



Fleming receives key to the city

The Friona City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 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.

Before the regular hearings commenced, Mayor Greg Lewellen declared a point of privilege to recog-

nize retiring city council member Bruce Fleming. Lewellen stated, "We have served together for over a decade and even though we have disagreed a few times I have always considered and will always consider Bruce a friend. Lewellen added, "I have thoroughly enjoyed serving with him on the city council and wish him the very best in the future."

A variance request from Ale-

jandra Guerrero to place a trailer house at 805 Woodland Avenue to serve as a primary residence was approved.

A request by the Friona Vocational Agriculture Association for a permit to operate a fireworks stand in the city limits for 2025 was approved. All funds raised in the venture will be used to support Friona FFA, FCCLA, and the Buyer's Club.

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Early Voting begins Tuesday

Early voting for the May 3rd school board election will begin on Tuesday, April 22nd from 8:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. at the FISD Administration Building, located at 909 E. 11th and will continue through Friday, April 25th at the same time each day. The last two days of early voting will be on Monday, April 28th and Tuesday, April 29th from 7:00 a.m. till 7:00 p.m. each day.

The FISD Board of Trustees has two positions up for election this year. The terms of Marla Hart and Jeri Lynn White are expiring. Three candidates are on the ballot for the two open spots. They are Marla Hart,

Mindy Rushing, and Jeri Lynn White. Please see sample ballot on page 7.

Election Day voting will take place on Saturday, May 3rd from 7:00 a.m. till 7:00 p.m. in the Friona City Council Chambers located at 619 Main Street.

Claudia Castillo will serve as the Early Voting Clerk, Lee Davila as the Deputy Early Voting Clerk, and Pam Mercado as the Early Voting Ballot Board Judge. Davila will also serve as the Central Count Station Manager and Tabulations Supervisor, the Central Court Judge, and the Elections Administrator. Mercado will also serve as election Judge on Election Day.



In recognition of his 12 years of service as a city council member, Bruce Fleming was given a key to the city by fellow council members. **In the photo** — (l-r) Alan Monroe, City Manager Lee Davila, Bruce Fleming. Mayor Greg Lewellen, Cindy Moreno, Brent Loflin, Esmeralda Mills.



3A Track & Field Regional Qualifiers

(clockwise from right)

- Ellie McGaughy - Pole Vault
- Kitzy Welch - Discus
- Ishmael Flores - Shot Put
- Angelica Reyes - Shot Put & Discus

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Community Calendar

Send Calendar information to:
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April 17
• Easter Meal @ Senior Center

April 18
• No School

April 20
• Easter

April 21
• No School

April 18
• Early Voting for School Board Begins from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

April 23
• Library Book Shop at 618 Euclid is open from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

April 24
• Meal @ Senior Center

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State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



Paxton, Cornyn gear up for primary battle

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton made it official last week, announcing he will challenge U.S. Sen. John Cornyn in next March's Republican primary. The fireworks already have begun, the Austin American-Statesman reported, with Cornyn calling his rival “a con man and a fraud.”

Paxton, for his part, said he is running to “fight for President Trump’s agenda and take a sledgehammer to the D.C. establishment.” He accused Cornyn of being insufficiently loyal to Trump.

Paxton’s decision to run for the Senate leaves the attorney general’s seat open in 2026. Former U.S. Attorney John Bash, a lawyer for Elon Musk, has announced plans to run, The Dallas Morning News reported. He will almost certainly have company in the GOP primary. Longtime lobbyist and political consultant Bill Miller said the job’s high profile makes it attractive to potential candidates.

“It’s the most attractive job below being senator or governor. You have this enormous machinery to put yourself in almost every issue, state or federal,” he said. “You can make news and be news almost at will.”

The News named several possible GOP candidates, including state Sens. Bryan Hughes, R-Mineola, and Mayes Middleton, R-Galveston; state Rep. Mitch Little, R-Lewisville; and former Supreme Court Justice Eva Guzman, who ran for the job in 2022.

Texas version of DOGE heads to Abbott’s desk

If signed, the first bill headed to Gov. Greg Abbott’s desk would create the “Texas Regulatory Efficiency Office,” the Statesman reported. A supermajority of the House passed Senate Bill 14 last week, following its approval in the Senate in late March.

The measure is expected to save taxpayers \$25 million for five years by identifying rules that are “unnecessary, duplicative,

expensive or prohibitive.” It would also look for ways that state agencies could cut costs.

House sponsor state Rep. Giovanni Capriglione, R-Keller, noted the state of Texas has more than 274,000 rules and regulations.

“The purpose of the office is to have technical professionals, people skilled in those regulations, review those regulations and to come up with recommendations to the agency on how they can make things better for the constituents of Texas,” Capriglione said.

Visas revoked for international students in state

At least 110 international students at Texas universities have had their visas revoked or their immigration status marked as terminated in a federal database, The Texas Tribune reported. As of last week, these universities confirmed the number of international students affected:

University of North Texas: 27
University of Texas at Dallas: 19
University of Texas at Arlington: 27
Texas A&M University: 19
University of Texas Rio Grande Valley: 9
Texas Women’s University: 4
Texas Tech University: 3

The University of Texas at Austin and the University of Houston said that some of its students had a change in their immigration status but declined to say how many.

On Wednesday, the Department of Homeland Security said it would begin screening the social media feeds of international students for “antisemitic” content. Pro-Palestine protests were held at several Texas campuses after Israel retaliated in Gaza after the Oct. 7, 2023, attack by Hamas.

Measles cases surpass 500; outbreak could last for months

The number of measles cases in West Texas and the Panhandle has surpassed 500, the Texas Department of State Health Services reported. Health experts say

the outbreak likely will continue to grow and could last for months.

Measles was declared eliminated in the U.S. in 2000, The News reported. The World Health Organization defines that as the “absence of endemic measles transmission” for at least 12 months. If the current measles outbreak lasts longer than a year, which seems likely, the U.S. would lose its elimination status.

“We are almost certainly going to lose that,” Dr. Greg Poland, a vaccinologist, said. “In that sense from a public health view, we are going backwards. And that will hurt people.”

House passes \$337.4 billion budget

The Texas House on Friday overwhelmingly passed a \$337.4 billion budget that includes funding for school vouchers, teacher pay raises, and property tax cuts, The Dallas Morning News reported. The General Appropriations Act passed by a 118-26 margin after 14 hours of debate on the House floor.

“[The bill] stays well under all spending limits and grows less than population and inflation—ensuring we protect taxpayers while meeting the needs of a growing Texas,” said House Appropriations Chairman Greg Bonnen, R-Friendwood.

Senate Bill 1 now goes into negotiation with the Texas Senate, which passed its version of the budget in March. House Speaker Dustin Burrows, R-Lubbock, said that chamber can now turn its attention to other priorities. Before passing the budget, only a handful of bills had made it out of the House, in contrast

with the Senate, which has passed nearly 200 bills thus far.

“Now that we’ve established a strong fiscal framework, the House will soon act on key legislation—starting first with school finance and school choice—knowing exactly the resources we have in place to deliver real results for Texans,” Burrows said.

The House budget bill contains \$6.5 billion to continue Operation Lone Star, Abbott’s border security initiative, as well as \$3 billion to create a Dementia Prevention and Research Institute.

March brought higher temps, less rain

Warmer-than-usual temperatures in March, combined with less rain for most of the state, meant 70% of the state was in drought by the end of last month. That’s a rise of 21 percentage points since late February, according to hydrologist Dr. Mark Wentzel, with the Texas Water Development Board.

“In the next few months, drought conditions are expected to improve somewhat in South Texas but expand across the Panhandle and North Central Texas,” Wentzel wrote.

He added he expected some easing of drought severity in South Texas, which was hit with torrential rain last month, and no drought areas in East Texas.

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ACROSS

1 TX Tanya’s “_____ Cowboy Lovin’ Night”
5 TXism: “fast as small _____ gossip”
6 TXism: “_____ a yarn” (tell a lie)
7 dir. from Vega to Canyon
8 Dale Evans wrote “_____! San Antone”
9 TX Buddy Holly was in _____ plane crash in 1959

15 TXism: “best I _____ laid eyes on”
16 TX Zellweger was on the _____ of winners in 2020
19 TXism: “wiggles like a _____ _ hook”
21 TXism: “I _____ _ (intend)”
22 TX Byron Nelson was a caddy at “_____ Gardens”
27 “_____ out of it!”
28 toward the rear of a ship
29 what happens after a Texas hail storm?
30 TX Jensen Ackles was in film “_____ Hero” (2007)
32 he was “Mingo” when TX Fess was Daniel Boone (init.)
33 cowhands who keep cattle from straying
36 type of blue jeans
37 Mr. Houston
38 TX “Big-un” Bradley was the first cowboy “_____ Man”

39 first in Texas: “_____ State Forest”
41 mechanic’s _____ secures payment for work done
42 stockings material
45 where some Texans ski in New Mexico
46 first woman to serve in U.S. Congress, Thomas
47 “_____ -off” (shirk a duty)
48 current time for TX Rollins, U.S. Sec. of Ag.

49 a lot of talking
52 failed TV show (2 wds.)
53 TXism for 49-across: “bend my _____”
54 a label for TX Waylon Jennings
55 TXism: “_____ pilot” (preacher)

DOWN

1 TX Charley Pride’s “_____ Gonna Take a Little Bit Longer”
2 Texas band
3 ZZ _____
4 Tulia is the seat of this county
5 this Texan was first woman ambassador to UK (2 wds.)
8 this Riley was a LB for the old Oilers (1981-86)

9 TXism: “dark _____ cats”
10 this Couples won the Shell Houston Open in 2003 (init.)
11 Coleman h.s. class
12 landfills? (2 wds.)
13 got off the horse
14 most common rock in Texas: _____ stone
15 once an event in Texas: “Kid ‘n’ _____ Festival”
16 TXism: “fits like ugly _____ ape”
17 _____ of lighting (flashes)

TEXAS CROSSWORD

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18 cave near Boerne: “too pretty _____”
20 wallet stuffers
22 “use it _____ lose it”
23 Texan born between July 23 & August 22
24 TXism: “couldn’t beat a _____” (loser)
25 “_____ I can handle”
26 country singer, Morgan
28 first ever pro bridge team: “Dallas _____”
31 honky tonk light
34 Drake of “Down Laredo Way” (1953)
35 TXism: “let ‘_____ rip!”
37 “got off _____ free”
40 Piney Woods area is in _____ Texas
43 “downward dog” discipline
44 TXism: “_____ log” (park bench)
50 raid, incursion
51 “King of Rock” (init.)

More Quiet

As the world turns
Today,
More slowly,
More quiet.

Let us know,
More slowly,
More quiet.

Let us love,
More slowly,
More quiet.

Let us play,
More slowly,
More quiet.

Let us learn,
More slowly,
More quiet.

We now have time
To do things,
More slowly,
More quiet.

Maybe greatest
Gift to man,
More slowly,
More quiet.

I am a firm believer of look-
ing at the brighter side,
Even the devastation of Covid 19,
Maybe just maybe,
The world became more slow more quiet.

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COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from April 3, 2025 to April 10, 2025

(4/3/25) Travis Bessire, Karen Sue Willman Besire — Daniel Eugene Schacher, Mary Jo Schacher — SE/4 of Section 28 & NE/4 of Section 33 all in Doud and Keefer Subdivision; SW 1/4 of Section 28, Doud and Keefer Subdivision of Parmer County
(4/7/25) Joshua Ryan McDonald, Kristen Marie McDonald — Ulises Lozoya, Jacque Lozoya — Section 24, T3S, R3E, Capitol Syndicate Subdivision, Parmer County
(4/9/25) Estate of Harold Dean McCallum, Montie Turner McCallum, Arlene McCallum — Montie Turner McCallum, Arlene McCallum — N 1/2 of Section 4, T10S, R2E, of Capitol Syndicate Subdivision, Parmer County



Vote for Jeri Lynn White
for Friona ISD Board of Trustees

Early Voting – April 22 – 25, 28-29

Election Day – May 3, 2025

It has been an honor to serve you the last six years on the school board. I would appreciate your vote again.

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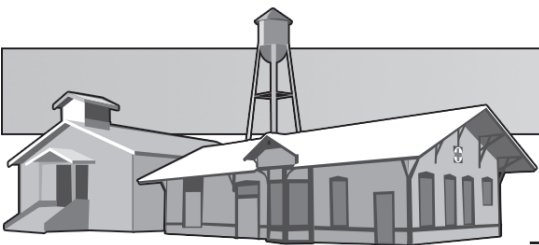
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Best Wishes — I saw Phillip and Tanya Zeller last Friday at Bi-Wize and they told me how a motorist had pulled out in front of them in Texico as they were headed to Canon Air Force Base earlier that day. The collision damaged the right side of their vehicle and Tanya was taken to the hospital for treatment. Phillip and the girls just had various bumps and bruises. Needless to say, the accident put a dent in their Holy Smokes BBQ business. They ask for prayers concerning their pickup situation. Best wishes for a speedy recovery to the whole Zeller family.

Save the Date — The Friends of the Library Annual Meeting is scheduled for 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 27th in the Friona Public Library. There will be refreshments and a fundraiser drawing. Tickets for the drawing are available at the library and are \$10 each. The prize is “The

Ultimate Entertainment Bundle” which includes a 65” TV, Nintendo Switch Lite, ROKU Wireless Soundbar, and ROKU Wireless Speakers. See you there!

Fish Fry — Senior Citizens will have a fried fish “fundraiser” lunch on Monday, April 28th. Plates will be \$10 each. Donations accepted. Everyone is invited!

Sales Tax Holiday is April 26-28

As severe weather season approaches, Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar reminds Texans they can purchase certain items tax free during the state's sales tax holiday for emergency preparation supplies, which begins at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, April 26, and ends at midnight on Monday, April 28.
The Comptroller's office estimates shoppers will save about \$2.3 million in state and local sales taxes during the tax holiday, which was approved by the Texas Legislature in 2015.
There's no limit on the number of qualifying items you can purchase. These include: (1) household batteries, fuel containers and flashlights priced less than \$75; (2) hurricane shutters and emergency ladders priced less than \$300; and (3) portable generators priced less than \$3,000.
For purchases made online, note that delivery, shipping, handling and transportation charges are part of the sales price. If the emergency preparation supply being purchased is taxable, the delivery charge is also taxable. Consider these charges when determining whether an item can be purchased tax free during the holiday.
Purchases that do not qualify include: (1) batteries for automobiles, boats and other motorized vehicles; (2) camping stoves and camping supplies; (3) chainsaws; (3) plywood; (4) extension ladders and stepladders; and (5) tents.
A complete list of emergency preparation supplies that may be purchased tax free can be found on the Comptroller's website.

City To Receive \$47.3K Sales Tax Allocation

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced last week that he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts \$995.5 million in local sales tax allocations for April. The revenue is 3.5 percent less than in April 2024.
These allocations are based on sales made in February by businesses that report tax monthly. Cities will receive \$621.7M, transit systems will get \$211.0M counties will get \$63.6M, and special purpose districts will receive \$99.3M.
The City of Friona will receive \$47,341.42 in sales tax allocation for April. This amount represents a 3.31 percent decrease from the \$48,963.52 received for April 2024. For year-to-date 2025, the total is \$213,194.88 which is a 2.00 percent decrease as compared to \$217,563.38 for YTD 2024. The Friona Economic Development Corporation (FEDC) will receive \$11,835.35 of the April allocation for its operating budget.

Friona Sales Tax Allocation		
April 2025	April 2024	%change
\$47,341.42	\$48,963.52	-3.31%
YTD 2025	YTD 2024	% change
\$213,194.88	\$217,563.38	-2.00%

Just In — The Friona Star learned Tuesday evening of the passing of Pat Holland. She was a fixture at Senior Meals each Monday & Thurs-

day greeting people as they came in the door. Pat was also a dedicated caregiver and had resided in Friona for the past 39 years.

- National Days**
April 17 — High Five Day
April 18 — Lineman Appreciation Day
April 19 — Auctioneers Day
April 20 — Easter
April 21 — Kindergarten Day
April 22 — School Bus Driver Day
April 23 — Picnic Day

It's election time again!
A voter guide for local
elections can be found at
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SHERIFF'S REPORT

Reported by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office
March 17, 2025 through April 13, 2025
Eric Geske, Sheriff
(3/21/25) Jose Luis Saucedo-Dozal, 19, of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a Randall County Warrant on a charge of Discharge Firearm in Certain Municipalities.
(3/26/25) Adrian Gomez, 45, of Friona was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a Parmer County Warrant on a charge of Theft Property ≥ \$2,500 < \$30K.
(3/25/25) Jody Ann Martinson, 59, of Bovina was arrested by the Bovina Police Department on a charge of Aggravated Assault w/Deadly Weapon.
(3/26/25) Gabriel Vega, 25, of Friona was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on charges of Possession CS PG 1 < 1G, and Possession Marijuana < 2OZ; and on a Parmer County Warrant on a charge of Reckless Driving.
(3/28/25) Alfredo Gonzales, 47, of Muleshoe was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Criminal Trespass and on a Parmer County Warrant on a charge of Terroristic Threat Causing Fear of Imminent Severe Bodily Injury.
(3/28/25) Desiree Renee Montoya, 44, of Clovis New Mexico was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of Possession CS PG 1 < 1G.
(4/9/25) Julio Galvan Gonzalez, 27, of Friona was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a Parmer County Warrant/VOP/MTR on a charge of Possession CS PG 1 < 1G; and on a Parmer County Warrant/VOP/MTR on a charge of Driving While Intoxicated 2nd.
(4/10/25) Caullen Vance Bradley, 28, of Dimmitt was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Driving While Intoxicated.
(4/11/25) Emily Suzanne Chancey, 25, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Racing On Highway.
(4/11/25) Joe Luis Garcia, 26, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Possession CS PG 2 < 1G.
(4/11/25) Jesus Alejandro Reyes, 19, of Muleshoe was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Racing On Highway.

Small Town Cookin’ By Jeri Lynn White

Southern Specialty for Easter

Pineapple Casserole is a cherished Southern dish, often gracing the tables during Easter celebrations. Known for its unique combination of sweet and savory flavors, this casserole brings a delightful twist to traditional holiday meals. The fusion of pineapple chunks, Cheddar cheese, and buttery Ritz crackers creates a memorable and comforting experience, making it a favorite among many Southern families.

Pineapple Casserole
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Ingredients

- 2 (20-oz.) cans pineapple chunks in juice, drained (reserve 6 Tbsp. juice)
- 1/3 cups sugar
- 5 Tbsp. flour
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- 1 sleeve Ritz crackers, crushed

Directions

Combine casserole ingredients: Preheat oven to 350°F. In a medium size bowl, combine sugar, flour, and reserved pineapple juice. Add pineapple chunks and toss well to combine. Spoon pineapple mixture into 8x8-inch casserole dish, and top with shredded cheese. **Add cracker topping:** Combine crushed Ritz crackers and melted butter. Spread Ritz cracker topping evenly on top of pineapple mixture. **Bake casserole:** Bake at 350°F for 30 minutes, or until bubbly.

Commissioners discuss insurance changes

Parmer County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, April 14th, 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 discussed upcoming changes related to insurance coverage that is obtained through the Texas Association of Counties (TAC). Cyber Security coverage used to be bundled at no additional charge but now it is now a separate policy and will have its own premium schedule. Estimates are that it will have a \$5,000 premium with a \$500,00 deductible. Also, insurance for county buildings will see a doubling of the deductible from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for damage from winds less than 60 mph and a \$50,000 deductible from damage resulting from winds over 60 mph. Election Administrator

Jessica White informed Commissioners that the county was in compliance with all state regulations concerning election precincts. Sheriff Geske reported that the Law Enforcement Center was currently housing 21 inmates, of which 8 are from Lubbock County, 3 from Bailey County, and 1 from Lamb County. Consideration and discussion of the following agenda items were tabled: the purchasing a pickup for Precinct #2, the Treasurer’s Quarterly Report, the Minimum Wage Policy, and the county’s CDL Policy. In other business, the Minutes of the March 24th regular meeting were reviewed and approved. Commissioners also approved the payment of accounts payable and the Treasurer’s Payroll Report. A Parmer County burn ban is currently in effect. **NOTE: you can call the Sheriff’s Office at 806-481-3303 and schedule a burn when the wind speed is below 10 mph.** The next Commissioner’s meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 28th. All meetings are open to the public. Information in this article is only a summary.

FISD Sample Ballot

Friona Independent School District
(Distrito Escolar Independiente de Friona)
General Election
(Elección General)
May 3, 2025
(3 de mayo de 2025)

Official Ballot
(Boleta Oficial)

INSTRUCTION NOTE:
To vote cast one or two votes by filling in the oval like this (●) it is permitted to vote up to two times for one candidate, but fill in only two.

(NOTA DE INSTRUCCIÓN:
(Para votar emita uno o dos votos rellenando el recuadro de esta manera (●) Se permite votar hasta dos veces por un candidato, pero rellene solo dos.)

School Trustees
(Consejo de Administradores)
Vote for two by darkening in ONLY two ovals
(Vote por dos oscureciendo SOLAMENTE dos ovals)

Marla Hart

Marla Hart

Jeri Lynn White

Jeri Lynn White

Mindy Rushing

Mindy Rushing

At left is a sample ballot for the upcoming Friona Independent School District General Election to be held on May 3, 2025. Early voting begins next Tuesday. Please see article on front page for polling times and locations.

Happy Birthday

April 17
Carolyn Wiseman
Holly Easley
Whitney Ellis
Beverly Bailey
Kendall Neill
Robbie Francis
Phillip Tinner
Elizabeth Campbell

April 18
Erma Brownd
Dwayne Bauer
Brayden Potts
Cash Van Burney
Angela Fitzgerald
Stephanie Jones
Emily Barraza
Blane Parker
Randa Reeves
Andrew Chico Jr.
Janet Peterson

April 19
Danny Campbell
Karene Bass
Daphne Shadic
Clint Hand
Monica Davis

April 20
Beverly Ingram
Mike Chaney
Kyle Wiseman
Kathy (Anthony) Borchers
Krystal Rios
Amy (Osborn) Laing

April 21
Rex Bracken
Riley Rector
Brooklyn Elam

April 22
Sandy Fuentes
Hayley Herring
Stan Miller
Andy Carthel
Rita Barrios
Brian LeRoy
Marie Mote

April 23
Troy Bass
Derek Allen
Daniel Rios
JoAnn Berend
Jerry Cass
Jenny (Cunningham) O’Pry
Paige Sifford
Grayson Kuhlmeier
Abraham T. Snyder

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Gas prices to trend lower

By GasBuddy

Average gasoline prices in Texas fell 10.3 cents last week, averaging \$2.74 per gallon, according to GasBuddy’s survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$1.59 while the highest was \$3.59 per gallon. The national average price of gasoline fell 8.2 cents last week, averaging \$3.13 per gallon. The national average price of diesel decreased 4.8 cents last week and stands at \$3.55 per gallon. “After oil’s sharp drop over the last couple of weeks— driven by concerns over the impact of U.S. tariffs and OPEC+ restoring production faster than expected— gasoline prices have posted a notable weekly decline, with nearly every state seeing prices fall,” said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. “While I do expect gas prices to continue trending lower, any abrupt change in the current tariff situation could eventually bring the decline to a halt. For now, the good news is that gas prices typically reach their yearly peak around April 10, so we may have already witnessed ‘peak pain’ at the pump for 2025. As refiners near the end of seasonal maintenance and supply begins to rise— and with the changeover to summer gasoline nearly complete— it’s increasingly likely that gas prices have already hit their high for the year,” 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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Death Has No Sting

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

When one takes the time to pause and reflect on this last week of the life of Christ, there is a reality that can humble the most prideful among us. When we look at the meaning of the Cross and acknowledge that the instrument used in the death of Christ was amazingly cruel, we also realize it is a symbol that reminds us of our salvation from sin. Sin is the one thing that keeps us from the presence of God Almighty and through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ the perfect sacrifice our sins have been purchased. That truly is a humbling reality that God would love us to the point of sending His only Son to die in place of us the sinners while having never sinned Himself.

I can only imagine the silence of that particular Sabbath day. Judas Iscariot has hung himself in dealing with the reality of his betrayal. Jesus is in the tomb. The eleven that are left are speechless and fearful and hopelessly uncertain of the future. Then the dawn of that Sunday comes, and the word comes that is almost beyond comprehension, “The tomb is empty!!” Peter races to the scene not believing but hoping without understanding yet the new reality that has beset the world has come. Mary is at the tomb weeping not knowing why anyone would rob a grave. Then it happens, she hears her name, she turns, recognizing the voice, “Rabboni” she says calling him Teacher. He was

ALIVE and standing before her. Death had no claim on this sinless sacrifice. Death would forever lose its sting. So, in the span of three days God would do for us two things. Show us mercy, by sacrificing His only Son for that we might be free of our sin. Secondly, God showed us grace through the victory of Jesus over death. Mercy, I did not get what I deserved as a sinner which was death. Grace, I received what I had not earned, life eternal with Him forever.

The cross and the empty tomb will forever tell the story of God’s mercy and His grace. My prayer is that His story will become yours as you chose to follow the King that death could not hold. He is Risen! Death Has No Sting!

Were You There?

By Teena Hughs

Have you ever wanted to believe something, but you aren’t sure you can prove it? That is where I am with this article.

We sang the old hymn “Were You There” in church Sunday, and since then, I have been thinking about and researching the questions asked in the hymn:

“Were you there when they crucified my Lord?”

“Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?”

“Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?”

“Were you there when the sun refused to shine?”

“Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?”

“Were you there when they rolled the stone away?”

We all know we weren’t there literally or physically when these things happened, but were we there in some other way?

We weren’t there to see the pain and torture Jesus went through as He was spit upon and heard horrible, untrue things said about Him;

as He was whipped and beaten; as He carried His cross, as He was nailed to the cross; as He hung on the cross; as a crown of thorns was forced down on His head; as He was treated cruelly as He hung on the cross, but were we there with Jesus when these things happened?

We didn’t experience the darkness when the sun refused to shine. We know it happened, but were we there?

We didn’t see Jesus laid in the tomb or see the stone rolled away, but we know it happened, and still I ask, were we there?

How do we know these things happened? The Bible tells us they happened. The inerrant, infallible, true Word of God tells us these things happened. We have a choice to believe or not believe.

I choose to believe we were there when these things happened. Why? While Scripture does not tell us what Jesus was thinking during His crucifixion, we know Jesus was fulfilling God’s will, because He said in the Garden of Gethsemane

in Luke 22:42, “Thy will be done, not mine.”

I believe Jesus fulfilled God’s will because He was thinking of you and me. He desired us to be forgiven, and He desired us to have eternal life with Him, and the only way that could happen was for Him to be crucified and resurrected. Because He loves each of us so much, He was thinking that what He was going through was worth it all for you and me! Because you and I were on His mind, we were with Him as He suffered and died.

Honestly, I don’t know if what I choose to believe is correct or not, but I like to think that because He was thinking of you and me on that cross, that we were there with Him when He asked why He was forsaken by God (Matthew 27:46).

I hope you have a truly wonderful and blessed Easter, knowing the Good News that because of the unbelievable, unexplainable love of Jesus, He is with each of us today, and if we are saved, we are with Him today!

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Mark 11:25 NIV

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Marcos 11:25 NVI

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What is Easter?

Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ, a central tenet of Christian faith, marking the culmination of Holy Week and the victory over death and sin. Jesus was crucified on a cross and buried, but three days later, his body was not in the tomb. He later appeared to his followers, proving his resurrection. This event signifies hope and redemption for Christians, believing Jesus’ resurrection offers eternal life to those who believe in him.



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Egg prices falling ahead of Easter demand

Texas Crop and Weather Report

by Adam Russell

Egg prices have been dropping, and a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert believes a continued downward trend should follow the Easter holiday.

David Anderson, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension economist and professor in the Texas A&M Department of Agricultural Economics, Bryan-College Station, said eggs typically reach a seasonal price peak around Easter, historically followed by price drops at grocery stores.

However, egg prices have already been on a downward trend in recent months. Wholesale prices fell from \$8.51 to \$3.84, or 55%, between March 1 and March 29, Anderson said.

Anderson said he is curious to see how consumer demand plays out leading into the Easter holiday when families typically dye eggs for hunts and bake for gatherings. He is also interested to see how egg prices trend after the holiday, he said.

“For the most part, egg

prices have been going down,” he said. “I think the recent downward trend and the previous highs really show the egg market volatility. That’s the nature of the egg market; prices can go up and down really fast.”

For instance, a dozen large eggs that cost over \$5 in December 2022 had dropped to 84 cents per dozen by May 2023, Anderson said.

Avian flu impacts egg prices

Egg prices skyrocketed to record highs as highly pathogenic avian influenza, HPAI, outbreaks in commercial laying flocks impacted supplies. Wholesale prices for large Grade A eggs hit an all-time average high of \$6.14 per dozen in January, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

By comparison, the same dozen eggs in January 2024 cost \$2.52 per dozen. The previous price peak was \$5.38 in December 2022 as the poultry industry grappled with widespread



Holiday baking and Easter egg hunts typically drive consumer demand to peak this time of year, but lower consumer demand this year appears to be factoring into the recent price declines.

(Michael Miller/Texas A&M AgriLife)

outbreaks of HPAI.

The USDA continues to report “sporadic outbreaks” within commercial meat and egg production flocks.

Anderson said there is a clear effort within the industry to add pullet hens, which lay eggs for broilers or meat production, and laying hens for table eggs. Growers added 500,000 new pullets in February, bringing the national total to 131 million on March 1, compared to 124 million at the same time last year.

But the number of laying hens in production continued to fall, he said. There were 285 million laying hens for table egg production on March 1, down from 294 million on Feb. 1.

Consumer demand for eggs amid high prices

Anderson attributes the downward price trend to low consumer demand. Falling prices

amid low laying hen numbers and, subsequently, low egg supplies signal to him that fewer eggs are being consumed.

He suspects consumers are still buying eggs but have cut back on their purchases due to historically high prices. The question is how long before consumers return to their previous purchasing habits?

The Easter holiday could spur a demand spike, but the high cost of eggs could pressure consumers toward other options.

“Easter is a big holiday; we typically see a price bump based on egg demand for those traditional family gatherings,” he said. “The question is, are people going to put out more plastic eggs for the Easter egg hunt and maybe skip the deviled eggs this year because of high prices?”

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Larry Lloyd Rector

Larry Lloyd Rector, 73 of Friona passed away peacefully on April 11th, 2025, in Amarillo, Texas. A Celebration of Life Service was held at 2:30 PM on Tuesday, April 15th, 2025, at the Friona Methodist Church, in Friona, Texas with Rev. David McGaughy, officiating.

Larry was born August 1st, 1951, in Friona, to Lloyd and Betty Louise Rector. He graduated from Friona High School in 1970 and in 1973 he married the love of his life, Sharon Rector, in the Friona First Baptist Church.

A proud lifelong resident of Friona, Larry was a familiar face and faithful friend in the community he loved so deeply. His life reflects his vibrant spirit – from riding dirt bikes and working on classic cars, to camping with family and friends. Creating lasting memories with those he loved was important to him.

Larry was a man of deep and unwavering faith. He served his community, church, and family with hu-



mility, always putting others before himself. His servant’s heart was so evident in everything he did. He was known for his kindness, warmth, and sincere care for others.

Above all, Larry cherished his family. His love for his dear wife, children, and his five treasured granddaughters “five queens” was unwavering and filled with pride. He also found immense joy in his role as a great-grandfather to his precious great-grandson, River.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Lloyd and Betty Louise Rector.

Those left to cel-

ebrate Larry’s life include his beloved wife of 51 years, Sharon Rector; his son Jason Rector and wife Karla of Friona; his daughter Janet Denton of Amarillo; five granddaughters Arlisa Denton of Friona, Emma Hernandez and husband Jonathon of Friona, Jodie Guajardo and husband Joe of Amarillo, Molly Rector, Ella Rector; one great-grandson River Denton, all of Friona; siblings Ricky Rector and wife Kathy of Marble Falls, Roy Don Rector and wife Sherri Jo of Pflugerville, Sheri Louise Rector of Dallas; brother-in-laws Roy Don Smith and wife Carol Ann of Dalt-hart, Kenneth Smith and wife Robbi of Guymon, OK, Steven Smith of Darrouzett; and mother-in-law Betty Smith; along with many uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, extended family, and dear friends.

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Dillion Daniel Jaramillo

Dillon Daniel Jaramillo, 5 of Friona passed away April 10, 2025 in Friona. Viewing was held on Tuesday April 15, 2025 beginning at 2:00PM at Conexiones Divinas Church in Friona. Celebration of Life Services were held on Wednesday April 16, 2025, 11:00 AM at Conexiones Divinas Church in Friona with Rafael Marin, officiating. Arrangements and burial in the Friona Cemetery entrusted to HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Dillon was born November 19, 2019 in Hereford, Texas to Luis Daniel Jaramillo and Kasandra Faudoa. He



was a very smart, happy, loving and caring child. He thrived on telling everyone how much he loved and cared for them. He enjoyed Sonic the Hedgehog, dinosaurs, and sharks.

Those that will miss his amazing smile include

his parents- Luis and Kasandra, grandparents-Gregorio and Santa Jaramillo, and Juan Faudoa and Luciana Gonzalez, all of Friona, Aunts-Daisy Jaramillo, Anahi Jaramillo, Jenifer Samaron and husband Juan, Cindy Morales, all of Friona, and Magaly Faudoa of Bovina, uncles-Marcos Faudoa of Friona and Gustavo Faudoa of Mexico, and numerous cousins.

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Granddaddy loved his community deeply. He didn’t just live in it – he served it, supported it, and helped shape it for the better. He believed serving others with whatever resources you had – whether it was time, a helping hand, or just showing up for support was important.

He was also a man of unwavering faith, and his church family meant the world to him. His faith guided his steps and through this he led his family. It was his compass and servant’s heart that is some of the greatest gifts he passed on to us.

And oh, did he have a sense of humor during some of the lowest times. Just when you



thought it was supposed to be a serious moment, he would let out one of those off-key comments that had all of us rolling in laughter. He had that ability to be both wise and wildly funny sometimes within the same sentence.

He was most proud of his family - not for what we achieved, but simply who we are. His love for us was unwavering and fierce, a steady force we could always count on. No-where was that love more beautifully displayed than in the way he loved our Grandmommy. Through the years, their bond was a living example of what marriage could and should be – playful and full of laughter, rooted in love, sometimes challenging, but always comforting. They were best friends in every

sense of the word. Granddaddy always said it took him 42 years to get his second son – River. The joy and pride he had when they were together was something we’ll never forget. Though their time was brief, their bond was strong – and we will gladly share these memories with River forever. We can already catch glimpses of Granddaddy in River – his mannerism, expressions, even a little attitude that makes us smile.

We’ll miss his stories, his laughter, and his quiet strength. But most of all, we’ll miss the way he made us feel – safe, loved, and deeply cherished. We will forever carry the lessons he taught us and the values he lived by.

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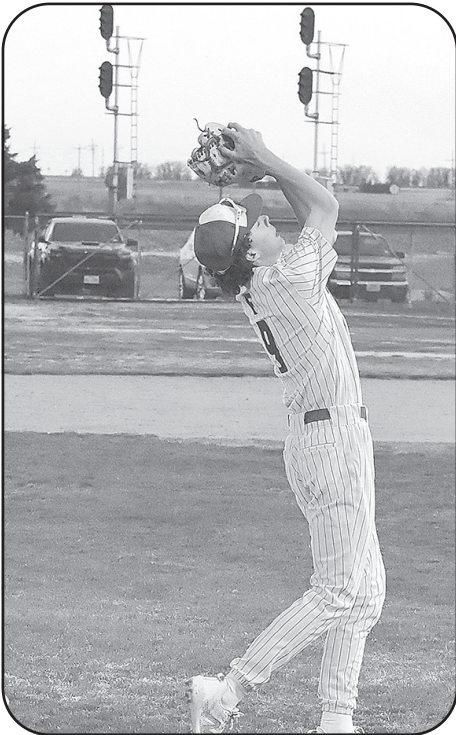
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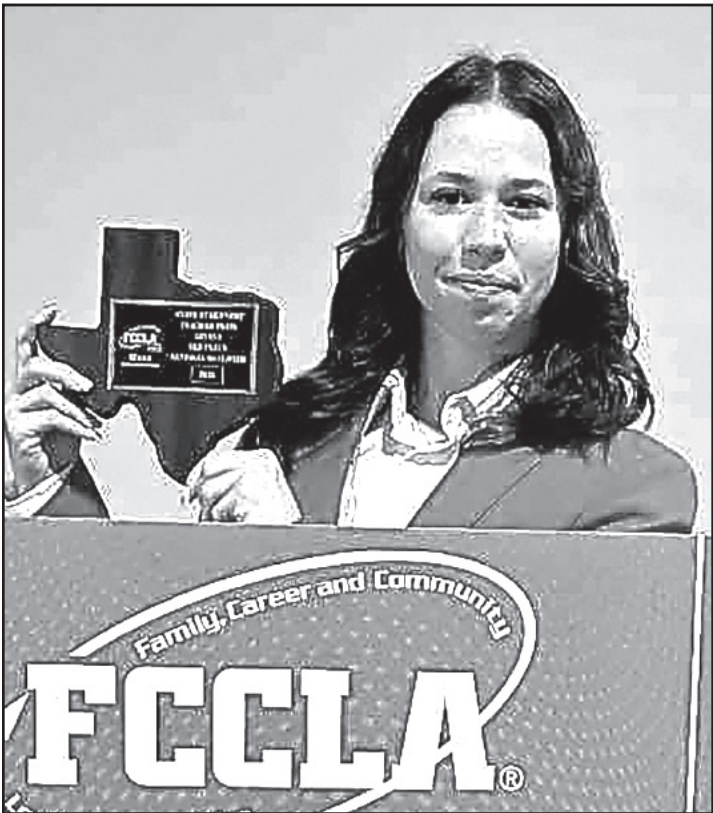


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• Kenworth Radiator
• Shop Flood Lights
• R&D Kleen EX Parts Cleaner
• Floor Jack
• Wet/Dry Vacuum
• Shop-Vac Micro
• Various Tools

Vehicles & Classic Cars
• 74' Apollo 2900 DB Motor Home
• 41 Ford Super Deluxe, Black
• 75 Thunderbird
• 68 Mustang
• Ford F-150
• Ford F-350
• YZ80 Motorcycle
• Honda Trail c70
• Yamaha Mond Cross Motorcycle
• VZ 2-Stroke Motorcycles
• Boat
• Go Kart
• 4-Wheeler
• Various Car Parts

Miscellaneous
• Knabe Player Piano w/ Piano Rolls
• Electric Organ
• Gun Safe
• Evaporative A/C Units
• Dr. Pepper Vending Machine
• Homemaker Sewing Machine w/ Cabinet
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• Various Appliances

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