



Friona City Council Approves 20% Water Rate Increase to Protect Water Services

At their meeting on Monday evening, the Friona City Council approved a 20% increase in monthly water rates, effective immediately. This is the first substantive water rate adjustment since 2013.

City officials say the increase is essential to cover the rising costs of maintaining and improving Friona’s water system, which has faced more than a decade of inflation in equipment, labor, and utility expenses without any change in rates. The base rate will increase from \$22.44 to \$26.93 per month. Monthly trash and sewer service will continue to remain at \$24.43 and \$25.50 respectively.

For most households, the change will mean an additional \$8–\$14 per month on their water bill, depending on usage. The extra revenue will be used to repair aging infrastructure, upgrade pumps and equipment, and ensure compliance with state water safety standards.

“This increase is about protecting the reliability and safety of our water supply for years to come,” said City Manager Leander Davila. “Without action, we risk service interruptions, higher repair costs, and larger increases down the road.”

The new rates will appear on the next billing cycle, and the City Council plans to review water rates every two years to avoid long gaps between adjustments.

City Council sets 2025 Proposed Tax Rate

The Friona City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 14, 2025 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. All council members were present. There were no public comments.

After discussing the report from the Parmer County Appraisal District regarding asset valuations, a motion to adopt a 0.642129/\$100 tax rate for the City of Friona passed unanimously. Please see the public notice concerning tax rates on page 9.

An ordinance establishing temporary traffic flow patterns during specified school hours near the Friona Primary School and Friona Elementary School campuses

was approved. The ordinance includes penalties for driving violations. Warnings will be issued during the introductory phase. Tickets will be issued when all the proper signage is available and notice will be given.

An ordinance to increase residential water rates by 20 percent was approved. The action marked the first time since 2013 that residential water rates have been increased. Please see the companion story on this page.

A motion was passed to approve a transfer and amount not to exceed \$60,000 from the Street Creation Escrow Fund to the General Fund. The money will be used for the paving of 7th Street between Grand Avenue and Ashland Avenue. The balance of the \$72,625

project will be paid with 2025 Seacoat Project funds.

City Manager Lee Davila informed the Council that construction of the new Splash Pad will begin on September 1st. The company that will build it is currently installing splash pads in Tulia and Dimmitt. Construction of the new splash pad was originally set for April but was pushed back to September to avoid closing the swimming pool for the summer.

In other business, the accounts payable for July 2025 were approved as well as the financial statement for July 2025. The Minutes of the July 14th regular meeting were also approved. The next Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 8th.



New Paving Project — Construction on 7th Street between Grand Avenue and Ashland Avenue is underway. In the coming weeks, Bermea Construction will soon be adding curbing and pavement to the street.

Volleyball Season Gets Underway



Friona Welcome New School — In their home opener for the 2025 volleyball season, the Friona Squaws hosted the Frenship Memorial Panthers. Frenship Memorial is a brand new 4-A school located in Lubbock near Raider Ranch. Tuesday evening was the Panthers very first match ever. Friona dropped the match 3-0 by the scores of 17-25, 16-25, 18-25. The Squaws next home match is August 26th against San Jacinto.

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Community Calendar

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

August 14

- Community Noon Meal @ Friendship House
- Meet the Chieftains 7 p.m. @ Chieftain Field

August 18

- Community Noon Meal @ Friendship House

August 19

- Back-to-School Bingo Bash
6 p.m. @ Legacy Pointe

August 20

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

August 21

- Community Noon Meal @ Friendship House

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State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



Senate panel advances bill swapping STAAR for three tests

While the House is unable to meet with the Democrats out of state, the Senate is still in special session. A Senate panel has unanimously advanced a proposal to swap the end-of-year standardized test, called STAAR, for the three shorter tests administered throughout the school year, according to the Texas Standard.

The STAAR test has been widely criticized by parents and teachers for putting enormous pressure on students. Teachers have complained about having to spend too much time preparing students to take the STAAR.

A companion bill has been filed in the House as well. An effort to pass a similar measure during the regular session failed.

The tests would be shorter than the current test, which can last three hours. The turnaround for the shorter tests would be much faster than it is for STAAR — just two business days.

River authority pledges \$1.5 million for flood protection

The Upper Guadalupe River Authority has pledged to spend at least \$1.5 million on flood protection and mitigation measures after a Houston Chronicle investigation revealed it had delayed upgrading its flood warning system, opting instead to keep at least \$3 million in reserve.

The announcement came at a legislative hearing in Kerrville, at which the UGRA has been roundly criticized for not acting earlier.

“It was recognized through studies that you paid for that there

was a need for an early warning system,” State Rep. Drew Darby, R-San Angelo, told Bill Rector, president of the authority’s board. “And yet you didn’t do anything about it.”

The UGRA’s entire board was appointed by Abbott. It is one of the very few river authorities that has the power to levy taxes. That drew the attention of state Rep. Ken King, R-Canadian.

“So you’re not accountable to the voters of Kerr County, even though you’re taxing them?” asked King, who chairs the House committee on flood recovery. Rector acknowledged that was the case.

Deadline approaching to apply for flood damage aid

Property owners, businesses, renters and others affected by the July Hill Country floods have until Sept. 4 to apply for aid from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, according to the Express-News.

Heavy rains triggered flooding along the Guadalupe River, killing at least 119 people. Another 16 deaths were reported in separate flooding in Travis, Burnet, Williamson and Tom Green Counties.

A total of 10 counties have been designated eligible for federal money: Burnet, Guadalupe, Kerr, Kimble, McCulloch, Menard, San Saba, Tom Green, Travis and Williamson.

FEMA encourages applicants to apply online at DisasterAssistance.gov or call the agency’s help line at 800-621-3362, between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m.

Excluding immigrants from census could be costly for Texas

If President Donald Trump is successful in excluding undocumented

immigrants from the next U.S. census, Texas could lose seats in Congress and billions of dollars in federal funding, the Chronicle reported.

The state has an estimated population of 2 million immigrants living in the country illegally.

“(We would lose) what the state has gained over the past two censuses, at least a couple of seats,” said Jeronimo Cortina, a political scientist at the University of Houston. “And then where do they go? Maybe they go to, I don’t know, North Dakota.”

It is unclear whether Trump has the authority to implement the census changes. An effort in 2019 to add a question about citizenship to the decennial census was rejected by the U.S. Supreme Court.

DPS announces creation of new Homeland Security Division

The Texas Department of Public Safety has announced the creation of a new Homeland Security Division, The Dallas Morning News reported.

The new office combines the existing Office of Homeland Security with the DPS Intelligence and Counterterrorism Division to oversee border security operations and statewide intelligence efforts. It will also be responsible for overseeing the protection of infrastructure and emergency preparedness.

“Our No. 1 priority is to protect Texans — especially against hostile foreign adversaries like China, Iran, and Russia” Abbott said. “Texas will always defend our state from hostile foreign nations and terrorists to create greater safety in our communities.”

Texas lawmakers authorized creation of the new division during the last regular session.

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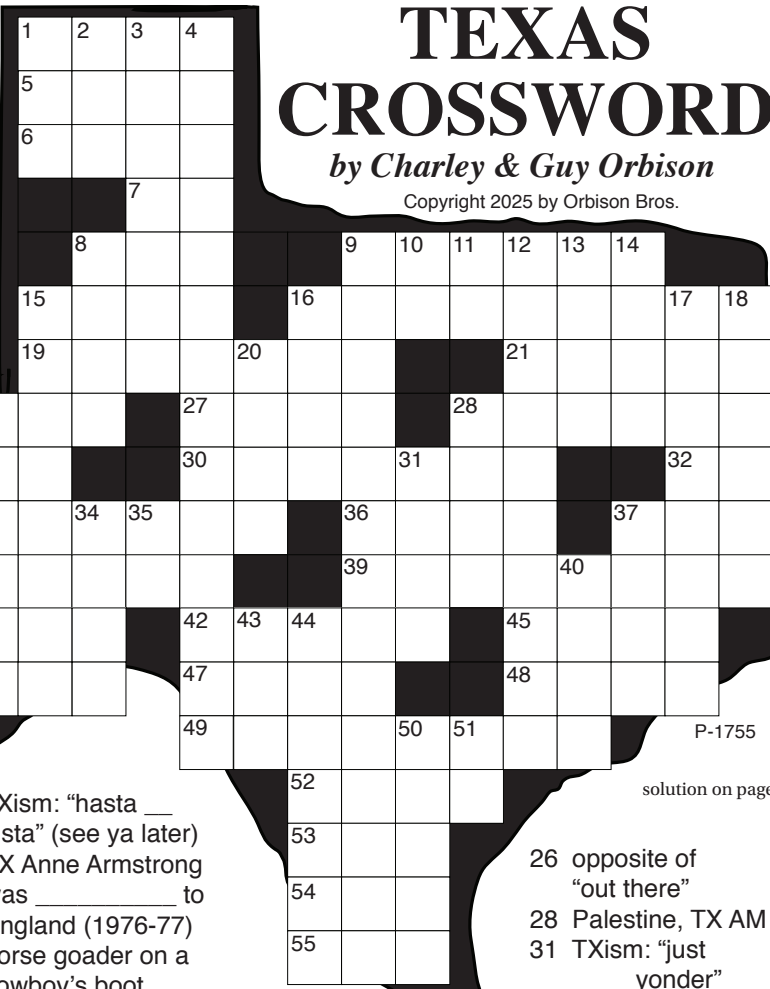
- 1 in Jasper County on U.S. 96
- 5 archives division of the Texas State Library (abbr.)
- 6 state assn. of county auditors
- 7 TXism: “out kilter” (not working)
- 8 this boxer beat TX Foreman in 1974 “Jungle Rumble”
- 9 TXism: “_____ in the pan”
- 15 therapeutic baths
- 16 headlong rush of a cattle herd (2 wds.)
- 19 TXism: “_____ a bubble out of plumb” (crazy)
- 21 TX Gary who portrayed Buddy Holly
- 22 popular Fort Worth restaurant: “Joe T. _____”
- 27 TX Kelly Clarkson was the first “American _____”
- 28 martial art of Texas rancher Norris
- 29 TXism: “don’t beat _____ the bush”
- 30 most of the _____ mohair is from Texas
- 32 TXism: “good _____ boy”
- 33 Texas folklore, e.g. December 24 & 31
- 37 Linda Gray was “Dallas” _____ Ellen
- 38 this Jimmy starred with TX Audie in “Night Passage”

- 39 Texas Constitution _____ land for UT
- 41 character Hardesty in “The Texas Chainsaw Massacre”
- 42 V-22 is tilt-_____ built by Texas Bell Helicopter
- 45 Notre _____ has twice ended a UT perfect season in Cotton Bowl
- 46 tear or split apart
- 47 TXism: “shootin’ _____”

- 48 was indebted
- 49 stealthy burglars
- 52 TXism: “wish book” (_____ order catalog)
- 53 money machine
- 54 formerly called
- 55 ten of ‘em make a decade (abbr.)

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- 1 Astro or Ranger lumber
- 2 TX Ima Hogg’s fictional sister
- 3 St. _____ Lakes in Refugio County
- 4 TXism: “boring _____ with a game warden”
- 8 primates
- 9 TXism: “natural _____ melon”
- 10 _____ Worth, TX (abbr.)



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solution on page 3

- 11 TXism: “hasta _____ vista” (see ya later)
- 12 TX Anne Armstrong was _____ to England (1976-77)
- 13 horse goader on a cowboy’s boot
- 14 TXism: “_____ few bricks shy of a load”
- 15 TXism: “joined his _____ the dirt” (fell)
- 16 TXism: “got _____ of corn to shuck”
- 17 sent around the main route
- 18 shoe hole made for a lace
- 20 TXism: “call it _____” (quit)
- 22 Texas film cowboy, Autry (init.)
- 23 TXism: “he’d _____ wrestle King Kong” (brave)
- 24 Texans Orbison & Judge Bean
- 25 Coast Guard boat
- 26 opposite of “out there”
- 28 Palestine, TX AM
- 31 TXism: “just _____ yonder”
- 34 East _____, TX
- 35 TXism: “come hell _____ high water”
- 37 TXism: “cut from the _____ bolt” (alike)
- 40 TXism: “hands”
- 43 hockey star, Bobby
- 44 TXism: “_____ irons in the fire”
- 50 citrus fruits
- 51 _____ Campo, TX

The Bee’s Revenge

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Eros once began to plunder
Honeycomb. A naughty bee
Stung his fingertip. In wonder
Eros bawled with agony.
The little thief blew on his hand,
And he could not understand.

To Aphrodite them complaining,
“How is this?” sad he.
“So small a beast, so great a paining . . .
Such a little bee.”
“And does it,” cried she, “make you weep?
You so small, who wound so deep . . . “

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The Bee’s Revenge

It ‘twas a fine day of fun and play,
I step’d below the bridge,
To clean my catch that day,
And to my surprise,
That dang bee was still alive!

For two thousand years
He’s waited to teach again right here,
A lesson unlearn’d----
A bee sting hurts!
But yet, that’s not the worst!
I got no honey!

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COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk’s Office from July 31, 2025 to August 7, 2025

(7/31/25) Viva Farms LLC — Larry Smity, Shauna Laree Smith — 10.01 Acres, Section 33, T9S, R1E, SCL Survey, Abstract 112, Parmer County

(7/31/25) JL Wall Family Farms LLC — Curtis Allen, Debbie K. Allen — NE/4 of Section 35, Block C, Rhea Brothers Subdivision; SE/4 of Section 38, Block C, Rhea Brothers Subdivision

(7/31/25) Estate of Josefina Viernes Hernandez — Jesus Manuel Tarango — Lots 9, 10 of Block 32, Original Town, Bovina Texas

(8/1/25) Ronald Byrd, Leandra Byrd — Ryan Williams, Annie Williams — East 70 ft. of Lots 17, 18, 19, of Block 18, Original Town of Farwell, Parmer County

(8/6/25) Arturo Flores — Cecilia Trevizo Loya, Karla Edith Flores Trevizo — South 12.5’ of Lot 41, and North 50.0’ of Lot 42, Block 1, Western Addition City of Friona

(8/6/25) Dorotero Carranza — Daniel Carranza — 4 Acres Capiral League 485 Section 6, T4S, Block 166, 167, 186, 187, 194, 195 and Closed B and C Streets and Summit Ave, Wrights Southside Addition

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Meet the Chieftains — Be sure to come out to Chieftain Field at 7 p.m. on Thursday to meet the student athletes who will be involved in the fall sports events. On Friday, the Chiefs host Sundown for a scrimmage at 6:30 also at Chieftain Field.

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Blood Drive Results — Thank you to everyone who donated at last week’s blood drive. Totals for the drive were 40 people signed in and 36 were able to donate. Out of those, 27 were whole blood (WB) donations and 9 were doubles (2RBC). So far this year, 125 blood donations have been made which includes 96 (WB) and 29 (2RBC). Approximately 400 lives have been saved using the donated blood!

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Farm News — The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) opened enrollment on July 10 for the Supplemental Disaster Relief Program (SDRP), which provides assistance for eligible crop losses due to natural disasters in 2023 and 2024.

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Totally Driven — America’s top-selling vehicles in the first half of 2025 were once again led by the Ford F-Series, which moved 412,848 units, maintaining its decades-long dominance. Close behind were the Chevrolet Silverado with 284,038 sales and the Toyota RAV4 with 239,451, the highest-ranked SUV. Nine of the top 10 sellers were pickups or SUVs, underscoring U.S. buyers’ preference for size, capability, and versatility over sedans. The Toyota Camry was the lone sedan in the top 10, while overall SUVs made up 47% of top-20 sales, pickups 37%, and sedans just 16%. *The Texas Flyover*

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In the Weeds — President Trump said his administration is considering reclassifying marijuana as a less dangerous Schedule III drug. That would mark the biggest change in marijuana policy by the federal government since the drug was first outlawed. *The Texas Flyover*

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Up in the Air — Drone food delivery is now available in Frisco, Fort Worth, and Plano, serving Auntie Anne’s, Schlotzsky’s, and more to customers within 4 miles of participating restaurants. *The Texas Flyover*

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New Laws — Public school students and families will be affected by several new state laws as the school year

begins.

Among the most prominent changes is a cellphone ban for students. Several districts had already imposed restrictions on cell phone use, arguing that it reduces distractions. Schools have until Sept. 18 to implement a plan. Every public school classroom will now be required to display a 16-by-20-inch poster of the Ten Commandments, and school districts must vote on designating a time for Bible reading and prayer. Lawsuits have been filed challenging the poster requirement, but no rulings have been issued.

Public schools are also prohibited from implementing diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) programs or providing instruction on sexual orientation or gender identity. Parents must opt in for their students to receive sex education, and they can provide input on school library catalogs.

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National Days

August 14 — Creamsicle Day

August 15 — Relaxation Day

August 16 — Roller Coaster Day

August 17 — Nonprofit Day

August 18 — Fajita Day

August 19 — Potato Day

August 20 — Radio Day

Public Hearing Notice

50-280 (Rev. 4-22/6)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Friona ISD will hold a public meeting at 12 p.m. Friday, August 29, 2025 in the Admin. Building Board Room at 909 E. 11th Friona, Texas 79035. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district’s budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

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

Maintenance Tax	\$.6661	/ \$100	(Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax			
Approved by Local Voters	\$.334	/ \$100	(proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year’s Budget

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

Maintenance and operations	5.042	% increase	or	(decrease)
Debt service	3.710	% increase	or	(decrease)
Total expenditures	8.752	% increase	or	(decrease)

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

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 812,686,398	\$ 807,760,226
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 20,747,161	\$ 29,849,215
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 797,200,241	\$ 801,167,797
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 20,311,542	\$ 29,849,215

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

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 12,675,000

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year’s Rates					
	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year’s Rate	\$ 0.66690	\$ 0.33400 *	\$ 1.00090	\$ 7,081	\$ 7,273
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 0.61690	\$ 0.15836 *	\$ 0.77526	\$ 6,518	\$ 6,439
Proposed Rate	\$ 0.66610	\$ 0.33400 *	\$ 1.00010	\$ 8,328	\$ 8,030
* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.					

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year’s Levy on Average Residence		
	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 152,260	\$ 165,800
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 41,535	\$ 31,855
Last Year’s Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.0009	\$ 1.0001
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 415.72	\$ 318.58
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (97.14)
Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.		

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.0001. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of 1.0001.

Fund Balances	
The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:	
Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 5,547,997
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 1,633,857
A school district may not increase the district’s maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district’s debt service.	

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

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

Small Town Cookin’ By Jeri Lynn White

Chicken Marsala

This month, our recipes spotlight everything chicken. This week the focus falls on Chicken Marsala, a dish renowned for its rich, velvety sauce and tender chicken infused with earthy mushrooms and a hint of sweetness. Whether you’re gathering with friends or seeking a simple weeknight delight, Chicken Marsala promises warmth, elegance, and a taste of something special to close out the summer season.

Chicken Marsala
www.allrecipes.com

Ingredients

- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour

½ teaspoon paprika

2 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves

6 tablespoons butter, divided

1 can Cream of Mushroom soup

1 ½ cups chicken broth
- ½ pound sliced mushrooms

1 clove of minced garlic

salt and ground black pepper, or to taste

1 cup chicken broth

½ cup dry Marsala wine or apple juice

1 teaspoon dried tarragon, crushed

Directions

Stir flour and paprika together into a shallow dish. Remove and set aside 1 tablespoon of flour mixture for later use. Dredge chicken in remaining flour mixture to coat evenly. Melt 2 tablespoons butter in a skillet over medium heat; cook and stir mushrooms and garlic in melted butter until they release their liquid and begin to brown, about 5 minutes. Transfer to a

bowl and set aside. Melt remaining 4 tablespoons butter in the skillet. Cook chicken breasts in the melted butter until browned, about 3 minutes per side. Season with salt and pepper. Return cooked mushrooms to the skillet and stir in chicken broth, reserved 1 tablespoon of flour mixture, cream of mushrooms soup, Marsala wine, and dried tarragon. Cover the skillet, reduce the heat to low, and cook until sauce is thick, about 20 minutes. The chicken should no longer be pink in the center and the juices should run clear. An instant-read thermometer inserted into the center of a chicken breast should read at least 165 degrees F (74 degrees C). Serve with angel hair pasta, mashed potatoes, or any pasta of your choice.

Commissioners Approve Mutual Aid Agreement

Parmer County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, August 11th, 2025 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.

Commissioners approved Parmer County participating in the Texas State Planning Region 1 Mutual Aid Agreement Resolution. Under the agreement, the top 26 counties in the Texas panhandle offer their services to each other as needed. The assisting county will pay for the initial deployment and the requesting county will cover the costs for additional deployments. Both counties will be reimbursed at a later date.

The Sheriff’s Office reported that the Law Enforcement Center is currently housing 25 inmates which includes 12 from Lamb County. Also, the Law Enforcement Center recently passed the annual Jail Standards Inspection which is an unannounced examination of the jail facilities, procedures, and maintenance.

A Jail Clinical services contract with Parmer Medical Center was also approved. The county will pay \$2,400 per year which includes 24 visits. All visits over that will be charged at the standard rate.

A motion to order the November 2025 Special Election for Parmer County was approved.

A motion to approve the annual Cybersecurity Course Enrollment

form was passed. All county employees, except for the road crew, are required to take the course.

Minutes of the July 28th regular meeting were reviewed and approved. Commissioners also approved the payment of accounts payables and the payroll report as presented by County Treasurer Sharon May.

The Bridge Construction Project near Cargill is ahead of schedule due to favorable weather and the Lazbuddie 1 and Lazbuddie 2 Wind Turbine Projects are both on schedule.

The next Commissioner’s meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 25th. All meetings are open to the public. Information in this article is only a summary.

By the Numbers City of Friona - July 2025

Public Library	3,848 miles driven	10 standby
21 days open	Municipal Court	82 total service calls
586 e-visits	273 traffic cases	9 PMC call for transfers denied
635 in-house visits	81 non-traffic cases	12 Other Facility denied
7 new patrons	10 dismissals	Volunteer Fire Department
721 items circulated	4 juvenile cases	July 9 Lift Assist — 5
30 new items added	12 hearings	firefighters & 1 truck
\$281.72 copy fees collected	5 warrants recalled	July 13 Car Wreck — 8
\$123.30 fax fees collected	6 warrants issued	firefighters & 3 trucks
\$65.00 other fees collected	0 magistrations	July 15 EMS Assist — 5
Book Shop open 6 days	\$1,773.17 collected (sent to state)	firefighters & no truck
\$103.00 in sales	\$2,822.85 collected (kept by city)	July 21 Car Wreck — 10
Police Department	EMS	firefighters & 2 trucks
65 calls	22 transports (911)	July 22 Phone Line Down —
6 arrests	6 Prairie Acres (911)	4 firefighters & 1 truck
44 citations	27 transfers	July 31 Grass Fire — 7
159 warnings	16 non-transports (911)	firefighters & 2 trucks
203 stops	1 no patient/disregard	

Happy Birthday



August 14

Deirdre Osborn
Alex J. Guerra
Tenna Montana
Ruby Bentley
Misty Villanueva

August 15

Jonathan Romero
Ryan Gerries
Velena Vazquez
Sandra Bautista
Karen Fabela
Rosa Pineda
Candi (Baca) Geske
Stephanie (Downey) Chaney
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August 20

Meredith Peace
J.B. Douglas
Mickey Munoz

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Texas Gas Prices Lower

By GasBuddy

Average gasoline prices in Texas have fell 5.7 cents last week, averaging \$2.66 per gallon, according to GasBuddy’s survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. The lowest price in the state was \$2.29 while the highest was \$3.69 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline fell 2.7 cents last week, averaging \$3.08 per gallon. The national average price of diesel decreased 1.8 cents compared to a week ago and stands at \$3.69 per gallon.

“After rising for two straight weeks, the national average price of gasoline saw a slight decline in the last week as oil prices fell below \$64 per barrel, paving the way for prices to ease in most states,” said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

“Price-cycling markets again saw the largest weekly swings, with Florida and Michigan cycling upward, while Indiana and Ohio experienced sharp declines but may be due for jumps this week. As we approach the peak of hurricane season, forecasts are showing favorable conditions for tropical development, so we’ll be watching closely for any potential impact on supply and prices as Labor Day nears,” De Haan concluded.

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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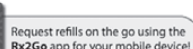


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Prayer To Start The School Year

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

Dear Heavenly Father, it is a blessing to be able to speak to You through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Father, we pray for our teachers and staff, that You give them wisdom, understanding, strength and patience as they work with the students this year. May You use our teachers to educate the students. Help them see each child as one with great potential for good, that they may encourage each child to reach his or her potential. Give them strength for the day and allow them great discernment in identifying the needs of the students.

Father, we pray for the students this year, that You will open their minds and help them achieve great things to Your glory. Help them in their studies to do and be their best. Give them courage to do what is right and to learn to look out for each other and not tear down each other. Grow their knowl-

edge, Lord, as they grow in wisdom.

We are blessed to live in this place and thankful for those who cook and feed each child. We are thankful for those who assist teachers in making the day go smoothly, offering extra help where needed. We are thankful for those who maintain our buildings so that our students have a great place in which to learn. We are thankful for those who drive the buses to transport our kids to various activities and we pray You keep them all safe in those travels. We are thankful for the administrators who oversee the complexity of issues facing our schools and we pray for the School Board in the decisions they make for the future of our kids.

God, help each of us to live in ways that bring glory and honor to Your name. It is through Christ we pray, Amen. God bless and may you have a great school year!

Being a Servant

By Teena Hughs

Last Wednesday, our church had its third luncheon for the Nueces Canyon teachers and school personnel. I don't know what was different, but this was by far our best luncheon yet!

We had a lot of help, so I was able to sit back and observe. One of the things I noticed was true servanthood by a woman named Patty.

Patty and her husband came early, and she helped us finish up the meal preparations and clean-up. Then, when people started coming, she greeted each one and offered them something to drink. While they were eating, she went around asking people if they needed anything, and she visited with as many as she could. When she saw that people were finished eating, she picked up their plates and put

them in the garbage can.

None of this was planned or talked about beforehand. Patty just did it, because she is a servant!

Too often, we think that to be a servant for the Lord we have to do the big things: go on mission trips, work in a food kitchen, have our own ministry; in other words, do big things. However, being a servant means doing things large and small, by yourself or with a group. It is answering a call to help, to be of service, it is seeing a need and meeting it, and that is what Patty did.

Being a servant is something Patty doesn't have to think about. She just does it. Did people notice what she did? I don't know, but I did.

Being a servant requires a willingness to be one. If you want to serve, it is natural

that you look for ways to serve. If serving is something new to you, you may have to look for ways to serve; you may have to ask God to help you find ways to serve.

Serving God in the little things is just as important as serving Him in the big things. If it needs to be done, it is important to God. We just need to have willing hands and feet, and a willing heart. God will notice your service for sure, and someone else will probably notice. But, whether or not someone notices, you will have done the right thing in answering God's call to be His hands and feet! We should all strive to be the best servant we can be and make it a natural part of our lives!

Patty has, and Patty may be the reason this was our best luncheon yet!!!

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August Bible Verse

19 By wisdom the Lord laid the earth's foundations, by understanding he set the heavens in place; 20 by his knowledge the watery depths were divided, and the clouds let drop the dew.

Proverbs 3:19-20 NIV

19 Con sabiduría afirmó el Señor la tierra, con inteligencia estableció los cielos. 20 Por su conocimiento se separaron las aguas y las nubes dejaron caer su rocío.

Proverbios 3:19-20 NVI



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NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASES OF SALARIES AND OTHER ALLOWANCES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET

Pursuant to Local Government Code §152.013, a Public Hearing on the following proposed increase of salaries and other allowances of elected officials for the FY 2026 Budget will be held by the Parmer County Commissioners Court at the Parmer County Courthouse on Monday, August 25, 2025 at 10:00 AM. The Commissioners Court will then consider and act on the proposed salaries and other allowances at the regularly scheduled meeting the same day on August 25, 2025 at 10:15 AM.

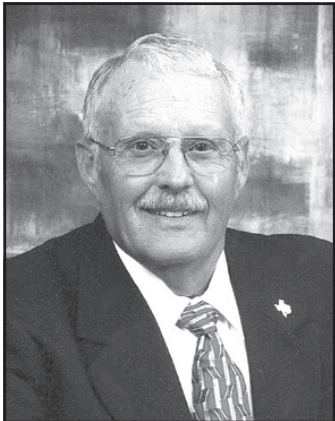
	Present FY 2025 Annual Compensation	Proposed FY 2026 Annual Compensation	Present FY 2025 Other Allowance	Proposed FY 2026 Other Allowance
County Judge	\$57,472.20	\$60,345.84	\$3500 Vehicle Allowance	\$3500 Vehicle Allowance
Commissioner, Precinct 1	\$32,336.60	\$34,296.60		
Commissioner, Precinct 2	\$32,366.60	\$34,296.60		
Commissioner, Precinct 3	\$32,366.60	\$34,296.60		
Commissioner, Precinct 4	\$32,366.60	\$34,296.60		
County Clerk	\$53,663.52	\$56,346.72		
District Clerk	\$53,663.53	\$56,346.72		
County Treasurer	\$53,663.53	\$56,346.72	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00
Tax Assessor/Collector	\$53,663.53	\$56,346.72		
Sheriff	\$78,750.00	\$82,234.00		
Justice of the Peace Pct #1	\$33,359.04	\$35,027.04		
Justice of the Peace Pct #2	\$33,359.04	\$35,027.04		
Justice of the Peace Pct #3	\$33,359.04	\$35,027.04		
County Attorney	\$43,789.44	\$45,978.96		

Obituaries

John Clifton Taylor

John Clifton Taylor, 78, of Friona, Texas passed away on August 10, 2025 in Friona. Viewing was held Tuesday, August 12, 2025 from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM with family visitation from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of the funeral home with Celebration of Life Services set for 2:00 PM Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at the Sixth Street Church of Christ in Friona with Jeff Procter, officiating. Burial following in the Friona Cemetery entrusted to HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

John was born on July 9, 1947, in Hereford, Texas to J.B. and Anita Taylor. He graduated from Friona High School in 1965 and from West Texas State University in 1969. John married Sherri Tannahill on June 8, 1968, and they enjoyed a 57-year marriage. He farmed in the Friona community for a number years before becoming a co-owner of 4-Way Pump Service for 40 years. John had a servant’s heart and loved



his community. He joined the Friona Volunteer Fire Department in 1983 and served in various capacities for 40 years, retiring in 2023. He also joined the Friona Police Department, serving for several years as an officer and then as the Chief for four years. After this, John continued in public service by serving on the Friona City Council for six years and as Mayor from 2002-2010. John loved serving in his church and providing a helping hand to others, whether taking communion or food to the homebound or mowing at the church and cemetery. He enjoyed woodworking and leather working and loved sharing his work with family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two grandsons, Aaron Stowers and Reagan Stowers.

John is survived by his wife, Sherri, and two daughters, Carolyn (Gary) Stowers and Teresa (Kelly) Jack. And, he was so proud of his grandsons (Andrew (Emily) Stowers, Blake Stowers, Jared (Emmy) Jack, and Tyler Jack and great-grands (Rylee, Layla, Payson, Ellie, Cohen, and Wayde). He has one sister, Dianna (Dale) Williams, and one brother and life-long best friend, Jim (Amelia) Taylor, and numerous nieces and nephews.

For those wishing to honor his memory, the family requests donations be made to the Friona Volunteer Fire Department or a charity of your choice.

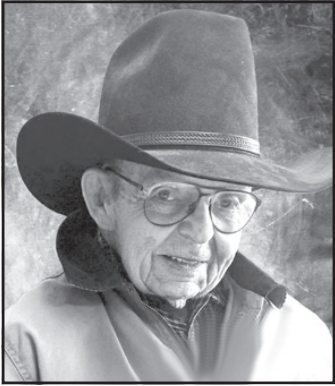
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Avis Henry

Avis Henry, 77, of Friona passed away peacefully at home on August 10, 2025, in Friona. Celebration of Life Graveside Services will be held at 10:30 AM Thursday, August 14, 2025 at the Friona Cemetery. Burial following entrusted to HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Avis was born March 12, 1948, in Roswell, New Mexico to James C. and Deserre (Keith) Henry. The highlight of his life was being the beloved husband to Linda (Spence) Henry for more than 55 years. The two married on September 5, 1969, in Hereford, Texas. Avis was a U.S. Army veteran and volunteered with several local organizations, including the American Legion, Friona Volunteer Fire Department,



Parmer County Sheriff’s Posse, and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He volunteered on the Friona ambulance service as an EMT and, in 1984, became the first person from Friona to receive their paramedic certification from Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. He loved western books and movies, good jokes, animals, and fishing. He hated the Dallas Cowboys. In his later years he particularly loved spending time with his local grandkids, Justin, Christopher, and Timothy.

Avis was preceded in death by his parents, James C., and Deserre (Keith) Henry, and a

brother, James “Jimmy” Henry.

He is survived by his loving wife, Linda, of Friona, and four children: Tabatha Thornton of Gallup, New Mexico, Shannon Green of Lubbock, Dawn Henry of Friona, and Chad (Sarah) Henry of St. Louis, Missouri. He was the loving “Papa” of eleven grandchildren: Justin Henry, Christopher Johnston, Timothy Johnston, Jordan Ross, Katelynn (Daniel) Pierpont, Hannah (Dustin) Snyder, Gabriella Thornton, Allanah (Jaime) Murillo, Sean Henry, Madelyn Henry, and Camille Henry. He has one sister, Caroline Peterson, of Capitan, New Mexico.

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Gaylon Dale Rhodes

Gaylon Dale Rhodes, 89 of Bovina passed away on August 5, 2025, in Farwell. Viewing was held Friday, August 8, 2025 from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM with family visitation from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of the funeral home with Celebration of Life Services with Military Honors held Saturday, August 9, 2025 at 10:00 AM at First Baptist Church in Bovina with Pastors Chris Craig and Howard Rhodes, officiating. Burial following in the Bovina Cemetery entrusted to HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home in Friona.

Gaylon was born on January 10, 1936, in Mountain View, OK to Othel (“Friday”) Conner and Maybian Lucy Rhodes. He graduated from Friona High School in 1954 and went on to serve in the U.S. Army from 1956 to 1959 as a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne at Fort Bragg, NC. He served again from 1961 to 1962 at Fort Bliss, TX as a helicopter mechanic. While stationed in North Carolina, Gaylon met Shelby Jean Norris in Saint Pauls. They married on October 2, 1959, and eventually moved to Bovina, TX in 1964, where they raised their family and spent the rest of their lives together. This year would have marked their 66th wedding anniversary. Gaylon stayed busy in Bovina over the years. He served on the Bovina ISD School Board, was Fire Chief of the Bovina Volunteer Fire Department, and held leadership roles



with the Bovina Chamber of Commerce, Bovina Lions Club, the Bovina City Council, and the Bovina Senior Citizens Association. He was also a longtime Deacon at First Baptist Church. He was proud to support both the Bovina Mustangs and Fillies, and the Texas Tech Red Raiders. Gaylon spent his life working in agriculture, and at 65, found his favorite job yet—as a crop insurance adjuster. He worked throughout Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma, and especially enjoyed visiting with farmers and riding his Gator out into the fields to check crops and swap stories. He was all about two things: his bride and his work. He loved his family.

Gaylon was preceded in death by his parents; his sister Margaret and her husband Paul Coker; his brother Cleatus, Cleatus’s wife Karron, and their son Kyle; his son-in-law Darryl Heinrich; grandson Brooks White; brother-in-law David Smith; nephews Richard Albertson and Larry Rector.

He is survived by his wife, Shelby; daughter Pam and her husband David White of Bovina, TX; son Jim and his wife Joy Rhodes of Fairview, OK; daughter Mendy and her husband Tommy Hutto of Hereford, TX. He leaves behind a big family of grandchildren and great-grandchildren who will all

miss him deeply: Justin and Ashley Heinrich of Montgomery, TX; Lance and Danielle Rhodes of Fairview, OK; Meagan Rhodes of Washington, DC; Jaxon and Jordan Warlick of Hereford, TX; Macy Warlick of Lubbock, TX; Jonnie and Dustin Glick of Amarillo, TX; Meredith and Craig Garner of Rancho Santa Fe, CA; Wade White of San Antonio, TX; Courtney and Huck Bailey of Odessa, TX. Great grandkids include Harper, Weston, Palmer, Collins, and Hallie Heinrich, Ella Rhodes, John John and William Garner, David II, Braxton, Grayson, and Charlie White, Lincoln and Grant Glick Also surviving are brothers and sisters: Betty Smith of Amarillo, TX; Wayne and Judy Rhodes of Duncan, OK; Howard and Belinda Rhodes of Mechanicsville, VA; Darla (Rhodes) and Jerry Shelton of Hot Springs, AR; Barbara (Rhodes) and Brad Woods of Amarillo, TX. And lastly, survived by numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

In lieu of flowers please consider a memorial in honor of Gaylon to: First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 550 Bovina, TX 79009. Bovina Senior Citizens P.O. Box 563 Bovina, TX 79009, American Legion, P.O. Box 553 Friona, TX 79035

You may send blessings to the family and sign the online guest book exclusively at: hansardfamily.com

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.” —2 Timothy 4:7

Hansard Family
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Melvin Smith

Melvin Smith, 77 of Abilene, formerly of Friona passed away August 9, 2025 in Abilene. Celebration of Life Memorial Services will be held 1:00 PM Saturday, August 23, 2025 at the First Baptist Church of Friona with Kevin Wiseman officiating. Cremation and arrangements entrusted to HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Melvin was born April 14, 1948 in Roy, New Mexico to Thomas and Ollie Woodard Smith. He later married Linda Walton September 22, 1979 in Plainview. Melvin was called by God into the ministry and served several churches



in Texas and New Mexico as Pastor. Being bivocational, Melvin also taught 8th grade history in Hereford and Friona. He was quite a handyman with great carpentry skills. Woodworking was more than a hobby for Melvin it was a talent. When he was not busy, he loved to drink coffee with his friends and enjoy their company.

Melvin is preceded in death by his parents-Thomas and Ollie Smith, wife- Lindo Smith, 1 son-Jonathan Smith, 3 brothers-Frankie, Louis, and Ferman Smith.

Those to mourn his passings include 2 sons-Jeff Smith of Amarillo, Jason Colston of Hereford, 1 daughter-Karen James and husband Ben of Abilene, and 1 granddaughter-Embree James.

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Friona to receive \$66.8K Sales Tax allocation for August

(AUSTIN) — Acting Texas Comptroller Kelly Hancock announced that he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts \$1.3 billion in local sales tax allocations for August, 5.2 percent more than in August 2024. These allocations are based on sales made in June by businesses that report tax monthly and on sales made in April, May and June by quarterly filers. The City of Friona will

Friona Sales Tax Allocation		
August 2025	August 2024	%change
\$66,868.41	\$60,903.11	9.79%
YTD 2025	YTD 2024	% change
\$444,424.89	\$439,035.97	1.22%

receive \$66,868.41 in sales tax allocation for August. This amount represents a 9.79 percent increase from the \$60,903.11 received in August 2024. For year-to-date 2025, the total is \$444,424.89 which is a 1.22 percent increase from the \$439,035.97 for

YTD 2024. The Friona Economic Development Corporation (FEDC) will receive \$16,717.10 of the August allocation for its operating budget. Of that amount, the Friona Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture will receive \$2,507.57 for its budget.



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Date	Opponent	Place	Time
29-Aug	Slaton ****	Friona	7:00
5-Sep	Spearman	Spearman	7:00
12-Sep	Wellington	Wellington	7:00
19-Sep	Dalhart **	Friona	7:00
26-Sep	Abernathy	Friona	7:00
3-Oct	Farwell	Farwell	7:00
10-Oct	Childress *	Friona	7:00
17-Oct	Canadian ***	Friona	7:00
24-Oct	OPEN		
30-Oct	Tulia *	Tulia	7:00
7-Nov	Dimmitt *	Dimmitt	7:00



* District

** Homecoming

*** Senior Night

**** Cargill Feed

Friona Volleyball Schedule 2025					
Date	Day	Opponent	Teams	Times	Location
Aug 8	Fri	Alumni- Scrimmage	V	7:00	Home
Aug 9	Sat	Denver City /Vega-Scrimmage	C/JV/V	TBA	Home
Aug 11	Mon	Holy Cross/Ft. Elliot	V	10/11:15	Amarillo
Aug 12	Tues	Frenship Memorial	C/JV/V	5/6	Home
Aug 15/16	Fri/Sat	Shallowater Tourney	V	TBA	Shallowater
Aug 15/16	Fri/Sat	Trinity Tourney	C/JV	TBA	Lubbock
Aug 18	Mon	Shallowater	C/JV/V	5/5/6:30	There
Aug 21-23	Thur/Fri/Sat	Littlefield Tourney	C/JV/V	TBA	Littlefield
Aug.26	Tues	San Jacinto	JV/V	5/6	Home
Aug 26	Tues	Levelland	C	5:00	Home
Aug 28/30	Thur/Sat	Denver City Tournament	V	TBA	Denver City
Aug 28	Thurs.	Clovis	JV	5/6	Home
Sept.2	Tues	Estacado	C/JV/V	5/5/6:30	There
Sept.4/6	Thur/Sat	Border Bash Tourney	C/JV	TBA	Home
Sept 9	Tues	Denver City/Monahans	C/JV/V	4/5/6	Denver City
Sept 13	Sat	Lubbock Christian	JV/V	10/11	Home
Sept 16	Tues	WTX Tornados (Lubbock)	C	5	There
Sept 18	Thur	323 Warriors (Lubbock)	JV/V	5/6	There
Sept 20	Sat	Vega/Portales	C/JV/V	2/4/6	Home
Sept 23	Tues	Dalhart	C/JV/V	5/6/7	Home
Sept 27	Sat	River Road	C/JV/V	11/12/1	Home
Sept.30	Tues	Clovis	JV/V	5:30/7:30	There
Oct.4	Sat.	Dimmitt	C/JV/V	11/12/1:30	There
Oct.7	Tues.	Bushland	C/JV/V	5/6/7	There
Oct 11	Sat.	Dalhart	C/JV/V	11/12/1	There
Oct 14	Tues.	River Road	C/JV/V	5/6/7	There
Oct 18	Sat.	Smyer	JV/V	11/12	Home
Oct 21	Tues.	Dimmitt	C/JV/V	5/6/7	Home
Oct 25	Sat.	Bushland	C/JV/V	11/12/1	Home

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Other Football Schedules

Junior Varsity			
Date	Opponent	Place	Time
15-Aug	Sundown Scr.	Friona	5:00
21-Aug	Plainview Scr.	Bovina	5:00
28-Aug	Slaton	Slaton	6:00
4-Sep	Spearman	Friona	5:00
11-Sep	Wellington	Friona	5:00
18-Sep	Dalhart	Dalhart	5:00
25-Sep	Abernathy	Abernathy	5:00
2-Oct	Farwell	Friona	7:30
9-Oct	Childress *	Childress	5:00
16-Oct	Canadian *	Canadian	5:00
23-Oct	OPEN		
28-Oct	Tulia *	Friona	5:00
6-Nov	Dimmitt *	Friona	5:00

8th Grade			
Date	Opponent	Place	Time
11-Sep	Wellington	Wellington	6:15
18-Sep	Dalhart	Friona	6:15
25-Sep	Abernathy	Friona	6:15
2-Oct	Farwell	Friona	6:15
9-Oct	Childress *	Friona	6:15
16-Oct	Canadian *	Friona	6:30
23-Oct	OPEN		
28-Oct	Tulia *	Tulia	6:15
6-Nov	Dimmitt *	Dimmitt	6:15

7th Grade			
Date	Opponent	Place	Time
11-Sep	Wellington	Wellington	5:00
18-Sep	Dalhart	Friona	5:00
25-Sep	Abernathy	Friona	5:00
2-Oct	Farwell	Friona	5:00
9-Oct	Childress *	Friona	5:00
16-Oct	Canadian *	Friona	5:00
23-Oct	OPEN		
28-Oct	Tulia *	Tulia	5:00
6-Nov	Dimmitt *	Dimmitt	5:00



Maidens Volleyball Schedule 2025

Date	Day	Opponent	Teams	Time	Location
Aug. 25	Mon	Dimmitt	7AB/8AB	5:00	HOME
Sept 2	Tues	River Road	7A/8A	5:00	HOME
Sept 4/Sept 6	Thur./Sat	Border Bash	7AB/8AB	TBA	HOME
Sept 8	Mon	West Texas	7AB/8AB	5:00	THERE
Sept 15	Mon.	Highland Park	7AB/8AB	5:00	HOME
Sept 22	Mon.	Perryton	7AB/8AB	5:00	THERE
Sept 29	Mon.	Sanford	7AB/8AB	5:00	HOME
Oct 6	Mon.	Dalhart	7AB/8AB	5:00	THERE
Oct 16	Thur.	Bushland	7AB/8AB	5:00	HOME
Oct 20	Mon.	Vega	7A/8AB	5:00	THERE
Oct 27	Mon.	Dimmitt	7AB/8AB	5:00	THERE
TBD		EOY Tournament		TBD	TBD

Coaches:

Courtney Horton, Mariah Trevino

2025

CROSS COUNTRY

SCHEDULE

8/23/25

Canyon 6 Mile Relay @ Canyon HS

8/30/25

Brownfield

9/6/25

Amarillo @ Rick Klein

9/13/25

Amarillo @ Rebel Run

9/20/25

Maize Days

9/27/25

Lubbock @ Mae Simmons Park

10/6/25

District @ Mae Simmons Park

10/20/25

Regionals @ Mae Simmons Park

11/1/25

State Meet @ Round Rock

Public Hearing Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.257857 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Parmer County Hospital District.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.257857 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.157827 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.162857 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2025 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Parmer County Hospital District from the same properties in the 2024 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that Parmer County Hospital District may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Parmer County Hospital District is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2025 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON August 18, 2025 AT 12:00 PM at Parmer Medical Center in the Conference Room.

The proposed tax rate is also greater than the voter-approval tax rate. If Parmer County Hospital District adopts the proposed tax rate, Parmer County Hospital District is required to hold an election so that the voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. If a majority of the voters reject the proposed tax rate, the tax rate of the Parmer County Hospital District will be the voter-approval tax rate. The election will be held on November 4, 2025. You may contact Jessica White; mailing address: P.O Box 545, Farewell, TX 79325; physical address: 401 3rd Street, Farwell, TX 79325; phone: (806) 481-9151; fax: (806) 481-9548; and email: Jessica.white@parmercounty.texas.gov for information about voting locations. The hours of voting on election day are 7:00am – 7:00pm.

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

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

FOR the proposal: Dale Schueler
Bret Whitten
Clint Hurst

Dennis Anthony
Ricky Barnett

AGAINST the proposal:

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT:

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

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

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by Parmer County Hospital District last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Parmer County Hospital District this year.

	2024	2025	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.164600	\$0.257857	increase of 0.093257, or 56.66%
Average homestead taxable value	\$105,924	\$116,512	increase of \$10,588, or 9.99%
Tax on average homestead	\$174	\$300	increase of \$126, or 72.4%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$1,734,009	\$2,796,736	increase of \$1,062,727, or 61.29%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Parmer County Hospital District at 806-251-1405 or pcad@parmercad.org, or visit parmermedicalcenter.com for more information.

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Statements required in notice if the proposed tax rate exceeds the no-new-revenue tax rate but does not exceed the voter-approval tax rate, as prescribed by Tax Code §26.06(b-2).

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

This notice only applies to a taxing unit other than a special taxing unit or municipality with a population of less than 30,000, regardless of whether it is a special taxing unit.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$	0.642129	per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$	0.544051	per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$	0.642129	per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2025 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for CITY OF FRIONA from the same properties in both the 2024 tax year and the 2025 tax year.

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

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that CITY OF FRIONA is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2025 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON 08/28/2025 06:30 PM at Friona City Council Chamber, 619 Main Street, Friona, TX.

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

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

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

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

FOR the proposal: Mayor Pro Tem Alan Monroe, Members Andy Alexander, David Gonzales, Brent Loflin and Esmeralda Mills

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: Mayor Greg Lewellen

ABSENT: None

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The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by CITY OF FRIONA last year to the taxes proposed to the be imposed on the average residence homestead by CITY OF FRIONA this year.

	2024	2025	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.585200	\$0.642129	9.72% increase
Average homestead taxable value	\$108,913	\$121,240	11.31% increase
Tax on average homestead	\$637	\$778	22.13% increase
Total tax levy on all properties	\$1,151,819	\$1,367,233	18.7% increase

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

No-New-Revenue Maintenance and Operations Rate Adjustments

State Criminal Justice Mandate (counties)

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

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

Indigent Health Care Compensation Expenditures (counties)

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

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

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

Indigent Defense Compensation Expenditures (counties)

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

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

Eligible County Hospital Expenditures (cities and counties)

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

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

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

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

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Restoring Texas Playas Brings Benefits to Landowners, Wildlife, and Water Supply

“If your patient’s running out of blood, quit poking holes in it,” says Chris Grotegut, veterinarian, landowner, and playa restoration advocate.

For landowners in the Texas Panhandle like Grotegut, that patient is the Ogallala Aquifer — the lifeblood of agriculture, communities, and ecosystems across the region. As groundwater levels continue to decline, restoring playas has become a practical, proven way to slow the bleed. These shallow, seasonal wetlands not only recharge the aquifer, but also improve water quality, reduce erosion, enhance drought resilience, and support local wildlife.

A shallow, round depression in a field might not look like much to the untrained eye, but if it’s a playa, that low spot is one of the most important features on the Southern High Plains, especially when it rains.

Found at the lowest point of a watershed, playas are round, shallow basins lined with clay soil that collect and hold rainfall and runoff, forming temporary wetlands. These natural recharge basins play a vital role in replenishing groundwater and supporting wildlife. Because playa health is directly tied to the future of rural life and water in the region, more and more landowners are choosing to restore playas on their land.

Since 2017, the Texas Playa Conservation Initiative has worked with landowners to restore nearly 3,900 acres of playas across the Texas Panhandle. The program offers 100% cost-covered restoration and technical support, helping producers bring these wetlands back to life.

“Healthy playas are the primary source of recharge for the Ogallala Aquifer,” explained Tavin Dotson, regional biologist for playa lakes with Ducks Unlimited. “This vital function not only replenishes our groundwater but also improves water



quality in the region.”

Playas have an unpredictable and rapidly changing wet-dry cycle that is essential to their function. Whether they are dry, moist, saturated, or flooded, playas are always working. In fact, without this natural cycle, they wouldn’t be as effective at recharging the aquifer.

When dry, the clay soil in the playa basin contracts and forms deep cracks. Then, when it rains, the first flush of water from the surrounding area flows toward the playa. As water moves through the grasses surrounding the playa, sediment that may carry contaminants from farm fields is trapped and stopped from entering the playa. The water continues into the playa and into the cracks — beginning its journey to the underlying aquifer.

It’s not about capturing rainfall directly — the recharge process depends on how water moves through the cracks and continues making its way through the underlying geology over time. In a region where water is limited and groundwater levels are declining, the role of playas as slow, steady contributors to groundwater replenishment is more important than ever.

“Playas are a vital part of a functioning agricultural landscape and have supported life on the plains for generations,” Dotson said. “Restoration doesn’t mean taking land out of production,” he added. “It’s about helping the playa do what it was designed to do — recharge the aquifer, provide habitat and improve the land — while still working for the producer.”

Over the years, many playas have been modified and are no longer fully functioning. Playa restoration reverses past modifications to playas by removing accumulated sediment, filling drainage features, redirecting water back into the playa, and protecting the playa with a native grass buffer. Texas Playa Conservation Initiative works directly with landowners to plan and carry out these projects, all at no cost to the landowner.

Playas have shown remarkable resilience, said Heather Johnson, Region 1 Migratory Game Bird Specialist with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, based in Littlefield. “Even after a century of disturbance, when we restore a playa, it often rebounds quickly, coming back to life with native vegetation and wildlife,” Johnson said.

Interest in playa restoration is largely driven by word of mouth — and by results.

“Landowner response to the program has been overwhelmingly positive,” Johnson said. “The program is designed to be landowner-friendly, with minimal restrictions. Most of our new projects come through referrals — landowners telling neighbors about their experience and encouraging them to participate. That kind of word-of-mouth speaks volumes.”

Besides the incentive payment, landowners are seeing real benefits.

“The program has helped raise awareness about how valuable a healthy, functioning playa can be to a producer,” Johnson said. “Since most of our restoration work

happens on land that’s no longer actively farmed, there’s an added benefit of improved forage quality for livestock in and around the playa. Even if the landowner doesn’t see it immediately, restoration likely improves the amount of water returning to the aquifer beneath their property. And without water, they can’t sustain their operation — their ability to stay on the land depends on it.”

Playas also offer a ripple effect across surrounding communities.

“Across the South Plains, our communities depend heavily on groundwater. Restoring playas directly helps us store more of this vital resource underground, ensuring our towns can not just survive but to grow.”

Johnson emphasized that restored playas benefit entire communities, not just individual landowners.

“Many High Plains communities rely entirely on groundwater,” she said. “By restoring playas, we help ensure a sustainable water supply for local communities. However, recharge alone can’t keep pace with the demand created by intensive irrigation and manicured lawns. It’s important to align our water use with what the land can naturally support.

Grotegut has never shied away from hard truths, especially when it comes to the long-term sustainability of agriculture in the Texas High Plains. For him, playa restoration isn’t just good conservation, it’s sound business and moral responsibility. The economics of water use, he says, have too often ignored the

deeper costs — the generational debt we’re accumulating by overdrawing a resource that can’t keep up.

“You’re not just killing your farm, you’re killing your kids’ future if they have to follow in your footsteps on that land,” he said.

That’s why he’s shifted his operation away from intensive irrigation and toward grasslands, conservation, and smarter water management.

When functioning properly, playas also provide critical habitat. During wet periods, they support migratory birds, amphibians, small mammals and a variety of other species. In dry times, they sustain native grasses, pollinators and offer grazing value for cattle.

More wildlife means more opportunities for local tourism through hunting and birdwatching. And educational outreach — from landowner workshops to youth events — helps people understand the value of these unique ecosystems.

Looking ahead, playa conservation is a powerful investment in the future.

“Playas are part of a natural system designed to recycle water back into the ground, making them a critical long-term resource,” Johnson said. “While we’re seeing fewer rain events, the storms we do get tend to be more intense. It’s essential that our playas are intact and functioning so they can absorb and filter that water when it does come, supporting aquifer recharge and providing vital habitat for wildlife. Restoring and protecting these playas now ensures

they’ll be there when future generations need them most.”

“By focusing on playa conservation now, we’re safeguarding the water resources that our kids and grandkids will depend on,” Dotson added. “It’s about leaving them a legacy — a resilient landscape, where the natural resources and the unique character of the Texas High Plains are preserved.”

The Texas Playa Conservation Initiative is a partnership between Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Ducks Unlimited, Playa Lakes Joint Venture, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ogallala Commons, Texan by Nature, Pheasants Forever/Quail Forever, and groundwater conservation districts. Together, the partners offer funding, expertise and on-the-ground support to help landowners conserve these irreplaceable resources.

Funding to support playa restoration has been provided by federal and state agencies as well as Apex Clean Energy, Dallas Safari Club, Devon Energy, Kodiak, Ørsted, Madewell, Texas Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, Phillips 66, and Purina.

For more information about playa restoration opportunities, contact Heather Johnson with Texas Parks and Wildlife at 806-475-1308 or heather.johnson@tpwd.texas.gov, or contact Tavin Dotson with Ducks Unlimited at 806-392-1473 or tdotson@ducks.org. Additional details about the program and how playas function can be found at www.playasworkfortexans.com.

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