grade Braves are now 3-2 and 1-0 in district.

The 8th grade Braves defeated Childress 44-42. They were down by 12 points twice, but scored 2 late touchdowns to go up by 10 and hold on. Eli Rosales scored on a 19 yard run and later passed 16 yards to Darien Padilla for a touchdown. Kolton Thompson returned a kickoff 58 yards for a touchdown. Rosales added 2 touchdowns on runs of 15 and 10 yards and Padilla scored on a 6 yard run. Rosales also ran for four two-point conversions. For the game, Rosales ran for 180 yards and threw for 76 yards. Darien Padilla added 53 yards on the ground. Hector Mendoza had 2 fumble recoveries. The 8th grade Braves are now 1-4 and 1-0 in district. The 7th and 8th Braves travel to Canadian this Thursday with games starting at 5:00 p.m. and 6:15 p.m.

Varsity Volleyball

The Squaws are now 25-9 for the season and 2-3 in district play. They were defeated by Bushland 3-0 on Saturday and fell to Dalhart 3-0 on Tuesday night. The team travels to River Road this Saturday with games at 11/12/1 and has a Bye next Tuesday

Junior High Volleyball

The Maidens travel to Bushland on Thursday, October 17th. All four teams (7AB and 8AB) will play beginning at 5:00 p.m. The teams have a Bye on Monday, October 21st.

Co-ops Power Communities with Purpose

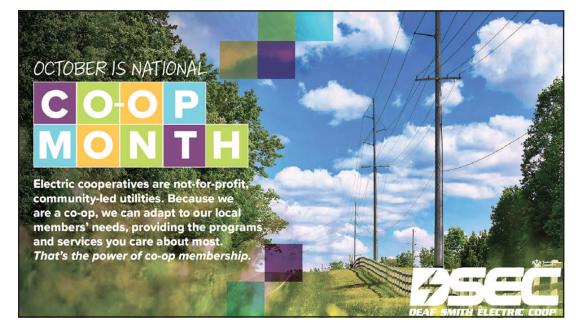
by Tim Burkhalter, President and General Manager, Deaf Smith Electric Co-op

Communities come in all shapes and sizes. Some are based on geographical proximity, some are based shared interests or hobbies, and some communities can even be found in virtual spaces like social media groups. Regardless of where or how they are formed, communities can bring people together and create a sense of belonging.

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative is deeply committed to our members, and we're glad you are part of the cooperative electric community.

This month, more than 30,000 cooperatives across the U.S. celebrating National Co-op Month. It's a time to reflect on all the aspects that set cooperatives apart from other types of businesses, but more importantly, it's a time to celebrate the power of co-op membership.

Electric cooperatives are not-for-profit utilities that are built by the communities they serve. For DSEC, our mission has always been to provide you with reliable power. We care about your quality of life, and because we are locally operated,



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Beyond the business of electricity, our employees and directors are equally invested in our local community. Why? Because we live here, too. That's why we work hard to support local economic development projects, youth programs and scholarships, charitable giving initiatives and additional programs that make our community a better place to call home.

All co-ops, including DSEC, are guided by seven cooperative principles that embody the values and spirit of the cooperative movement. These seven principles are a framework to help all co-ops navigate challenges and opportunities while remaining true to our purpose:

1. Open and Voluntary Membership: Co-op membership is open to anyone who can use the co-op's services.

2. Democratic Member Control: Members make decisions that shape the cooperative. Why? Because co-ops are created by the members, for the members.

3. Members' Economic Participation: Members contribute money to the co-op to make sure it runs smoothly now and in the future. At [insert co-op name], this happens through paying your energy bills.

4. Autonomy and Independence: Co-ops are independent and ing and Information: Co-ops continuously focus on education to ensure employees have the training and information they need to make the co-op successful.

5. Education, Train-

6. Cooperation **Among Cooperatives:** Co-ops share with and learn from other cooperatives. We help each other out in times of need because we want other co-ops to thrive.

7. Concern for Community: All cooperatives work for the greater good of the local communities they serve. Co-ops back to their communities to help them thrive and grow.

This October, as we celebrate National Co-op Month and the power of membership, we hope you will recognize the many aspects that set electric cooperatives apart. Our mission is reliable power. Our purpose is people--the local communities we're proud to serve.

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In the photo — (l-r) Bi-Wize Pharmacy Technicians Angel Carranza, Kayla Alexander, and Hirayma Rocha. Techs not in the photo are Vanessa Hernandez and Nevaeh Perez. Tuesday was National Pharmacy Technician Day. Pharmacy technicians have many responsibilities including: filling prescriptions, maintaining inventory, processing insurance, customer service, administrative work, and creating customized medications by combining individual ingredients (compounding).





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