



Services held for longtime public servant

Funeral services were held last Wednesday for John Taylor, who passed away on Sunday, August 10th. Jeff Procter, pastor of Sixth Street Church of Christ, officiated the service. Interment at the

Friona Cemetery was conducted by Hansard Family Funeral Home.

The service featured Fire Department honors which included an honor guard, ringing of the bell, and a flag-draped

casket. Also, last call and the playing of Amazing Grace on bagpipes at the cemetery.

After graduating from West Texas State University in 1969, John was engaged in farming in the Friona community for a number of years. In 1979 John, and his brother Jim, founded 4-Way Pump Service and operated the business for 42 years, eventually retiring in December of 2021.

John Taylor had a servant's heart and loved his community. He joined the Friona Volunteer Fire Department in 1983 and during his 40 year tenure served as Lieutenant, Captain, Training Officer, and Secretary/Treasurer before retiring in 2023.

Taylor joined the Friona Police Department serving as an officer and

then as Police Chief for four years.

Taylor also served six years as a member of the Friona City Council

and as Mayor for eight years from 2002-2010.

John said that as a kid, "I wanted to grow up and become a police-

man and fireman. As it turned out, I was fortunate to be both." So was the community of Friona.



In Recognition — At the Christmas Party in December 2023, Jim Taylor (left) presented his brother with a gift commemorating John's 40 years with the Friona Volunteer Fire Department.



In Honor — Casket Bearers (l-r) grandsons Tyler & Jared Jack, son-in-laws Gary Stowers & Kelly Jack, and grandsons Blake & Andrew Stowers carry the casket from the church.

Arrington Continues to Host Roundtables in WTX Rural Counties

On Tuesday, House Budget Chairman Jodey Arrington (TX-19) continued his multi-day rural county tour across West Texas, meeting with local officials, engaging with small business owners, and speaking with constituents about their concerns.

"Just had a great discussion with my friends in Friona, 'the biggest small town in Texas,'" said Chairman Arrington. "You talk about God-fearing, freedom-loving people! I'm proud that the One Big Beautiful Bill delivers the largest farm safety net improvement in decades, restores the dignity of work in welfare programs, and cuts the unfair Death Tax along with small business and individual tax breaks...permanently!"

A couple of concerns were raised in the Q&A portion of the meeting. Will rural public schools continue to be funded properly after the fed-

eral government returns funding of the schools back to the states? Arrington said that the funding would remain and since it would flow from the states instead of Washington it would allow local schools to make their own decisions without strings attached.

Another concern was the status of "illegal" immigrants who have been in the country 10 years or longer and who have assimilated, sent their kids to college, served in the military, and have been law-abiding members of the community. Arrington said that he believed that since the border is now secure, a more robust immigration policy is needed. His concern was that there would not be 218 votes to pass any new meaningful legislation in the House of Representatives because of political maneuvering and gamesmanship.



Friona Roundtable Meeting — Congressman Arrington discusses school funding with (l-r) FISD Superintendent Daniel Rosales, farmer Mitchell Wiseman, FISD Trustees Marla Hart and Jeri Lynn White.

Comments from Friona participants —

"As a local farmer, I'm grateful for Representative Arrington and the hard work he's doing at both the local and federal levels," said **Michael Rushing, a farmer from Friona.** "I truly appreciate him taking the time to travel back to Texas, listen to his constituents, and bring our concerns back to Washington to shape meaningful legislation. That's exactly what we elected him to do and he does it well."

"I appreciate Congressman Jodey Arrington's leadership and commitment to strengthening rural infrastructure and supporting the producers, ranchers and agriculture-based businesses that keep our community thriving - his dedication makes a real difference for us all," said **Wendy Carthel, Director of the Friona Economic Development Corporation.**



Interims No More — Chamber of Commerce President Adrienne Vazquez (right) welcomes Mari Martinez (center) as the new Chamber Executive Vice President and Nydia Mendez (left) as the new Chamber Administrative Assistant. Mari and Nydia had been serving as "interims" for past few months. Congratulations and great job with the Cheeseburger Festival!!!

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State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



Community Calendar

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August 21

- Community Noon Meal @ Friendship House

August 25

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

August 27

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

August 28

- Community Noon Meal @ Friendship House

August 29

- Pre-Game Tailgate Party with FREE hamburgers, french fries, & drinks
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Colleges, nonprofits urge judge to reinstate Dream Act

As the fall semester gets underway, lawyers are again asking a district judge to allow them to contest a ruling that overturned the Texas Dream Act. That measure for 24 years has allowed eligible Texas residents who are non-citizens to pay in-state tuition rates, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

The federal government in June sued the state, arguing the 2001 Dream Act provides unfair benefits to non-U.S. citizens. When the state declined to fight the suit, state District Judge Reed O' Connor stopped the law from being enforced. That means non-citizens would have to pay the considerably higher tuition rates charged to international students.

Multiple parties have sued seeking to join the suit after the state declined, but the judge has not ruled on that bid, leaving colleges and universities in limbo as tuition bills are sent out.

"They would have had a very hard time proving that a 25-year state law that has helped tens of thousands of students is somehow harming the U.S.," said David Donatti of the American Civil Liberties Union, which is seeking to join the suit. "Our arguments are very strong. To me, our right to intervene is extremely clear."

Texas has more than 57,000 students without legal documentation, second only to California, according to Inside Higher Ed. They would face tuition rates up to four times higher than in-state tuition if the ban on the Dream Act becomes permanent.

No cellphones in schools, other new laws to take effect

Students will no longer be able to access their cellphones or other electronic devices in public schools when a new law takes ef-

fect Sept. 1, according to The News. Texas school districts will have 90 days to adopt and enforce policies on how cellphones will be restricted or stored on their campuses.

The new law allows for an exception if the district provides electronic devices to students for instructional purposes.

Other new laws require displaying a poster or framed copy of the Ten Commandments in each classroom, allowing districts to adopt policies setting aside time for students and staff to pray or read a religious text, and a ban on school-sponsored LGBTQ clubs.

If approved by voters in November, homeowners should see lower property tax bills with the homestead exemption being raised from \$100,000 to \$140,000. Residents with disabilities or those 65 and older will see the exemption rise to \$200,000 if the proposed amendments pass.

Immigrant detention camp in El Paso opens

What will eventually be the largest immigrant detention facility in the U.S.

opened in El Paso at Fort Bliss last weekend, according to The Texas Tribune. The facility initially is accepting up to 1,000 detainees. Over the next two years, its planned capacity will expand to 5,000.

"Upon completion, this will be the largest federal detention center in history for this critical mission — the deportation of illegal aliens," Pentagon press secretary Kingsley Wilson said during a briefing.

The tent camp, called Camp East Montana, was built by a private firm at a cost of \$232 million.

The camp's opening comes as the Trump administration seeks to arrest 3,000 migrants daily.

TEA releases 2025 accountability ratings

The Texas Education Agency has released both the 2025 A-F accountability ratings and the delayed 2024 ratings for public school systems and campuses. The latter were delayed by legal challenges.

"Today marks a return to clarity and accountability. With the release of the 2025 A-F Ratings, we are reinforcing our commitment to transparency

and to providing accurate, readily available information that helps every family understand how their school is doing," said Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath.

A total of 1,208 districts and 9,084 campuses were rated in 2025. Compared with 2024, 24% of districts and 31% of campuses improved their letter grade. A small portion — 15% — saw their grades decline while most maintained their previous rating.

To view the 2025 A-F Ratings for school systems and campuses across the state, go to Txschools.gov. The site features several different facets to allow people to better understand that accountability ratings data, including a map to search for schools by address and compare selected schools.

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Here To Help — Kenlee Klinger (age 12) and brother Kagen Klinger (age 10), students at Lazbuddie, sort through dozen-ear bags of sweet corn in the back of a pickup during a benefit staged by the Saint Anthony Knights of Columbus Council 2778 in Hereford. Members and volunteers sold sweet corn at the Saint Anthony Church parking lot the weekends of August 2nd and August 9th to benefit young Delilah Schoenenberger, a friend to these hardworking young volunteers, who underwent tumor surgery. Looks as if they were happy in their work.

(Photo by Jim Steiert)

ACROSS

- old conference for UTSA (abbr.)
- in Hidalgo County on highway 107
- TXism: "wouldn't know him from _____"
- TX Willie jobs
- "one" south of the border
- TX Tanya's "One Love _____"
- former committee of George H.W. Supr. Ct. nominee, Clarence Thomas
- able to be cured at a Texas hospital dir. to Franklin from Marlin
- Houston's "Museum of Fine _____"
- TXism: "a _____ hombre" (mean)
- "Lonesome Dove's" Gus was buried at "_____ Orchard"
- residents of Texas' westernmost city
- nickname of ex-TCU lineman Aldrich
- Tech grad Demetrio Lakas was president of this canal country
- cut glass with acid
- this Warren starred with TX Quaid in "Tough Enough"
- Texas Pace product (2 wds.)
- "don't _____ hard"
- charge a crime
- Ranger/Astro leag.

- TXism: "_____ and bear it"
- TXism: "_____ trade" (specialty)
- Texas Davis Mountains park caution: "Do _____ the wild animals"
- TXism: "_____ sack" (burlap bag)
- household elec.
- NE & OK Indians
- face Louisiana (2 wds.)
- reduces weight

DOWN

- in Freestone County on U.S. 84
- north Houston suburb
- TXism: "loose _____"
- security devices (abbr.)
- TXism: "grabbin' _____ straws"
- refuse receptacle (2 wds.)
- Texas City was first home of U.S. First _____ Squadron
- snooty goodbye
- "_____ whether you win or lose . . ."
- 29th & 32nd governor, "_____ Ferguson
- Gulf tide receding
- heavenly
- Lake Worth town
- Texas singer Vernon Dalhart's first label
- Texas country singer Charley (init.)
- TXism: "happy as a kid on Santa's _____"
- groove-billed bird at Bentsen State Park
- TX Larry L. King's "Confessions of a White _____"
- TXism: "he's _____ walk the river with"
- noted Texas jazz trombonist, Glenn
- face spasm
- Texas fiddler, Robertson
- run away to marry 48 sergeants (abbr.)
- former Texas school assessment test (abbr.)
- this Frank was center of Sharpstown scandals (init.)
- _____ Park, Texas
- some warriors at 1874 "Battle of Adobe Walls"

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Small Town Cookin' By Jeri Lynn White

Chicken Recipes

This month, we're celebrating the beginning of school with some chicken recipes that are an easy weeknight supper. Gather your favorite ingredients and let's dive into a homestyle chicken recipe that's sure to become an August classic.

Classic Chicken Vesuvio
www.allrecipes.com

Ingredients

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| 10 skin-on, bone-in chicken thighs | 1 ½ cups white wine, divided |
| 1 ½ teaspoons dried oregano, divided | 1 ½ cups chicken broth, divided |
| 1 ½ teaspoons garlic powder, divided | 2 tablespoons butter |
| 1 teaspoon salt, or to taste | 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour |
| ½ teaspoon ground black pepper | ½ cup heavy cream |
| 1 tablespoon grapeseed oil, or more as needed | 1 small lemon, juiced |
| 1 ½ pounds baby potatoes, halved | 1 cup frozen peas |
| 2 cloves garlic, minced | |

Directions

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Season chicken thighs with 1 teaspoon oregano, 1 teaspoon garlic powder, salt, and black pepper. Heat a large, heavy skillet over medium-high heat; add grapeseed oil. Add chicken to the skillet; brown, 5 to 7 minutes. Transfer to a plate. Sprinkle potatoes with remaining ½ teaspoon each oregano and garlic powder. Add potatoes to the skillet; cook, stirring occasionally, until all sides are browned, 6 to 8 minutes. Transfer chicken and potatoes to a large roasting pan. Add garlic to the skillet;

cook until golden brown, 1 to 2 minutes. Pour in 1 cup white wine; bring to a boil while scraping the browned bits of food off the bottom of the skillet with a wooden spoon. Stir in 1 cup chicken broth; cook until sauce reduced, 7 to 10 minutes; pour over chicken and potatoes. Cook in the preheated oven for 1 hour. During the last 25 minutes of cooking, melt butter in a saucepan over medium-low heat; add flour and stir to create a roux. Stir in remaining ½ cup wine, ½ cup chicken broth, and heavy cream until sauce is incorporat-

ed and slightly thickened, 7 to 10 minutes; stir in lemon juice. Set aside. Meanwhile, stir peas into the roasting pan; continue cooking until peas are heated through and chicken is no longer pink at the bone and the juices run clear, about 15 minutes more. An instant-read thermometer inserted near but not touching the bone should read at least 165 degrees F (74 degrees C). Pour wine sauce over chicken; serve. Note: If the skillet you use is large enough and oven-safe, you can bake the dish in the skillet instead of transferring it to a roasting pan.

Boys Cross Country



Meet the Chieftains



Girls Cross Country



Meet the Chieftains



Happy Birthday



August 21
Joy Trimble
Lucy Evans Campbell
Lucretia Hayes
Karley Lynn Keyes
Wyatt Matson

August 22
Robin Baize
Shyla Baldrige
Jerri Hall
Joyce Loflin
Jamie Martin
Dr. Tyson Neill
Jodie Scott
Ginger Trimble

August 23
Marka Herbert
Holly Clark
Brady Hansard
Chloe Brailiff
Edna Freeman

August 24
John Blackwell
Leslie Rushing
Gonzalo Blanco
Byron Brewer
Virginia Armstrong

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

August 26
Clint Mears
John Schlenker
Madyson Madrigal
Riley Fury
Tiffany Blackburn
Rufina Salinas
Jean Botello

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

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Palo Duro Canyon State Park to Host Explore Bowhunting Event

AUSTIN - On September 13, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's (TPWD) Community Archery Program is partnering with Palo Duro Canyon State Park in Canyon to help the public "Explore Bowhunting."

The event gives participants an opportunity to learn more about hunting with a bow and properly prepare to use archery equipment during hunting season. "Whether you are a seasoned archer, beginner or just starting to gain interest in the sport of archery and bowhunting, this is a great event to hone your skills, further your knowledge and understand what it takes to be a successful bowhunter," said Adam Lewis, TPWD community archery specialist. "The event will focus on the necessary gear, proper concealment, anatomy and shot placement to improve accuracy and in turn reduce recovery time and the processing of your animal after

a successful hunt. This is an all-ages event and is a great way to spend some time outdoors with your family and friends."

The free workshop (with park entrance fee), scheduled for 10 a.m.-2 p.m., is open to anyone interested in learning more about bowhunting. The necessary equipment is provided so participants do not need to bring their own archery gear.

The event includes a state-of-the-art archery trailer with interactive archery games and a range for adaptive archers, an introductory range with 3D targets focusing on anatomy and shot placement, animal processing (skinning/quartering/butchering) demonstration, cooking conversations, gear examples and activities for youth. Additionally, staff will be available to answer questions related to public hunting, regulations and more.

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Windmills & Water

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

I will never forget my first drink from a windmill. The day was hot and the water cold. I didn't drink from the tank, (not that tough), but straight from the pipe and oh how refreshing it was to taste the water, filtered by God and chilled to perfection. Living here on the High Plains of the Texas Panhandle it is not uncommon to see an old windmill off in a pasture somewhere. Many are worse for wear missing various parts whether the weather vane or iconic blades, many no longer pump and the shafts are disconnected. They stand as mere relics of a time gone by, but they transformed this country one breeze at a time. Yet, if you are fortunate you will find a 100 year old windmill still doing what it has always done, turning wind into water.

Sometimes Christianity looks a lot like those old windmills. No longer in use, relics and missing parts. Driving through

small towns or where there once was a town you see old buildings, no longer thriving with people praising God, now roosts for pigeons and other critters. We look at a world drinking the latest "Kool-aid" no longer thirsting for the only Water to give eternal life. Honestly, a little discouraging, makes you want to head for the hills and ask God why? Elijah did that once, and God reminded Him He was still on His throne, still working to save those who would let Him and told Elijah to get back to work. (1 Kings 19 check it out).

Maybe I need to be reminded too! If I look a little closer, I still see Christians facing challenges, following the Truth and sharing the Water. We have a source that will never run dry. We have a King who will never lose and we do have Water. So when you see the old windmills remember there is work to do and Water to share. Would you like a cup?

Obedience

By Teena Hughs

One day at therapy, a therapist really scolded a kid about 9 or 10 years old. He said in a loud voice, "How many times have I shown you how to do this??? 3000 times!!!!!"

I know the therapist was frustrated because I doubt the kid was doing his exercises at home, or he would have known how to do that particular exercise. It is hard to help people when they don't help themselves.

Being obedient is hard for some people. All of us have a rebellious streak in us, just some more than others. It comes from our sinful nature.

I don't know if it is the fact that I am getting older or what, but I have tried to be obedient in everything the doctors and therapists have told me to do with my broken, now healed, ankle.

First of all, I wanted it to heal correctly, and I wanted it to heal as quickly as possible.

Second, I don't want to slow the healing process by being disobedient to the instructions I have been given, or have to have more medical attention and repeat some of what I have already done.

Third, to follow the advice of the doctors and therapists is a sign that I respect them. I trust them to do what is best for me, and not following their advice is a sign of disrespect on my part.

The same thing is true with our being obedient to God. The Bible tells us how to live our lives, and 1 Peter 1:14a says we are to, "Obey God because you are His

children."

When we become believers, it is natural that out of our love for God, and the desire to have a relationship with Him, we want to be obedient to Him. We want to please Him. We want to show Him respect for His love for us and what He has done, and is doing, in our lives. And, being obedient to God shows we have put our trust and faith in Him, that we have surrendered to Him, and whether or not we agree with what He and His Word says, it is our responsibility as a believer, to be obedient to it.

The New Living Translation version of 1 John 5:3 says, "Loving God means keeping His commandments, and really, that isn't difficult." I think it depends on where you are in your walk with God as to what is difficult to obey and easy to obey. But, I do know the more you obey God, the more you trust Him, and the more you have faith in Him, and that makes it easier and easier to continually obey Him.

Life is tough. Sometimes we can't avoid the hardships that come our way, but I know that we can handle anything because our obedience to God has led us to a deeper faith, trust, dependence on, and love for God. With Him, and our obedience to Him, the hardships just become a "bump in the road" of life. The benefits of obedience to God far outweigh our chosen disobedience, and life is much more enjoyable as an obedient believer, because as Tara-Leigh Cobble says in The Bible Recap, He is where the joy is.

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
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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
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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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Texas gas prices rise slightly

By GasBuddy

Average gasoline prices in Texas rose 6.7 cents last week, averaging \$2.73 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. The lowest price in the state was \$2.19 while the highest was \$4.09 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline was unchanged last week, averaging \$3.09 per gallon. The national average price of diesel decreased 1.9 cents compared to a week ago and stands at \$3.67 per gallon.

"The national average is nearly unchanged from a week ago, with gasoline prices continuing to hover in the same territory where they've spent much of 2025 so far—in the low-\$3-per-gallon range—as oil prices remain anchored in the \$60s," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

"Price cycling markets once again led the biggest weekly price changes, with Ohio and Florida seeing a cycle and higher prices last week, while Michigan posted the largest drop and could be due for another jump in the cycle sometime this week. For the majority of motorists in non-cycling states, gas prices will likely remain near current levels as we head toward Labor Day. However, it's worth watching developments around a potential peace deal between Russia and Ukraine. If such an agreement materializes, it could send oil prices lower on expectations that sanctions against Russia might be eased, effectively boosting global oil supply."

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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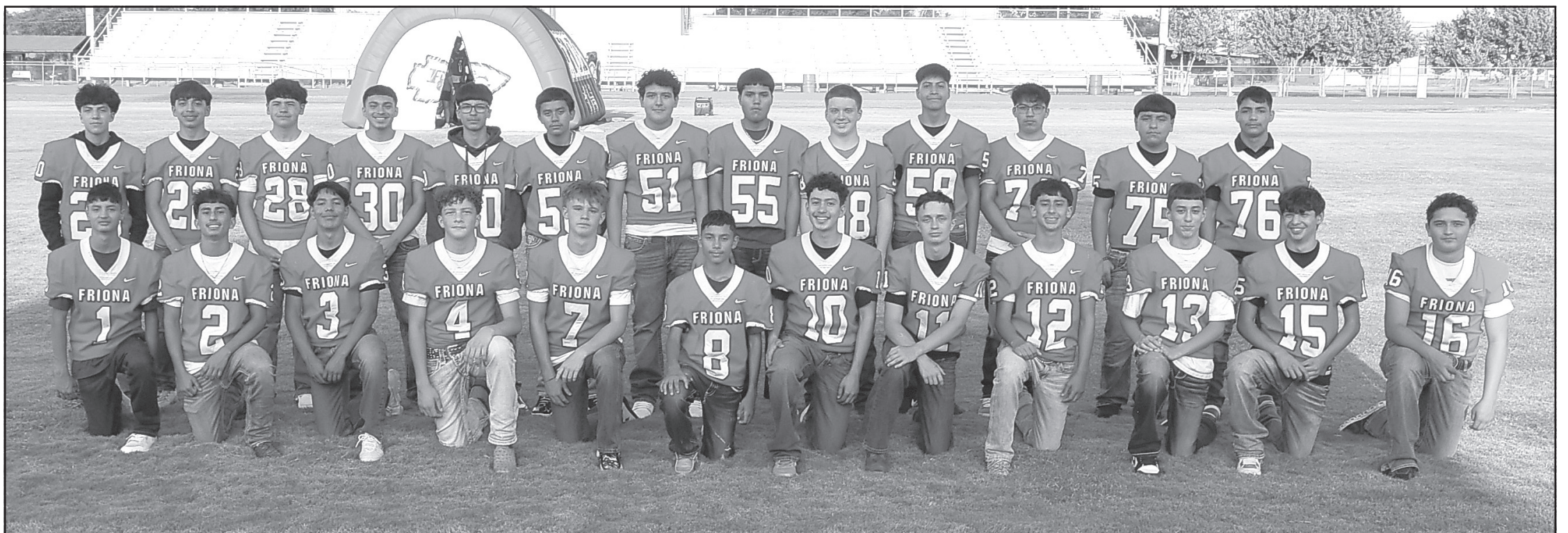
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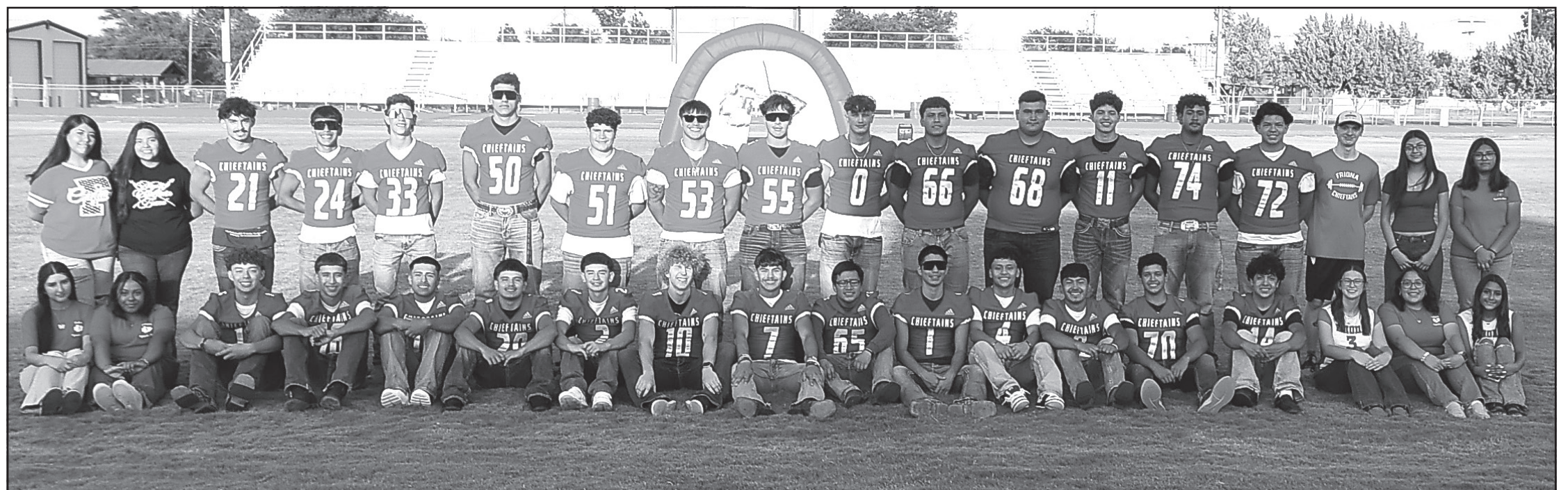
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Varsity Football



Meet the Chieftains



Chieftain Scrimmage vs Sundown



This Week in Sports



Varsity Football

The Chieftains will scrimmage Bovina on Thursday, August 21st starting at 6:30 p.m. in Bovina. The Mustangs are sporting a renovated football stadium with field turf.

The Chiefs will host the Slaton Tigers in the first home game of the season at 7:00 p.m. at Chieftain Field on Friday, August 29th. Cargill of Friona, Friona Noon Lions Club, and the Chieftain/Squaw Booster Club are hosting a Pre-

Game Tailgate Party and will be serving up free hamburgers, french fries, and drinks. Serving begins around 5:30 p.m.

Junior Varsity Football

The JV Chiefs will scrimmage Plainview on Thursday, August 21st in Bovina starting at 5:00 p.m. Their opening game of the season will be Thursday, August 28th at Slaton starting at 6:00 pm.

Junior High Football

The 7th and 8th Braves open their seasons on September 11th as they

are on the road to battle the Wellington Skyrockets. Games start at 5:00 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. in Wellington.

High School Volleyball

The Friona Squaws moved to 7-3 on the season. All three teams (C/JV/V) are competing in the Littlefield tournament this week. The next home matches are Tuesday, August 26th as the Squaws host San Jacinto with JV at 5 p.m. and Varsity at 6:00 p.m. The C team will play Levelland at 5 p.m. also.

Junior High Volleyball

The 7th and 8th Maidens open their season on Monday, August 25th as they host Dimmitt. Games begin at 5:00 p.m. at the FHS Activities Center and will feature 7th A & B and 8th A & B teams.

Cross Country

The Cross Country teams are competing in the Canyon 6 Mile Relay at Canyon High School on Saturday.



Varsity Volleyball



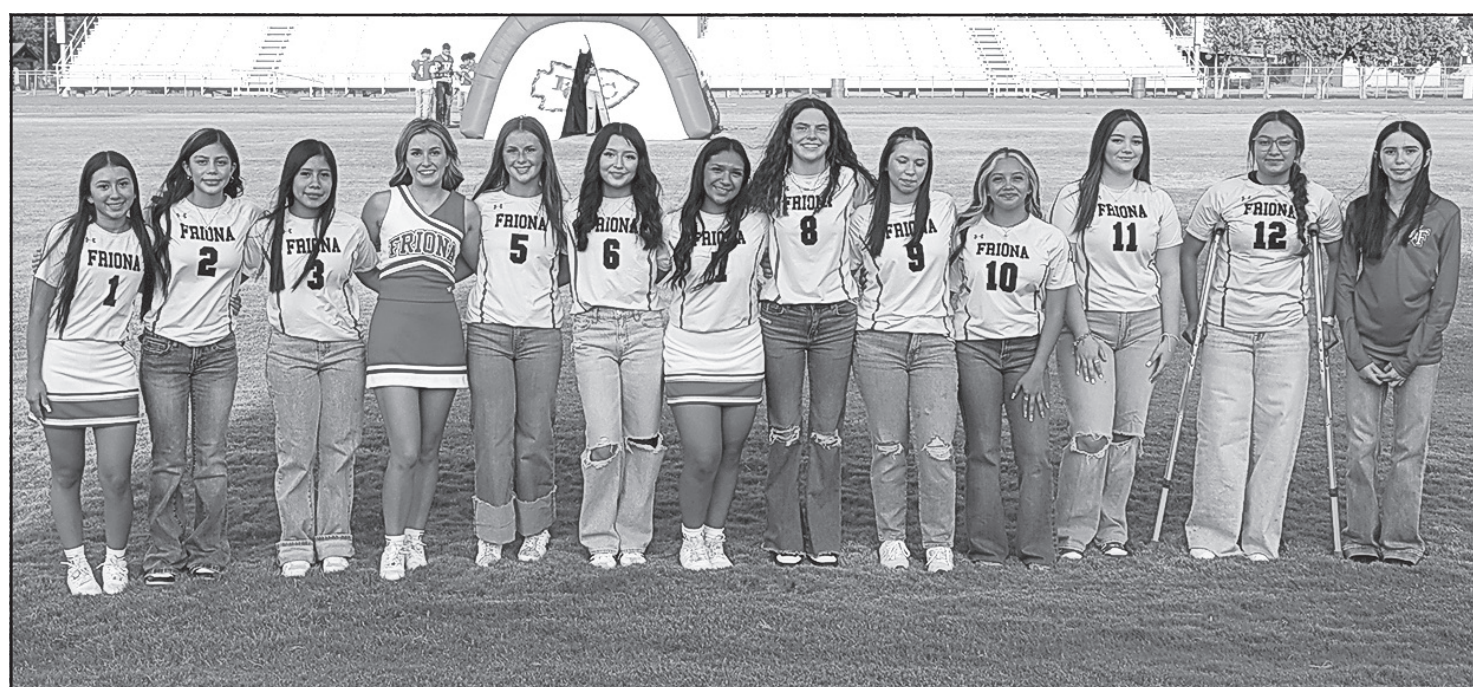
Meet the Chieftains



JV Volleyball



Meet the Chieftains



C Team Volleyball



Meet the Chieftains



Steak Dinner Tickets On Sale

The Parmer County Extension Office has steak dinner tickets for sale. The annual fundraiser is by the Parmer County Junior Livestock Show and all proceeds go to livestock youth members.

Tickets this year are \$100 per person and includes a steak dinner and free admission to the concert which will feature Seth Ward as the opening act and Carson Jeffery as the featured band.

The event is scheduled for Saturday, September 6th and will be held at Alpo's Barn south of Farwell. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. and the entertainment will follow after the meal.

The extension office is located at 301 Highway 60 in Bovina. Call 806-251-5120 or email deena.lucero@ag.tamu.edu for more information.

Tickets may be purchased in Friona at Bunker Trucking, located at 162 S. Main or by calling Tracy Bunker at 806-683-1319.



Obituary



Matilde R. Caballero



Matilde R. Caballero, 90 of Friona passed away August 15 in Amarillo. Viewing was held Tuesday, August 19, 2025 from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM with Rosary Services at 6:00 PM in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of the funeral home. Mass of Christian Burial Services were at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, August 20, 2025 at St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Friona with Father Nicholas Gerber as Celebrant. Burial following in the Friona Cemetery entrusted to HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Matilde was born July 11, 1935 in Edcouch, Texas to Pablo and Julia Martinez Rodriguez. She later married Ramiro G. Cabellero on March 17, 1957. She was very active, longtime member of St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Friona where she was a member of the

Ladies Society for over 40 years. Her spiritual inner being not only led her to be active in her church, but personally very positive, patient, kind and loving. She loved to spend time with her family traveling, cooking, playing bingo or going to and watching sporting events of any kind.

She is preceded in death by her parents-Pablo and Julia, husband-Ramiro, 1 son-David Caballero, granddaughter- Mia Caballero, great-grandson-Isaiah Santellana, son-

in-law-Joe Santellana, daughter-in-law- Lucy Caballero, 3 sisters, and 2 brothers.

Those to mourn her passing include 5 sons-Rolando Caballero of Friona, Rojelio, Robert, and Eloy Caballero, all of Hereford, and Ramiro Caballero II of Killeen, 1 daughter-Diana Santellana of Friona, 2 sisters-Beatriz Rdz. Salinas of Edinburg and Francisca R. Cruz of Edcouch, 2 brothers-Robert Rodriguez of Edcouch, and Lalo Rodriguez of Fresno, CA., 15 grandchildren, and 23 great-grandchildren.

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



Texas Hunting, Fishing Licenses on Sale Aug. 15

AUSTIN – Fall is upon us and for hunters and anglers that can only mean one thing, it is time to renew hunting and fishing licenses. Before taking the boat out or hitting the field, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) reminds hunters and anglers to purchase their new licenses for the 2025-26 season.

Current-year Texas hunting and fishing licenses (except the Year-from-Purchase All-Water Fishing Package) expire at the end of August. Licenses for the 2025-26 season go on sale Aug. 15.

Texans purchase more than 3 million hunting and fishing licenses annually, directly funding a magnitude of conservation efforts and recreational opportunities. Fish stocking, wildlife management, habitat restoration, public hunting leases, river access sites and Texas Game Wardens are just some of the many projects made possible by license sales.

A variety of licenses are available and can be purchased through the official TPWD website, or in-person at retail locations throughout Texas or TPWD offices. Licenses may also be purchased by phone at (800) 895-4248 during regular business hours, though callers may experience long hold times during the beginning of the season and other peak calling periods. A \$5 administrative fee applies to phone and online purchases.

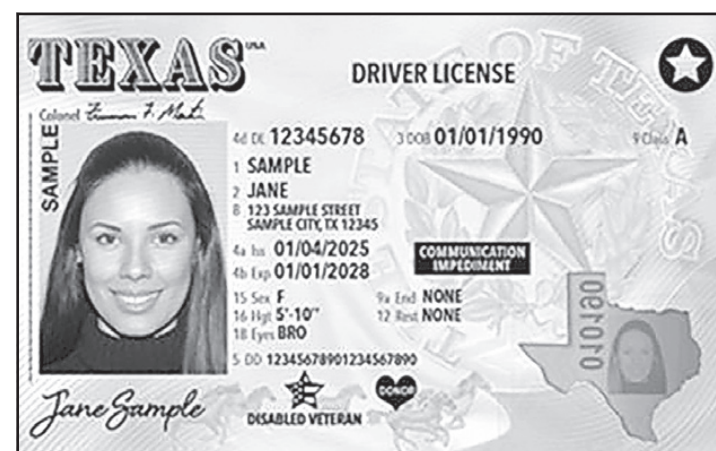
All recreational licenses and endorsement stamps now have a digital option. The digital license option is available through online purchase only when licenses go on sale on Aug. 15. Digital license

holders must keep their digital license available via mobile device while in the field or on the water as they will not receive a printed license or tags. License holders must access and use their digital tags through the Texas Hunt & Fish mobile app. Digital licenses can be viewed through the Texas Hunt & Fish and TPWD Outdoor Annual mobile apps.

Hunting and fishing regulations for the 2025-26 season are available online at outdoorannual.com, or via the free Outdoor Annual mobile app. Once downloaded, the app works without internet connectivity, making it easy for hunters and anglers to view regulations in even the most remote locations. Other features include license lookup, location-based functionality such as "Hunting Seasons and Regulations by Location," "Where to Fish," and more. A limited supply of printed booklets will be available at select TPWD offices. Hunters and anglers are encouraged to call their local offices to check availability.

The Texas Hunt & Fish mobile app enables electronic submission of mandatory harvest reports, including alligator gar harvest reporting, and supports digital tagging of harvested deer, turkey, oversized red drum and spotted seatrout for digital license holders. The app also allows hunters to complete their on-site registration for many TPWD public hunting lands. Hunters can hunt on more than one million acres of public land with the purchase of an annual public hunting permit.

DPS Rolls Out New Driver License Design



AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) has rolled out a new design on Texas driver license (DL) and identification (ID) cards. Beginning today, Aug. 18, all newly issued Texas DLs and IDs will feature a new look, which has increased security features. The previously issued cards, with the current design, are still valid until their expiration date.

"The way driver licenses are made can make a big difference in terms of public safety," said DPS Driver License Division Chief Sheri Gipson. "This new card design will make it even more difficult for criminals to produce counterfeit cards, and it enhances ways we can protect Texans' identities from being stolen."

Texas' new DL and ID cards are made of tamper-resistant polycarbonate material that is difficult to reproduce and compliant with American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) standards. Instead of a gold star, these new cards now feature a black, laser-engraved star in the upper right corner to indicate REAL ID compliance. The new cards also reorganize personal information in a clear and easy-to-read format for identification and verification purposes.

Texas Labor Market Adds 8,700 Jobs in July

AUSTIN - Texas had 14,333,800 total non-farm jobs after adding 8,700 positions over the month of July. Over the year, the state added 232,500 jobs for an annual nonfarm growth rate of 1.6 percent, outpacing the national growth rate by 0.6 percentage points. Texas' civilian labor force registered at 15,848,800 after decreasing by 1,400 people over the month of July. Over the year, Texas' civilian labor force has added 195,900 people.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Texas held steady at 4.0 percent. "Even with a slight dip in the labor force last month, Texas continues to create jobs, a testament to the resilience of our workforce," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Alberto Treviño III. "Texas continues to foster job growth across a wide range of industries," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Joe Esparza. "TWC

works every day to ensure that the workforce powering our economy is trained, supported, and ready to grow alongside the businesses that call Texas home." Employment estimates released by TWC are produced in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. *All estimates are subject to revision. To access this and more employment data, visit TexasLMI.com. Source: Texas Workforce Commission

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Parmer County 2026 PROPOSED BUDGET/2025 PROPOSED TAX RATE

The 2026 proposed budget was posted on August 14th, 2025 and is available for inspection in the County Clerk's office, Room 102, at the Parmer County Courthouse, 401 3rd St. Farwell, TX or the Parmer County website (parmercounty.texas.gov). The County Clerk's Office is open Monday through Thursday from 8:30am to 5:00pm, and Friday from 8:30am to 3:00pm.

The 2025 Parmer County Tax Rate was presented and proposed by the Parmer County Commissioners Court on August 18th 2025 during regular session.

The Parmer County Commissioners Court will hold a public hearing on the 2026 Proposed Budget and the 2025 Proposed Tax Rate, at 9:00am on August 29th 2025. The hearing will take place in the Parmer County Courtroom, at the Parmer County Courthouse, 401 3rd St, Farwell, TX.

There being no objections, the Parmer County Commissioners Court will then plan to adopt the 2026 Proposed Budget and the 2025 Proposed Tax Rate, in its regularly scheduled meeting on that same day.

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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	\$ 0.377399	per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$ 0.364375	per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$ 0.377399	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 / FM ROAD 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 PARMER COUNTY / FM ROAD 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 / FM ROAD is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2025 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON 08/29/2025 09:00 AM at Parmer County Courtroom, 401 3rd Street, Farwell.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, PARMER COUNTY / FM ROAD is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the Parmer County of PARMER COUNTY / FM ROAD 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: Judge Isabel Carrasco, Kirk Frye, Charles Wilkins, Kenny White, Casey Russell

AGAINST the proposal: _____ None
PRESENT and not voting: _____ None
ABSENT: _____ None
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.

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase Form 50-876

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 / FM ROAD last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by PARMER COUNTY / FM ROAD this year.

	2024	2025	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.380000	\$0.377399	0.68% decrease
Average homestead taxable value	\$118,345	\$130,381	10.17% increase
Tax on average homestead	\$449	\$492	9.57% increase
Total tax levy on all properties	\$5,075,629	\$5,268,823	3.8% increase

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase Form 50-876

(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)

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

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

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for _____ at _____ or _____.

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