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Spring Announces Retirement as County Clerk

Parmer County Clerk Susie Spring announced her retirement last week. "It has been my pleasure to serve as your County Clerk for seven years. I will be retiring at the end of next year," Spring said. "I strongly encourage someone to run for my position if they have a passion for serving others and upholding the statutes and codes of the state of Texas."

In order to run for the office of County Clerk in the 2026 Texas Primary Election, you must fill out an application. **The application must be filed between November 8, 2025 and 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 8, 2025.**

Spring added, "It is not an easy job but a rewarding one. Thank you for electing me to this position twice. I appreciate your support more than you know."

Notice Regarding 2025 Property Tax Bills

The Parmer County Appraisal District will **delay mailing property tax bills** until the official results of the **November 4, 2025 election** is certified. Normally, bills are mailed on **October 1st**.

On the ballot, **Parmer County Hospital** is seeking a voter-approved tax rate increase. Once the election results are finalized, property tax bills will be calculated and mailed.

Please expect to receive your bill by **mid-November 2025**.

Friona Volleyball Celebrates 20 Years

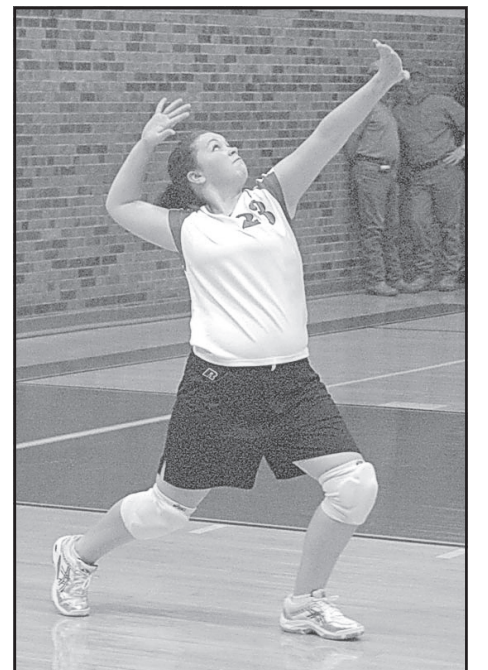


Road Block — Friona Squaw volleyball players #3 Ella McFarland, #4 Leslie Ortiz, #2 Aubree Bunker, and #0 Aaliyah Padilla in action against River Road last Saturday.

The Friona Squaws began District 1-3A play last week and are 1-1 after the first two matches after a three set loss to Dalhart and a three set win over River Road. The Squaws will play their other two first-round district games at Dimmitt and at Bushland this next week.

This season marks the 20th Anniversary of volleyball as a district sport for the Friona Independent School District. On Saturday, August 13, 2005, FISD added a new chapter to Friona athletics as the

Friona Squaws hosted the Tullia Lady Hornets in the first-ever volleyball game in school history. Coach Arnold Peralez, assisted by other new coaches Jeannie Stone and Carrie Davis, introduced junior varsity and varsity squads to Friona fans. Enough girls turned out for volleyball that Coach Peralez had a freshman team also, but freshman opponents in the area were almost non-existent. Also that year, Junior high girls began volleyball practice after school started.



Deirdre Johnston delivers the history making first serve in Friona volleyball action. Ron Carr photo.

Thankfully, they are there when we need them

They are always there. Sometimes you see them and sometimes you do not. But they are there. Most noticeably they are at sporting events or any event where there is a large number of attendees. I am talking about first responders in general and your local EMS in particular.

During the second quarter of last Friday night's football game between the Friona Chieftains and the visiting Abernathy Antelopes a collision occurred between Friona wide receiver #15 JD Villegas and Abernathy linebacker #11 Kolt Micheletti. The sound of helmets crashing together was like a shotgun blast.

JD had the momentum and kept running but Kolt dropped to the ground. Everyone fell silent because they knew everything was not okay.

Just from sheer observation, you knew it was more than a simple injury. After the trainers did their health check, they requested that the EMS crew on duty take over. The Friona crew on call moved in and with calmness that comes from advanced preparation and training, they moved to eliminate the immediate pain and prepare the young man for transport. People often ask why do we need to spend so much money on EMS equipment? Friday night was the rea-



son. The young Abernathy sports star had possible neck, spine, and/or back injuries and need-

ed to be transported with as little movement as possible.

Kolt was loaded into

the ambulance and driven to the heliport at Parmer Medical Center where a helicopter from Lubbock arrived and took him to UMC for treatment. The CT scan came back normal but did reveal that he suffered a bad concussion and a neck sprain. The MRI was also normal but revealed some lower back disc issues that will require a specialist. Kolt was kept in PICU for a while because of severe neck pain and numbness in his left foot. Since this was his second concussion within a month, he was diagnosed with Secondary Impact Syndrome which will keep him out of athletics for a least 3 months.

His mom posted on Facebook that she thanks everyone who prayed, called, texted and came by to visit Kolt and appreciated the prayers of both communities. She also asked everyone to continue to pray that Kolt heals from his concussions and back injury so that he can continue to believe in himself and know that this setback is just God's way of having something bigger come his way.

We at the Friona Star encourage everyone to pray for Kolt and his family. Also pray and give thanks for all of our first responders who are there when we need them.



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October 2

• Community Noon Meal @ Friendship House

October 5

• St. Teresa's Catholic Church Turkey Dinner from 11am till 2 pm at Church Hall

October 6

• Community Noon Meal @ Friendship House

October 7

• National Night Out hosted by Parmer County Sheriff's Office from 6pm till 8pm at Law Enforcement Center in Farwell

October 8

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

October 9

• Community Noon Meal @ Friendship House

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State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



AI 'gold rush' sweeps Texas

As Gov. Greg Abbott helped unveil the new Stargate facility in Abilene, he praised the state's increasing role in the rapid growth of the artificial intelligence center. The Dallas Morning News reported the governor hinted that upcoming data center buildouts will be "far larger" than the nearly \$500 billion center opening in Abilene.

Financial and technology companies are staking claims in the state, Abbott said. Stargate's facility in Abilene is part of a joint venture of OpenAI, Oracle, Softbank and the federal government. It plans to increase capacity at the flagship sites and add two other facilities in Shackelford and Milam counties.

Abbott hinted the sites unveiled are just the beginning for the economic growth spurred by AI.

"When you see the demand for them for artificial intelligence, you will see the power that it will inject into the future of the Texas economy," he said.

While there are concerns about high energy demand by the data centers, Abbott said the state's capacity is more than sufficient.

"We have wind, solar, nuclear, which we're adding even more to, and, of course, natural gas. And so we have low-cost power, abundant power, that is attracting the AI data centers," he said.

Abbott signs new 'bathroom bill'

The governor has signed a bill passed in the last special session that requires people in public buildings to use restrooms and locker rooms matching the gender listed on their birth certificates, kut.org reported.

Abbott said the so-called "bathroom bill" will keep men out of

women's restrooms and "is just common sense."

It takes effect Dec. 4 and applies to public schools, universities, prisons and jails, along with other public buildings. The only exceptions are for people accompanying children under 10, along with custodians, law enforcement

and medical workers.

If someone violates the law, the facility would be subject to a fine of \$25,000 for the first offense and \$125,000 for subsequent offenses. Critics say there is no proof transgender women in Texas are entering bathrooms and causing harm.

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- UT rose to ___ Final Four in 2003
- TXism: "smart as a bunkhouse ___"
- TX Bruce McGill film "Shallow ___"
- a Henry ___ pipe organ in Round Rock is oldest in Texas
- in Texas a pungent ___ is added to natural gas
- famous Texas honky tonker Mickey
- Andrew Carnegie ___ funds for many Texas libraries
- Ector County seat
- a quantity that has only magnitude (size)
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- paramedic service (abbr.)
- TXism: "quicker as ___"
- former Ford model
- TX Janis Joplin tune: "___ Blues"
- Texas novel: "Destry ___"
- TXism: "___ in with the tumbleweeds" (arrived)
- "what ___ is new?"
- TXism: "bid ___" (business)
- British air military (abbr.)
- TXism: "dance with who brung ___"
- TX Sissy (init.)
- north Atlantic fish
- Iowa or Texas town relating to the lips
- grads from Texas Tech, e.g.
- "yes," south of the border
- TXism: "let '___ rip"
- TX Trini's "___ I Had A Hammer"
- tree fluid
- ___ bomb
- TV sound control
- TX Kenny sang: "___ Have Eyes For You"
- ill-mannered
- expressing surprise (archaic)
- former Texas pro, golfer Lanny (init.)
- ex-Cowboy RB (init.)
- TXism: "tight ___"
- TX singer Meat ___
- TXism: "he's feeling his ___" (frisky)

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Small Town Cookin' By Jeri Lynn White

Crock Pot Cooking

As the weather cools and leaves begin to change, there's nothing quite as comforting as the aroma of a home-cooked meal simmering away in the kitchen. Fall is the perfect season to embrace hearty, wholesome dishes, and the crock pot makes preparing them easy and convenient. Let your slow cooker do the work as you enjoy the flavors and warmth of autumn in every bite.

Crockpot Herb Butter Chicken and Wild Rice

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Ingredients

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| 1 1/2 cups wild rice blend (mix wild and brown rice) | 2 pounds boneless chicken breasts or thighs |
| 1 yellow onion, chopped | 2 teaspoons dried thyme |
| 1 tablespoon dried parsley | 1 teaspoon dried rosemary |
| 2 carrots, cut into 1 inch pieces | 1 teaspoon paprika |
| 1 cup sliced cremini mushrooms | 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper |
| 1 cup chopped celery | 6 cloves garlic, smashed |
| 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil | 4 tablespoons salted butter |
| kosher salt and black pepper | 8 leaves fresh sage |
| 3 1/2 cups low sodium chicken broth | 1 parmesan rind (optional) |

Directions

In the bowl of your crockpot, combine the wild rice, onion, carrots, mushrooms, celery, and dried parsley. Season well with salt and pepper. Add 1 tablespoon olive oil and toss. Pour over the chicken broth. In a bowl, toss the chicken with 1 tablespoon olive oil, thyme, rosemary, paprika, cayenne, and season with salt and

pepper. Place the chicken in the crockpot. Add the garlic cloves. If you have one, add a parmesan rind. Cover and cook on low for 5-6 hours or on high for 2-3 hours. Before serving, preheat the broiler to high. Remove the chicken and garlic from the crockpot and place on a baking sheet. Arrange the butter and sage around the

chicken and garlic, then broil 1-3 minutes, until crisp. Peel away the garlic skin, then chop, and mix with the butter on the sheet pan. Toss the chicken in the butter. To serve, fluff the rice with a fork and serve the chicken, rice, and veggies together. If there is any butter left on the pan, drizzle it over the chicken.

Happy Birthday

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Gas prices continue downward trend

By GasBuddy

Average gasoline prices in Texas fell 4.6 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 \$3.99 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline fell 5.8 cents last week, averaging \$3.08 per gallon. The national average price of diesel decreased 1.3 cents compared to a week ago and stands at \$3.65 per gallon.

"Gas prices have seen a notable weekly drop in most states as seasonal factors ramp up their impact—namely the switch to cheaper winter gasoline and falling gasoline demand," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

"Price cycling markets led the way with significant declines in Ohio, Florida, and Michigan, while Indiana experienced a price cycle that resulted in the largest weekly increase of any state last week. For now, seasonal factors will remain the primary driver of relief at the pump, though we continue to monitor the tropics for any potential disruptions to seasonal trends," De Haan added.

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

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Panhandle Parables

Troubled Water

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

Like millions of others I have found a connection to the song "Bridge Over Troubled Water" by Simon and Garfunkel. Although, my connection was not so much with the powerful lyrics, at least initially. You see, this song was released just 4 days after my arrival on the planet. It became #1 in February of 1970 and remained so for 6 weeks. It had international appeal and was awarded by Billboard as the #1 song for 1970.*

Our world in 1970 had many troubled waters. Our country was deeply divided over the Vietnam War. Generations were colliding and an abandonment of moral ideals gave way to a blossoming culture of sex, drugs, and rock'n'roll. Everywhere you looked there were deep divides and out of the turmoil came a song of sacrifice and love. A song that, for a moment, made sense and still resonates to the hurting soul looking for peace. Fifty-five years later we have found different things to be divided over, but divided nonetheless, and trouble moves through our culture like a flash flood looking to devour all that it can.

One thing has always been true in this life - there is trouble. It is not a respecter

of persons, no one is immune, yet it is not necessarily evenly shared. Trouble for one, may not be trouble for another, but still trouble surrounds, attacks, abandons and darkness is its friend.

So how is one to be thankful in those times? Paul wrote in 1 Thessalonians 5 that "in everything give thanks." Give thanks for trouble? We are often able to give thanks for the blessings in our lives. The health, the homes, the country, the many blessings, as we should, but sometimes we forget to give thanks for the Who. The Giver of Life, the Savior of the soul, the Everlasting Light... Yes, Jesus is the bridge back to God and I do not know if that was on Simon's mind as he penned the words, but it is on mine. Living a life of thankfulness does not mean there will be no trouble, just that trouble does not dictate my response. Jesus said it this way, "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." (John 16:33 ESV) So give thanks for the Who. The God who pursued, loved, and died that you might have eternity with Him.

**from Wikipedia*

Anger and Hatred

By Teena Hughs

I know I shouldn't be, but I have been surprised by the people who are glad Charlie Kirk was assassinated. I was in a group today where just the mention of his name made people mad. These were people I know who say they are Christians, and yet, by the way they acted, I have to wonder if they are also glad a man was killed in cold blood? I simply do not understand this kind of thinking, evil, or hatred.

They can't separate Charlie's Christianity from his politics. They associate Charlie with the Republican Party and pay absolutely no attention to the fact that he didn't want to be known for his political beliefs; he wanted to be known for the courage of his faith.

When I first knew Charlie had been killed, my first thought was not about his politics; it was a question of who could go to college campuses and tell students that don't even know what a Bible is, about Jesus? Who could want to engage college students in conversation about homosexuality and transgendering, abortion, etc. from a biblical point of view? I was told yester-

day that there are people wanting to go to college campuses in Charlie's place, and I hope that is true!

Prisons are full of people that won't ever change unless they allow God to change them. I have decided the same thing about people who are filled with such hatred that they get so angry at the mention of someone's name.

To be honest, when I saw the behavior of these people today, I didn't care if I was ever around them again. I wasn't mad at them, but I was so sad and disappointed that, as Christians, they could get so upset at the mention of someone's name; that they couldn't separate a person's politics and Christianity; that they might be glad a man is dead, not for witnessing and changing the lives of young people by giving them the Gospel, but because of his political affiliation.

I also have to wonder if these people knew anything about Charlie, besides the fact that he was a conservative. Feller has a relative who said things on facebook about Charlie, and then admitted in an email

that she hadn't heard of him before his assassination.

I knew these people and I didn't agree politically, but I had no idea how angry they could get. It is like politics is a priority over someone and their faith.

I have thought about it, and I will remain friends with these people, as long as they choose to remain friends with me. They are the ones who chose to get angry; they are the ones who need to find love in their hearts for people they consider their enemies. To me, this hatred for someone who does not share their political views is a sin. It is a barrier between them and God, and unless they surrender it, they will never have the complete peace and joy of Jesus Christ.

I have said MANY times life is about making choices. I pray these people come to realize their choices are harming themselves in their Christian witness, and I believe it affects their health. I pray they go to God with an open heart and mind and pray about this. I know I will be praying for them, and for myself to love them as God loves them.

Bicentennial Trail Receives State Backing

An initiative to build a 100-mile hike and bike trail from San Antonio to Austin has received the backing of state lawmakers. This year, they approved legislation to ensure the completion of the Bicentennial Trail by 2036.

The route, from the Alamo to the Texas Capitol, aims to preserve 50,000 acres in the Edwards Aquifer recharge zone, which

includes the San Antonio Springs, Comal Springs, San Marcos Springs, and Barton Springs. Some sections of the trail have already been built.

House Bill 4230 directs the General Land Office to coordinate the acquisition and development of property for the trail, but it prohibits the use of eminent domain. The measure did not allocate any im-

mediate funding for the project.

"This sprawling network of nature trails, renowned geographical locations, and historical landmarks will inspire Texans and millions of annual visitors to explore our state's unique beauty and history, boosting our robust economy," said Texas Land Commissioner Dawn Buckingham.

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Romans 12:12-13 NIV

12 Alégrese en la esperanza, muestren paciencia en el sufrimiento, perseveren en la oración. 13 Ayuden a los hermanos necesitados. Practiquen la hospitalidad.

Romanos 12:12-13 NVI



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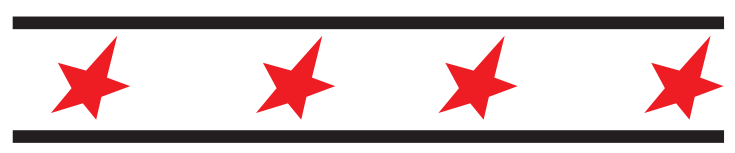
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Sports



Tony Diaz (#2), David Tafoya (#20), and Hector Aguirre(#17) on defense.



Iram Gonzalez reaches out to score a touchdown.

Friona 21 Abernathy 34

Scoring Summary

- 1st Quarter**
 A - Dre Minfield 31 yard pass from Jagger Wiley (Jake Harkey kick)
 A - Caden Bird 2 yard pass from Wiley (Harkey kick)
- 2nd Quarter**
 F - Iram Gonzalez 8 yard run (Mario Garcia kick)
 A - Bird 9 yard pass from Wiley (Harkey kick)
- 3rd Quarter**
 A - Wiley 7 yard run (Harkey kick)
 F - Mason Ramos 1 yard run (Garcia kick)
- 4th Quarter**
 A - Malichi Walters 1 yard run (kick failed)
 F - Gonzalez 10 yard run (Garcia kick)

Rushing Stats	Carries	Yards	TDs	Avg
1 Iram Gonzalez	15	89	2	5.9
2 Tony Diaz	11	72	-	6.5
10 Jameson Daniels	13	52	-	4.0
16 Mason Ramos	4	17	1	4.3
24 Rafael Rocha	2	17	-	8.5
Rushing Totals:	45	247	3	5.5

Receiving Stats	Receptions	Yards	TDs	Avg
0 Brice Jeter	2	16	-	8.0
1 Iram Gonzalez	1	0	-	0.0
2 Tony Diaz	2	8	-	4.0
10 Jameson Daniels	2	33	-	16.5
15 JD Villegas	1	8	-	8.0
Receiving Totals:	8	65	0	8.1

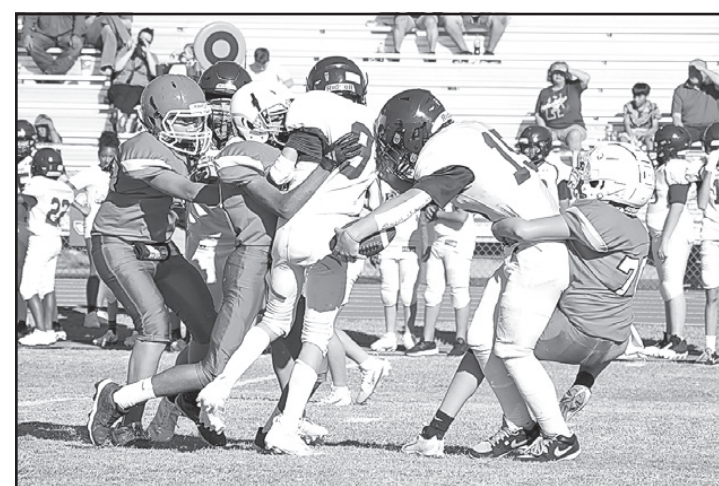
Passing Stats	Comp	Att	Yards	TDs	INTs
16 Mason Ramos	8	16	65	-	1

Kicking Stats	XP Att	XP Good	FG Att	FG Good
53 Mario Garcia	3	3	-	-

Defensive Stats	UN AST.	TOT	TFL	FR	FC	INT	SACK
3 Frank Silva	4	3	7	-	-	-	-
4 Gael Lara	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
10 Jameson Daniels	-	2	2	-	-	-	-
11 Michael Alvarez	1	4	5	1	-	-	-
16 Mason Ramos	1	2	3	-	-	-	-
17 Hector Aguirre	2	5	7	-	-	-	-
20 David Tafoya	2	3	5	1.5	-	1	1
21 Jacob Gonzalez	4	9	13	2	-	-	-
24 Rafael Rocha	4	3	7	-	-	-	-
50/44 Diego Quezada	1	1	2	-	-	-	-
53 Mario Garcia	3	6	9	0.5	-	-	-
55 Eden Mills	2	5	7	0.5	-	-	-
66 Julio Escobar	-	5	5	-	-	-	-

Yards allowed - Total: 339, Passing: 83, Rushing: 256

7th Grade Football vs Abernathy



8th Grade Football vs Abernathy



This Week in Sports



Varsity Football

The Chieftains fell to 1-4 on the season after a hard fought loss to the Abernathy Antelopes 34-21 last Friday evening. Friona had 312 yards of total offense to Abernathy's 339 but 9 penalties hurt their chances especially a fifteen yard penalty near the end of the 2nd quarter when they had a first down near the 10 yard line.

The Chieftain running attack was the highlight of the game as Iram Gonzales, Tony Diaz, and Jameson Daniels rushed for 89, 72, and 52 yards, respectively. Gonzalez scored two touchdowns and quarterback Mason Ramos ran for the other. Mario Garcia made all three extra point kicks.

On defense, Jacob Gonzalez was the leading tackler with 13 and Mario Garcia had 9, Frank Silva, Hector Aguirre, Rafael Rocha, and Eden Mills had 7 tackles each. David Tafoya caused a fumble and had a quarterback sack.

The Chieftains will play the Farwell Steers this week in their last non-district game of the season. Game time is 7 p.m. at W. M. Roberts Stadium in Farwell.

Junior Varsity Football

The JV Chiefs will host Farwell on Thursday with the game starting at 7:30 at Chieftain Field. This will be the last game of the "Triple Header" as Friona and Farwell will play three games back-to-back. 7th Grade at 5:00 p.m., 8th Grade at 6:15 p.m., and the JV at 7:30 p.m.

Junior High Football

The 7th grade Braves improved

to 3-0 on the season with a 44-0 victory over Abernathy last Thursday evening at Chieftain Field. Abel Ponce scored the first Friona touchdown on a 38 yard run. Anthony Marquez ran for the 2-point conversion. Next, Roman Salinas scored on a 5 yard run but the run for the 2-point conversion failed. Ponce scored his second touchdown of the game on a 23 yard run with Salinas running for the 2 points. Salinas scored his second touchdown on a 19 yard run and Ponce ran for the 2 point conversion. One more touchdown for Ponce as he rushed 7 yards for his third. Marquez ran for his 2-point conversion of the game. Closing out the scoring, Yuvia Arias rushed 8 yards to paydirt but 2-point conversion came up short. Abel Ponce led the team with 69 yards rushing and 3 touchdowns. Anthony Marquez had 48 yards running along with 2 interceptions. The 7th grade Braves will host Farwell Thursday evening with the game starting at 5:00 p.m. at Chieftain Field.

The 8th grade Braves moved to 2-1 on the season as they defeated Abernathy 46-6 last Thursday evening at Chieftain Field. Gabriel Garcia led the Braves with 207 yards and 4 touchdowns. Vicente Quintana added 169 yards and 2 touchdowns. Garcia's scores were on runs of 32, 45, 70, and 46 yards, respectively. Quintana scored his touchdowns on runs of 89 and 25 yards, respectively. Quintana ran for three 2-point conversions while Garcia and RJ Hernandez had one 2-point conversion each.

One conversion attempt failed. The 8th Braves will host Farwell Thursday evening with the game starting at 6:15 at Chieftain Field.

High School Volleyball

The Friona Squaws are 1-1 in district play after a 3-0 (25-21, 26-24, 25-14) victory over River Road on Saturday. Both the C Team Squaws and JV Squaws are 1-1 in district play. The C/JV/V teams will continue district play as they travel to Dimmitt on Saturday with games at 11/12/1:30. Next Tuesday, the C/JV/V teams will travel to Bushland on Tuesday to play district matches at 5/6/7.

Junior High Volleyball

The 7th and 8th Maidens will travel to Dalhart on Monday, October 6th for their matches next week. Games begin at 5:00 p.m. and will feature 7th A&B and 8th A&B teams.

Cross Country

The Cross Country teams competed in the Lubbock ISD Invitational at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock last Saturday. In the 3A Girls 2M competition, Friona 8th grader Ivanna Guevarra ran a time of 15:21.9 and finished in 80th place out of 159 competitors. In the 3A Boys 3M competition, Fernando Moreno ran an 18:23.5 to finish in 16th place. Avram Hernandez posted a 19:40.0 for 47th place. Jeremy Polk ran a 22:34.9 to place 123rd. Noah Aguilar ran a 24:01.5 to finish in 136th place. There were 151 competitors in the boys competition. The District Meet will be on Monday, October 6th at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock.



Obituaries



Teddy Cole White

Teddy Cole White, newborn son of Hadley and Holly White, passed into the arms of Jesus on September 24, 2025. Private family services and burial was entrusted to HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

He was preceded in death by his great grandfathers Teddy White and George Carlos Washington.

Those left to mourn

his passing include his parents, one brother, Cooper Glen of the home, grandparents Brett and Carla Beamesderfer of Belton, TX, Bill and Jeri Lynn White of Friona, great grandparents Sharon White of Friona, Jerry and Janet LaFrance of Lubbock, Dorothy G. Washington, H. Edward and Linda Beamesderfer, and great, great grandfa-

ther Leonard Fillman, as well as his aunts and uncles, Adaline White, Anna Beamesderfer, Jarrett White, and Sean Beamesderfer.

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Elva DeLeon



Church service for Elva DeLeon, age 67, of Bovina, Texas, was held at 2:00 PM, Tuesday, September 30, 2025 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina with Father Nick Gerber of Bovina officiating. Rosary was said at 6:00 PM, Monday, September 29, 2025 at Ellis Funeral Home in Mulshoe, Texas. Burial was in Sunset Terrace Memorial Cemetery in Farwell, Texas. Elva died Thursday, September 25, 2025 in Friona, Texas. She was born August 23, 1958 in Hereford, Texas to Fernando and Maria (Marinez) Garcia. She married Tommy DeLeon in Hereford on December 22, 1979.

Elva worked at Friona ISD for over seven years. She loved to cook and fill her home with wonderful meals for her family including empanadas, tortillas, and enchiladas. Elva enjoyed sewing and crocheting. She loved volleyball as

well. She was an avid fan of Mariachi and Tejano music. Above all, Elva was a woman of strong faith. Her family was her world, especially her grandkids. Elva was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina. She is preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Fernando Garcia Jr.

Elva is survived by her husband, Tommy; her four sons, Lucas DeLeon and his wife, Elizabeth of Brownwood, Texas; Christopher DeLeon and his wife, Marissa of Amarillo, Texas; Mar-

cos DeLeon of Bovina, Texas; and Gil DeLeon of Bovina, Texas; her daughter, Maria DeLeon of Clovis, New Mexico; her father-in-law, Gil DeLeon of Bovina, Texas; five sisters, Emma Perez and her husband, Rosalio of Greeley, Colorado; Dora Garcia of Amarillo, Texas; Irma Estrada and her husband, Paul of Hereford, Texas; Rebecca Corral and her husband, Carlos of Amarillo, Texas; and Jessica Salas and her husband, Procopio of Utah; and her eight grandchildren, Angelita Abeyta, Malachi Maldonado, Gabriel Maldonado, Alex DeLeon, Alexis DeLeon, Geriah DeLeon, Mason DeLeon, and Remington DeLeon.

The family suggests memorials be sent to St. Ann's Catholic Church, 409 South 3rd Street, Bovina, Texas, 79009. Online condolences may be made at www.ellisfuneralhomes.com.

Maria Cruz Calderon Gonzalez

Maria Cruz Calderon Gonzalez, 70 of Friona passed away September 25, 2025 in Amarillo. Celebration of Life Services were held at 3:00 PM Saturday September 27, 2025 at Templo De Adoracion of Friona with Pastor Roy Dominguez, officiating. Burial followed in the Friona Cemetery entrusted to HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Maria was born May 3, 1955 in Ciudad Acuña, Mexico to Petra Calderon Rico. Her main passion was her family. She loved God and that carried over into her life, as she was a loving and caring mother, and grandmother and loved to provide and travel with them. Their journey was her journey.

Preceding her in death



was her mother-Petra Calderon Rico, husband-Jose Luis Gonzalez, daughter-Mayra Gonzalez and great-grandson- Elisha Escobedo.

Those to mourn her passing include 2 sons- Jose Luis Gonzalez II, and Heriberto Gonzalez both of Big Lake, 2 daughters- Maria Magdalena Gonzalez and Maricruz Licerio both of

Friona, siblings-Benita Calderon, Isabel Calderon, Manuela Calderon, Oscar Calderon, Cirilo Calderon, Esteban Calderon, grandchildren-Perla Gonzalez, Raul Licerio, Jonathan Licerio, Diego Licerio, Estibali Tafoya, Lupita Gonzalez, Luis Adame, José Luis Gonzalez, Erica Gonzalez, Noelia Gonzalez, Alex Licerio, Oscar Gonzalez, Heriberto Gonzalez II, Magdalena Licerio, and Mayra Delgado, and 34 great-grandchildren.

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Derek Wayne Davila



Derek Wayne Davila entered eternal rest on Monday, September 29, 2025, at the age of 37. Viewing will be held from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM with Rosary Services at 6:00 PM Friday October 3, 2025 at St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Friona with Mass of Christian Burial Services set for 9:30 AM Saturday October 4, 2025 at St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Friona with Father Nick Gerber as Celebrant. Burial following entrusted to HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Derek was born in Hereford, Texas to David and Beth Davila, he was raised in Parmer County and proudly carried the spirit and heart of a true farm boy throughout his life.

From a young age, Derek was full of energy, curiosity, and charm. With a mischievous grin and a sparkle in his eye, he was known for speaking his mind and lighting up every room he entered. He was baptized on April 6, 1996, and made his Holy Sacrament of Confirmation just one week later, on April 14, 1996.

As a child, Derek was active and adventurous from the start. He participated in Boy Scouts, played tee ball, baseball, and football, and attended Friona schools, graduating with the Class of 2006. One of his proudest (and most humorous) achievements was running and winning the "Fat Man Race" in high school, where

he took home first place and a bucket of chicken.

Following graduation, Derek pursued a higher calling and enlisted in the United States Navy. He completed basic training and proudly graduated from the Naval Station Great Lakes Naval Academy in Chicago, Illinois on November 3, 2006.

After his military service, Derek explored various career paths, searching for where he truly belonged. Derek found his calling in the fields. He loved working the land, caring for the animals, and putting in the long hours that come with a life rooted in agriculture. Farming wasn't just work to him, it was a way of life, a reflection of his steady hands, wild but patient spirit, and respect for nature's rhythm. On the farm he found a sense of purpose, belonging, and peace working for Mitchell Wiseman, where he remained dedicated until his passing.

Derek's heart also held a restless spark, one that carried him beyond the fields and into the open road. He was an adventurer at his core, never shying away from thrill or challenge. Whether it was riding his motorcycle, tearing across the countryside in a Can-Am, or finding the next rush of excitement, Derek lived life with fearless

enthusiasm and a smile that said he was exactly where he wanted to be. He lived life to the fullest and encouraged others to do the same.

Derek is preceded in death by his beloved Little Grandma Maria Davila, his Grandpa Nick Manzanares, and his dear Tía Dee Dee Davila.

He is survived by the love of his life, Michelle, and his cherished children: Dre, Derek Jr., Reagan, Scarlett, Myrna, Serenity, Daniel, Diego, and Sophia. He also leaves behind his devoted parents, David and Beth Davila of Friona; his siblings: Joe Bob Orozco (Evelyn) of Friona, Cassandra Hutcherson (Will) of Norman-gee, David Davila III (Laura) of Pflugerville, Erica Crum (James) of Amarillo, and Samantha Davila (Justin) of Austin.

He will be lovingly remembered by his many nieces and nephews: Marcus, Julius, Mia, and Nico Orozco; Alexis, Bryanna, Thomas, and Roxy Hutcherson; Liah Davila; Boston Crum, Jeremiah Davila, Naivia Sintas, Eli Sintas, and Axel Crum, along with numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and extended family.

Derek's legacy is one of boldness, loyalty, humor, and heart. He will be remembered for his enormous laugh, sweet smile, adventurous soul, and continual love for his family and friends.

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Determine Heirship and Order Granting Independent Administration and
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TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF ANTONIO ACOSTA BARRAZA, Deceased, Cause No. P03424, in the County Court, Presiding Judge Isabel Carrasco of Parmer County, Texas:

Richard Barraza filed in said Court on September 25, 2025, an APPLICATION FOR DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP AND ORDER GRANTING INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION AND FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION upon the estate of Antonio Acosta Barraza, Deceased, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of Linda Dell White, Deceased, and their respective shares and interests in said estate.

Said Application and any opposition will be heard and acted upon by said Court, at any call of the docket on or after 10 o'clock A.M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of twenty (20) days from date of posting this citation, the same being 20th day of October, 2025, at the Parmer County Courthouse, 401 3rd St., Farwell, Tx 79325.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court at said above mentioned time and place by filing a written answer or contest to said Application should they desire to do so. To ensure its consideration, you or your attorney must file any objection, intervention, or response in writing with the County Clerk of Parmer County, Texas on or before the above-noted date and time.

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Given under my hand and the seal of said Court at office in Farwell, Texas, on September 26, 2025.

Susie Spring, COUNTY CLERK
Parmer County, Texas

Texas Stock Exchange Receives SEC Approval

AUSTIN — On Tuesday, Governor Greg Abbott congratulated the Texas Stock Exchange (TXSE) for receiving U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) approval to operate as a national securities exchange.

"Texas is swiftly becoming America's financial hub," said Governor Abbott. "I

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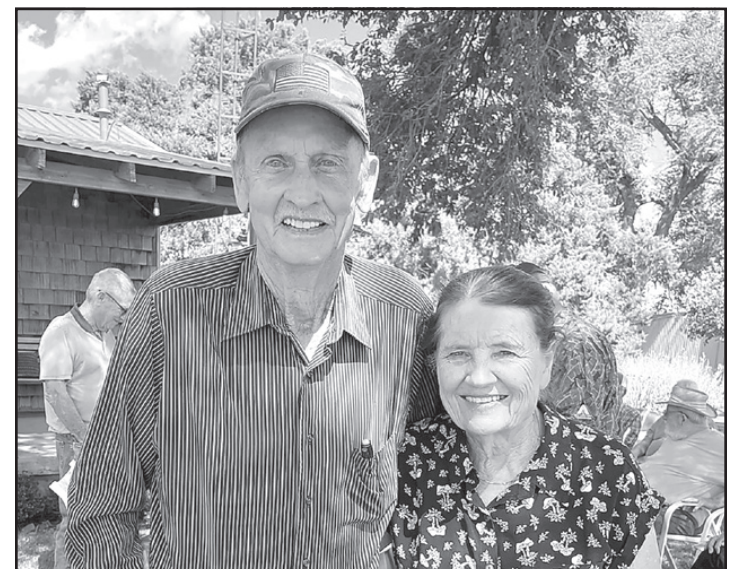
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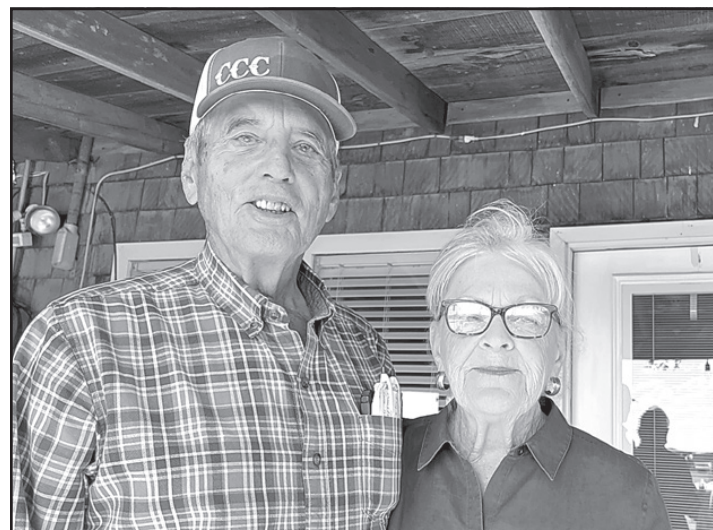
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7th Grade Cheerleaders — (l-r) Arianna Rocha, Tensley Grimsley, Aryelle Chico, Jade Mills, Amayah Royas, Alayhlee Villarreal, and Katiyah Perez.

Pumpkin harvest looking strong



Texas pumpkin producers are experiencing a strong harvest thanks to consistent rainfall and a dry July. While quantity is on par with last season's harvest, producers say overall pumpkin quality is better compared to last year, according to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service experts.

Mark Carroll, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent for Floyd County, said consumers can expect a significant improvement when purchasing their Texas-grown pumpkins this year. Prices are expected to remain consistent, with some variability as Halloween approaches. Carroll said consumers can prolong the life of fresh,

Texas pumpkins by keeping the bottom dry to prevent wet rot and decay.

Juan Anciso, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension horticulture program leader and associate head of the Texas A&M Department of Horticultural Sciences, said that Floyd County poses an ideal location for Texas pumpkin production. Pumpkins thrive in mild, frost-free climates with plenty of water. Producers in Floyd County utilize drip irrigation to ensure their pumpkin crops remain cool and receive adequate and timely water.

Both Carroll and Anciso encouraged consumers to purchase pumpkins from bins containing a Texas pumpkin logo to ensure support of Texas producers.

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