



The Principal(s) of the Matter

Sales Tax Holiday is Aug. 8-10

Acting Texas Comptroller Kelly Hancock today announced that Texas families are expected to save an estimated \$133.2 million in state and local sales taxes during this year's sales tax holiday, which runs Friday, August 8th, through midnight Sunday, August 10th.

"Back-to-school costs can add up fast," said Hancock, who announced this year's projected savings during a business visit to a major retailer in Midland. "Whether you prefer to shop in person or online, this tax-free weekend helps families stretch their hard-earned dollars, saving about \$8 for every \$100 spent. Texans have saved more than \$2 billion since this tradition began in 1999, and we're glad to keep it operating."

During the three-day event, Texans can purchase a wide range of items tax-free, including most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks priced under \$100. Diapers — both cloth and disposable — are also exempt from sales tax, and certain sanitizers and wipes with a drug facts label are tax-free year-round. The exemption applies whether shoppers buy items in stores, online, by telephone or by mail.

Shoppers using layaway also can benefit. Items placed on layaway or final payments made on existing layaway purchases during the holiday are tax-free, provided the individual item price remains below \$100.

If a retailer mistakenly charges sales tax on a qualifying item, customers may request a refund directly from the seller or they can contact the Comptroller's office for assistance. A full list of tax-free items is available at [TexasTaxHoliday.org](https://www.texas.gov/sales-tax-holiday).

The first day of school is Wednesday, August 13th and except for one returnee, the Friona ISD slate of principals will feature an all-new lineup. Each one is eager to begin a new adventure and is ready to lead their campus to be the best it can be in the new school year.

High School

Matthew Tucker is the new Principal at FHS. He has been the Counselor for the past few years and will be joined by new Assistant Principal Cindy Moreno, who has been teaching 8th grade math and coaching at FJHS. The "Open House" at Friona High School is scheduled for Monday, August 4th beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Junior High School

Kevin Wiseman moves from the role of assistant to Principal for this year. He welcomes Sabrina Garza as the new Assistant Principal. She was the 7th grade math teacher last year. The "Open House" at Friona Junior High School is scheduled for Monday, August 11th at 5:00 p.m.

Elementary School

Ross Maldonado returns as Principal and is the lone returnee from

last year. Derreck Hernandez will join the staff as the new Assistant Principal. He has previously been the social studies teacher and a coach at FHS. The "Meet The Teacher" at Friona Elementary School is scheduled for Monday, August 11th from 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Primary School

Celeste Miller is the new Principal at the Primary School. She has been the high school English teacher the past few years and is looking forward to the new challenge. Derreck Hernandez is the new Assistant Principal and will work in both the Primary and Elementary schools. "Meet The Teacher" at Friona Primary School is scheduled for Monday, August 11th from 3:00-4:30 p.m.



Matthew Tucker
FHS Principal



Cindy Moreno
FHS Asst. Principal



Kevin Wiseman
FJHS Principal



Sabrina Garza
FJHS Asst. Principal



Ross Maldonado
FES Principal



Celeste Miller
FPS Principal



Derreck Hernandez
FPS/FES Asst. Principal

PMC Hosts Back-to-School Health & Safety Fair



Parmer Medical Center held its Back-to-School Health & Safety Fair last Saturday at its Specialty Clinic on Highway 60. The free event featured a bounce house, games, activities, prizes, vaccine info, and safety tips. Free hamburgers and snow cones were also served. A free back pack with school supplies was also given to each school aged child age 5 and up.



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July 31
• Community Noon Meal @ Friendship House

August 4
• Community Noon Meal @ Friendship House

August 6
• Library Book Shop at 618 Euclid
is open from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

August 7
• Community Noon Meal @ Friendship House

August 8-10
• Back-To-School Sales Tax Holiday

August 13
• First Day of School

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State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



Kerr County death toll now at 108; two still missing

The number of people still missing in the July 4 Kerr County flood dropped to two after another body was recovered last week, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

The two still missing are a child and an adult who were at Camp Mystic, where at least 27 campers and counselors died.

The death toll in Kerr County now totals 108. Statewide, the death toll has reached at least 136. Gov. Greg Abbott has ordered disaster declarations for 30 Texas counties, making them eligible for both state and federal assistance.

“Texas remains relentless in our efforts to help impacted Texans and communities rebuild,” Abbott said.

The counties included in Abbott’s state-level declaration include Bandera, Bexar, Burnet, Caldwell, Coke, Comal, Concho, Edwards, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Hamilton, Kendall, Kerr, Kimble, Kinney, Lampasas, Llano, Mason, Maverick, McCulloch, Menard, Real, Reeves, San Saba, Schleicher, Sutton, Tom Green, Travis, Uvalde and Williamson.

Lawmakers blast river authority for not upgrading

Lawmakers from both parties ripped into Kerr County’s river authority for choosing to cut property taxes rather than modernizing a flood warning system, the Statesman reported. The hearing last week before 18 Texas Senate and House members came during the first week of the special session.

Tara Bushnoe, general manager of the Upper Guadalupe River Authority, testified before the panel. State Sen. Charles Schwertner, R-Georgetown, called the decision “extremely disturbing.”

A report published last week by the Houston Chronicle found the river authority was only willing to spend about \$100,000 to upgrade its flood warning system after a 2016 engineering study found a \$1 million overhaul was needed. The authority also turned down an interest-free loan from the Texas Water Development Board spanning 30 years for the upgrade.

“You had the resources to deploy this system absent any FEMA grant, absent any water development loan, and I guess that’s troubling because you had the money but not the will,” state Rep. Drew Darby, R-San Angelo, said.

Bushnoe said the authority has funded other critical projects, including gauges used by the National Weather Service to predict floods.

However, she said, “I agree there’s much room for improvement and we are working towards that.”

Move to ban hemp-derived THC gaining traction

Backers of a move to ban synthetic hemp-derived THC hope to build support for the state’s recently expanded medical marijuana program, arguing it is a safer and more effective alternative to the unregulated vapes and gummies sold across the state, The Dallas Morning News reported.

“Cannabis is what has saved the lives of so many veterans in this country, but this unregulated version of cannabis is dangerous,” Sen. Roland Gutierrez, D-San Antonio, said.

A proposal to outlaw most of the consumable products containing THC, the psychoactive compound found in cannabis plants, is gaining speed in the Senate despite a similar measure having been vetoed by Abbott after the regular session. The governor

placed regulating hemp products on the special session agenda.

Legislation to impose age limits, along with other regulations, is expected to be filed soon in the House. Abbott has said he would support such a plan.

Medical marijuana is provided legally through the Texas Compassionate Use Program and has about 116,000 active participants. During the regular session, bills were passed increasing the number of medical marijuana licensees from three to 15 and increasing the number of dispensary and storage sites.

GOP redistricting plans draw ire of Democrats, others

The first hearing of a Republican plan to redraw congressional maps drew plenty of criticism at the House redistricting committee’s first public meeting, The Texas Tribune reported.

“The effort to change these districts at this time has nothing to do with representing people better,” said Rep. Jon Rosenthal, D-Houston, and vice chair of the House committee in charge of redistricting. “It’s the opposite of that. It’s a power grab at the expense of Black and brown communities.”

The attempt to redraw the congressional map at mid-decade comes at the behest of President Donald Trump in hopes of increasing the GOP’s narrow majority in the U.S. House in the 2026 mid-

terms. The current map, drawn in 2021, has yielded 25 Republican seats and 13 for Democrats.

No proposed revisions of the current map have been released to date.

5,000-person detention camp to be built in El Paso

The federal government has awarded a contract to build an immigration detention center at Fort Bliss in El Paso, The News reported. The tent camp would be the largest immigration detention facility in the United States.

Acquisition Logistics, a Virginia-based company, was awarded the \$232 million contract. The facility would be used to house single immigrant adults.

Immigrant advocates say using tents for detention is unlikely to meet federal standards.

“All the reasons why you and I live not in tents but in homes are going to inevitably come up in a facility that doesn’t offer people walls and floors and insulation,” Emma Winger, deputy legal director at the American Immigration Council, said.

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6 TXism: “hard as folding _____ in a windstorm”
7 rank and _____
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16 famous Texas case: _____ v. Wade
17 crosstown rival of Permian (2 wds.)
21 position of Astro Jeremy Pena (abbr.)
22 Bugs Bunny foe: Elmer _____
23 San Augustine: “The _____ of Texas”
24 TXism: “at the drop _____”
29 small and weak
30 Houston racer, A.J.
31 _____ Campo, TX
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35 traffic tie-up in Houston or Dallas
36 1947 romance film starring TX Greer Garson (2 wds.)
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38 El _____, TX
39 “Gone With The Wind” plantation
40 TXism: “_____ the Lord and pass the ammunition!”

- 42 fattened rooster
43 cattle auction bid indicator
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45 old west justice: “_____ feathers”
46 TXism: “_____horse town”
47 TX pitching legend: _____ Ryan
49 TXism: “_____ sheared like a spring lamb” (cheated)

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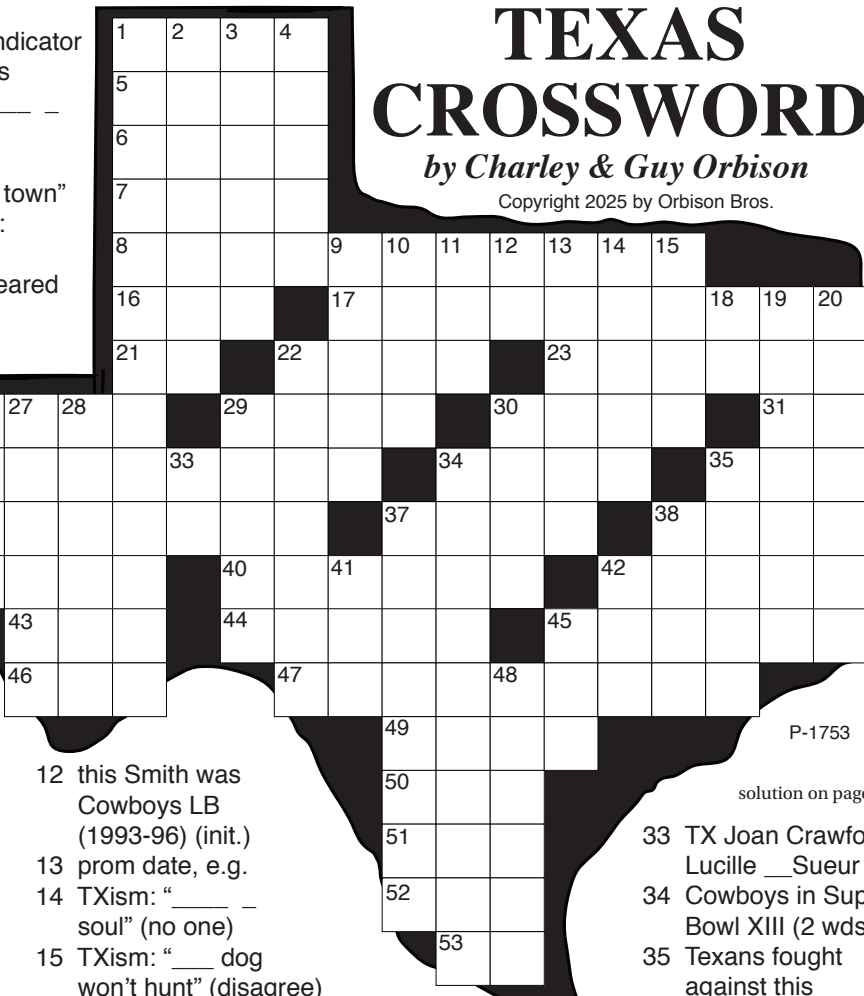
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15 TXism: “_____ dog won’t hunt” (disagree)
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by Charley & Guy Orbison

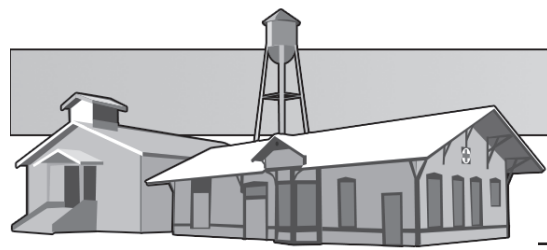
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48 pasta tube or swim toy



TOWN TALK

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Jamaica Friona — St. Teresa's annual Jamaica Festival will be held this Sunday, August 3rd, in the parking lot just east of the church at 401 W. 17th in Friona. The fundraising event will start at 11:00 a.m. and run until 9:30 p.m. and will include live music, games, prizes, and much more! Everyone is invited to stop by and enjoy delicious Mexican and American food which will include Gorditas, Funnel Cake, Bingo, Aguas Frescas, Fajitas, Brisket Burritos, Tripas, and much more. Proceeds from the event will help support the church in its various activities, which includes hosting a Friona High School Senior Banquet each spring.

★★★
Sunday is Watermelon Day — Watermelons are generally considered good for you. They are packed with nutrients and offer various health benefits. They are particularly known for their high water content, which aids in hydration, and are a rich source of lycopene, an antioxidant linked to heart health and cancer risk reduction.

★★★
Our Land – House Budget Chairman Jodey Arrington (TX-19) celebrated the Trump Administration Fish and Wildlife Service's decision to cancel the Land Protection Plan for the Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge, ending the Biden's Administration's land grab that would have expanded the refuge by over 10,000 per-



Shout Out — Friona Junior High Cheerleaders will be selling baked goods at the Cheeseburger Festival & Cook-Off to raise money for the upcoming school year. Have a great year!!!

cent and infringed on the private property rights of West Texans.

★★★
Coast to Coast — Union Pacific announced it will acquire Norfolk Southern in an \$85 billion cash-and-stock deal announced Tuesday, creating the first transcontinental freight railroad operator in U.S. history. The combined company would control over 50,000 route miles and claim a market value above \$250 billion. Executives say the merger will reduce shipping delays, expand routes, and boost U.S. competitiveness.

★★★
Breaking Ground — Governor Abbott announced the start of construction on the new Lubbock Psychiatric Center. The new 108,430 square-foot, 50-bed maximum-security hospital will be located off Peach Avenue

near Highway 84. The hospital is designed with the latest mental healthcare standards in mind to promote recovery and healing. Security measures, such as perimeter fencing, video surveillance, alarms, electronic monitors and additional staff, will help ensure the safety of patients, staff, and the community. Governor Abbott and the 88th Texas Legislature approved \$121 million in funding for the hospital, which is slated for completion in 2027.

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National Days
July 31 — Chili Dog Day
August 1 — Water Ballon Day
August 2 — Disc Golf Day
August 3 — Watermelon Day
August 4 — Chocolate Chip Cookie Day
August 5 — Underwear Day
August 6 — Root Beer Float Day



A huge THANK YOU to all the parents who brought their kids out each day, and an even bigger shoutout to these incredible young athletes who showed up, worked hard, competed, and got better every single day. We're proud of each and every one of you. Keep working, keep growing, and we'll see you on the field soon! — *Friona Coaching Staff*

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— Anthony Leid — NW/4 of Section 20, T10S,
R2E, Parmer County

(7/18/25) Circle C Farms — Franz Dyck, Helen Dyck — SW 1/4 of Section 11, T10S, R2E, Capitol Syndicate Subdivision

(7/21/25) Viva Farms LLC — Ornelas Fidel Ruiz,
Eliesha Shaelene Swartz — 10.01 Acres in Section
34, T9S, R1E, SCL Survey, Abstract 112, Parmer
County

(7/21/25) Ornelas Fidel Ruiz, Eliesha Shaelene Swartz — Viva Farms LLC — 10.01 Acres in Section 34, T9S, R1E, SCL Survey, Abstract 112, Parmer County

(7/21/25) Viva Farms LLC — Yareli Ruiz — 10.01 Acres Section 33 and 34, T9S, R1E, and Section 3 and 4, T16S, R1E, SCL Survey Abstract 112, Farmer

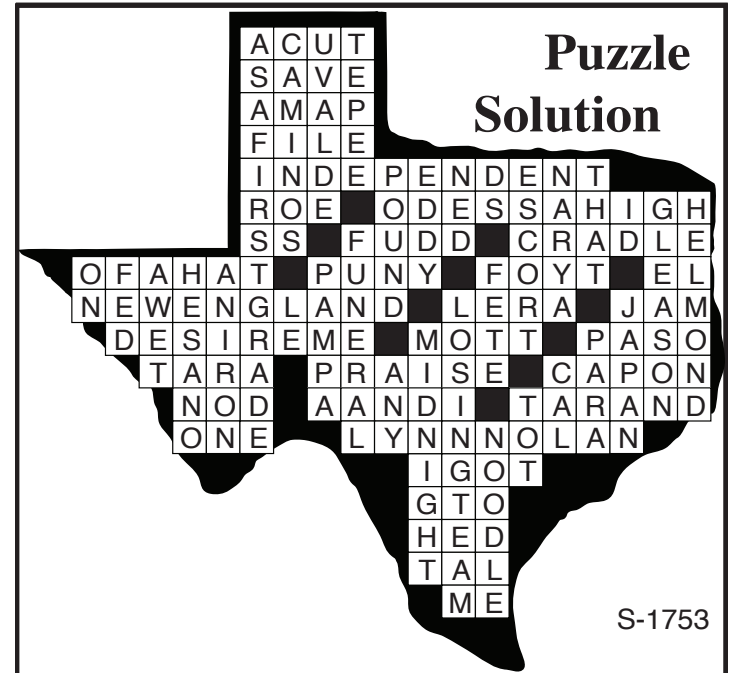


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Small Town Cookin' By Jeri Lynn White

Side Dishes for July

As summer sweeps through the countryside, nothing complements a warm July day like a vibrant, refreshing side dish. Bursting with colors and flavors straight from the garden, this salad brings together crisp cucumbers, juicy tomatoes, and briny olives in a tangy, herb-kissed dressing. Gather your fresh produce and follow these simple steps to create a light, irresistible addition to any small-town table.

Greek Salad

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Ingredients

- 3 Tbsp. red wine vinegar

2 Tbsp. olive oil

2 tsp. confectioner's sugar

Kosher salt and pepper

2 Tbsp. capers, drained and roughly chopped

1 tsp. chopped fresh oregano
- 1 lb. mixed cherry, grape, and Campari tomatoes (halved or cut into wedges)

8 oz. Persian cucumbers, cut into 1/4-in.-thick rounds

1/2 very small red onion, thinly sliced

1/3 cup pitted Kalamata olives, halved

Feta cheese, cut into small cubes, for serving

Directions

In small bowl, whisk together vinegar, oil, sugar, and 1/4 teaspoon each salt and pepper. Stir

in capers and oregano. Arrange tomatoes and cucumbers on a platter and scatter onion and olives on top. Spoon dressing over salad and serve with feta if desired.

Herrera retires from Hi-Pro Feeds

Last Friday, a retirement reception was held in honor of Lazaro Herrera, a long-time Hi-Pro Feeds employee. Fajitas were served in the Friona Training Center and Lazaro was recognized for his work and dedication to the company.

Herrera has worked at Hi-Pro since August of 1979. Upon his retirement, he was the Crew Lead where worked the past 27 years and was involved in every aspect of production including bagging, loading, pelleting, receiving, and mixing.

Co-workers describe Lazaro as always pleasant, the first one to work and the last to leave, dedicated and sincere, passionate about life and work, a true leader, and irreplaceable.

Herrera hung up his vest and hat on Friday to have more time to enjoy his family and friends.

May you be proud of the work you have done, the person you are, and the difference you have made. — *Your friends at Hi-Pro Feeds*



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Kristopher Rios
Aaron Williams

August 3

Connie Johnson
Valerie Brockman
Jason Wells
Rachel Douglas
Sherelle Pruitt
Peggy Stowers
Ida Rocha
Taylor Tongate

August 1

Marla Hart
Kiri Neill
Jessi Lynn Hankins
Drew Montana
Quent Roach
Kami Kerby
Anya Sellers
Ryan Rhoades
Johnna Thompson
Larry Kelley

August 4

Trapper Neill
Rosa Reyes
Quint Ellis
Phillip Zeller
Annabelle Rushing
Samantha Cortez

August 2

Staci Hart
Archer Neill
Chantell (Lewellen) Francis
Pepper Weatherly

August 5

Kirk Frye
Ivy Schueler
Darla Hutchins
Genesis Bautista
Patricia Yanez
Lindsey Bowyer
Tino Salinaz
Zaylin Campos

August 6

Paul Mohr
Kaleb Rainey
Tori Fleming

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

Quiet week for average gas prices

By GasBuddy

Average gasoline prices in Texas rose 1.9 cents last week, averaging \$2.73 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. According to GasBuddy price reports, the lowest price in the state was \$2.22 while the highest was \$3.99 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline rose 0.9 cents last week, averaging \$3.10 per gallon. The national average price of diesel increased 1.6 cents and stands at \$3.71 per gallon.

"It's been another relatively quiet week for average gas prices, with most states seeing modest or slight declines, while a handful of price cycling states experienced the most noticeable fluctuations," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

"Oil prices continue to hover in the mid-to-upper \$60s, and with gasoline demand starting to ease as we head into August, we could see prices gradually decline as we approach Labor Day. That said, this is also the time of year when the tropics begin to stir, so we'll be keeping a close eye on hurricane activity that could disrupt supply and shift the outlook," 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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“Somebody”
? – 2025

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

Sad news came today in the loss of one of our dear brethren. Somebody was a hard worker for the Lord. In fact, Somebody did almost everything. Somebody always checked on Everybody. He visited the widows when Nobody was around. He volunteered down at the hospital to help Everybody. Somebody taught class for most of his life. Nobody remembers a time without Somebody teaching. Everybody once said, “Boy, Somebody should get that done.” Thankfully, somebody showed up to do it. Nobody knows what all Somebody did, but if it didn’t get done, Somebody was to blame. Everybody loved him and was thankful for all the work he did. Nobody found him early one afternoon, because Everybody needed Somebody, but couldn’t find him. He passed away from apparent exhaus-

tion never finding anytime to rest because Nobody did anything to help lighten Somebody’s load. Everybody knew Somebody was getting older, but Nobody even knew when he was born.

We are truly saddened at the loss, but thankfully, Somebody is survived by his son, Somebody Else. Our hope is that Somebody Else will fill the shoes of Somebody so that Nobody will have to step up and Everybody will be happy again. The irony of the whole little tale is most of the stuff Somebody did, Anybody could have done. But then again, you don’t want just Anybody doing the Lord’s work.

“Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn’t do it, sins.” James 4:17 NIV

Inspiration from Acapella’s song, “Everybody Said...”

What Fills Our Empty Spaces?

By Teena Hughs

To be perfectly honest, Sunday was one of those days I didn’t get much from Sunday school or church. We worship at 9:00 a.m. and some mornings it is a real effort to get out of bed and get there. I want to be fed with something that will help me be a better person; something that will leave me thinking and questioning when the service is over; something that touches me and my heart. Sometimes I just want to sit and listen and be fed by someone else who has done all the work.

So, why do I keep going to church?

For one thing, it has been something that has been ingrained in me to do since I was in third grade. I get up on Sunday morning and go to church, that’s just what I do!

Second, I care about people. I need to know how people in our church and community are doing and if there is something we can do for them or pray for them. Since we aren’t especially active in the community, I need fellowship with other people.

Third, I need to let people know the dates and times of activities we have planned.

I hate leaving church feeling like I didn’t get anything from the service; I hate it. I wonder if there is something wrong with me. Is my heart not right? Am I not listening to what God is try-

ing to tell me? Is it my attitude? So, what do I do to make up for what I didn’t get from Sunday school or church?

For me, my Bible reading and studying fills the empty space in my mind and my heart. Thanks to my broken ankle, I have had the time to read and study the Word without rushing through it, and it has been one of the most rewarding things I have ever done for myself.

Up until this summer, I would get really upset with our preacher or whoever was teaching Sunday school if I left feeling empty. Now, I don’t get upset. I don’t criticize the preacher. He’s in his 70s and isn’t going to change his style of preaching or put one more second of effort into our church than he is right now.

The preacher may not change, but I know God is changing me through His Word. I can depend on God to give me something to read daily that will touch me, teach me, that will encourage me to be a better person.

If I didn’t have His Word, I would probably give up going to church, probably quit serving Him and reading and studying His Word, and I would probably give up on Him, and that would be the biggest mistake of my life. Praise God that He has given us His Word that gives us exactly what we need when we need it!!!

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Texas Ramp Project installs 4th Ramp in Friona

Last Saturday, Virginia Gamble was the latest recipient of a free entrance/exit ramp courtesy of the Texas Ramp Project and the Friona Noon Lions Club. The Project’s mission is to build ramps for elderly or disabled individuals to allow them to enter and exit their home safely and independently. Six ramp builders were on hand including volunteers from Amarillo and Canyon, as well as Lions Club members. In the photo — (l-r) Volunteer from Canyon, Henry Wyckoff, project supervisor from Amarillo Downtown Lions Club, Gavin Rejino, Virginia Gamble, Ruben Rejino, and Clint Mears.



Parmer County is in solid financial condition

Parmer County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, July 28th, 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. John Merriss, from Doshier, Pickens & Francis, LLC, presented the 2024 Parmer County Audit Report to the Court. The county is in

solid financial condition and currently has a 22-month reserve. In comparison, a 10-12 month reserve is considered “good” and most counties have an “average” reserve of 5-6 months. One of the priorities of the Court is to keep tax rates as low as possible and operating in the black is a key component of that goal. Jerry Killion presented a report outlining the county’s medical insurance costs. Premiums

are set to increase 3.2 percent in 2026 for Parmer County. Most of the other counties in the area will see rates increase around 7 percent. Approximately 40 percent of county employees are taking advantage of the preventative services that healthcare companies provide. To help keep future rate increases low, Commissioners are working on ways to increase the participation rate of its employees.

Commissioners approved the Time Clock Plus contract which will start with a 3-month trial period. There will be two manual time clocks. One will be located in the Courthouse and the other in the Law Enforcement Center. There will also be phone apps so employees change check in and check out remotely. It is a 5-year contract in order to lock in the costs, but Commissioners must approve it every year.

The Sheriff’s Office reported that the Law Enforcement Center was currently housing 27 inmates which included 12 from Lamb County. An Intergovernmental Agreement between Parmer County and Dawson County which specifies an \$85/day rate for housing inmates was approved. The same agreement for Cochran County was tabled until the next meeting.

Commissioners approved the hiring of Maria Hernandez as a part-time assistant in the Judge’s office. Maria has worked in the Adult Probation Office in the past.

County Treasurer Sharon May presented the 2nd Quarter Financial Report. This report is shown to the right on this page. In other business, Commissioners discussed the allocation of unclaimed capital credit funds.

Minutes of the July 14th regular meeting were reviewed and approved. Commissioners also approved the payment of accounts payables and the payroll report as presented by County Treasurer Sharon May.

The next Commissioner’s meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 11th. All meetings are open to the public. Information in this article is only a summary.

Parmer County Treasurer’s Report

REPORT OF Sharon A. May County Treasurer of PARMER County, Texas, of Receipts and Expenditures from April 01, to June 30, 2025 Inclusive:

JURY FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2025.....	\$218,441.49
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	\$2,934.36
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	\$3,775.66
June 30, 2025 Balance.....	\$217,600.19
GENERAL FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2025.....	\$7,329,105.36
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	\$381,694.24
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	\$123,926.15
June 30, 2025 Balance.....	\$6,478,873.45
FARM TO MARKET FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2025.....	\$2,370,182.35
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	\$278,847.93
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	\$606,604.77
June 30, 2025 Balance.....	\$2,042,425.51
CONTINGENCY FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2025.....	\$504,566.41
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	\$12,252.29
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	\$0.00
June 30, 2025 Balance.....	\$516,818.70
PARMER COUNTY FORFEITURE FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2025.....	\$11,308.09
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	\$85.43
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	\$2,887.00
June 30, 2025 Balance.....	\$8,506.52
PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2025.....	\$544,308.02
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	\$6,739.04
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	\$1,577.00
June 30, 2025 Balance.....	\$549,470.06
REVENUE FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2025.....	\$160,208.12
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	\$33,028.67
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	\$4,143.01
June 30, 2025 Balance.....	\$189,093.78
JUVENILE PROBATION FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2025.....	\$5,507.55
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	\$46.70
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	\$0.00
June 30, 2025 Balance.....	\$5,554.25
COUNTY ATTORNEY - CHECK COLLECTION FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2025.....	\$2,520.01
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	\$21.38
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	\$0
June 30, 2025 Balance.....	\$2,541.39
DISTRICT ATTORNEY CHECK COLLECTION - 287TH FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2025.....	\$11,204.39
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	\$727.48
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	\$4,160.00
June 30, 2025 Balance.....	\$7,771.87
DISTRICT ATTORNEY FORFEITURE FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2025.....	\$21,633.82
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	\$183.47
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	\$0.00
June 30, 2025 Balance.....	\$21,817.29
COUNTY ATTORNEY FORFEITURE FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2025.....	\$1,594.73
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	\$13.53
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	\$0.00
June 30, 2025 Balance.....	\$1,608.26
INTEREST & SINKING FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2025.....	\$104,472.94
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	\$1,088.00
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	\$0.00
June 30, 2025 Balance.....	\$105,560.94
LATERAL FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2025.....	\$0.00
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	\$0.00
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	\$0.00
June 30, 2025 Balance.....	\$0.00
PARMER COUNTY ATTORNEY PRETRIAL DIVERSION FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2025.....	\$3,555.77
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	\$1,035.64
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	\$1,983.68
June 30, 2025 Balance.....	\$2,607.73
PARMER COUNTY AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT 2021 FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2025.....	\$254,556.86
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	\$2,100.21
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	\$18,109.95
June 30, 2025 Balance.....	\$238,547.12
RECAPITULATION	
Jury Fund.....	\$217,600.19
General Fund	\$6,478,873.45
Farm To Market Fund.....	\$2,042,425.51
Contingency Fund.....	\$516,818.70
Parmer County Forfeiture Fund	\$8,506.52
Permanent Improvement Fund	\$549,470.06
Revenue Fund	\$189,093.78
Juvenile Probation Fund	\$5,554.25
County Attorney - Check Collection Fund	\$2,541.39
District Atty Check Collection - 287th Fund.....	\$7,771.87
District Attorney Forfeiture Fund	\$21,817.29
County Attorney Forfeiture Fund	\$1,608.26
Interest & Sinking Fund	\$105,560.94
Lateral Fund	\$0.00
Parmer County Arpa.....	\$238,547.12
Parmer County Attorney Pretrial Diversion	\$2,607.73
Total	\$10,388,797.06

LIST OF BONDS AND OTHER SECURITIES ON HAND
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TREASURER’S REPORT
PARMER COUNTY, TEXAS THE STATE OF TEXAS
Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Sharon A. May, County Treasurer of Parmer County, who by me duly sworn, upon oath, says that the within and foregoing report is true and correct.

Sharon A. May
County Treasurer
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 28th Day of July, 2025.
Isabel Carrasco
County Judge - Parmer County, Texas
Examined and approved in open Commissioners’ Court this 28th Day of July, 2025

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10	11 *Prim/Elem Meet The Teacher 3:00-4:30PM *JH Open House 5:00 -V. Volleyball @ Holy Cross/Ft. Elliot	12 -HS Volleyball vs. Frenship Memorial	13 	14 Meet The Chieftains & Squaws 7pm @Chieftain Field	15 -V. Volleyball @ Shallowater Tourney -C/JV @ Trinity Tourney -HS Football Sundown Scrimmage @ Friona	16 -V. Volleyball @ Shallowater Tourney -C/JV @ Trinity Tourney
17	18	19 -HS Volleyball @Shallowater	20	21 -HS Volleyball @ Littlefield Tourney -HS Football Scrimmage @Bovina	22 -HS Volleyball @ Littlefield Tourney	23 -Cross Country @ Canyon -HS Volleyball @ Littlefield Tourney
24 /31	25 -JH Volleyball vs. Dimmitt	26 -JV/V Volleyball vs. San Jacinto -C Volleyball vs Levelland	27	28 -JV Volleyball vs Clovis -V. Volleyball @ Denver City Tourney -JV Football @Slaton	29 -V. Football vs Slaton	30 -V. Volleyball @ Denver City Tourney

Cheeseburger Festival & Cookoff Highlights





SHERIFF’S REPORT

Reported by the Parmer County Sheriff’s Office
June 16, 2025 through July 27, 2025
Eric Geske, Sheriff

(6/16/25) Maria Ester Juarez, 43, of Amarillo was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of Driving While Intoxicated w/Child Under 15 YOA.

(6/17/25) Sergio Meza, 29, of Friona was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff’s Office on a charge of Disorderly Conduct.

(6/19/25) Oscar Armando Velasquez-Portillo, 28 of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff’s Office on a charge of Possession Marijuana < 2 OZ.

(6/19/25) Monica Lynn Garcia, 46, 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 < 4G.

(6/21/25) Ismael Garcia, 64, of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of Collision Involving Damage To Vehicle ≥ \$200.

(6/22/25) Jesus Miguel Maldonado, 35, of Hereford was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff’s Office on a Deaf Smith County Warrant/Other on a charge of Assault Family/House Member Impeding Breathing/Circulation.

(6/22/25) Fernando Martinez, 25, of Bovina was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff’s Office on a Curry County, New Mexico Bench Warrant on a charge of Fugitive From Justice.

(6/23/25) Mario Aguilar, 28, of Friona was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff’s Office on a Parmer County Warrant/VOP/MTR on a charge of Evading Arrest Detention w/Vehicle.

(4/20/25) Elizabeth Paige Fain, 32, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff’s Office on a Parmer County Warrant/VOP/MTR on a charge of Burglary of Coin Operated Collection Machine.

(6/23/25) Phillip Dean Saiz, 36, of Friona was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff’s Office on a Randall County Warrant/VOP/MTR on a charge of Driving While Intoxicated 3rd of More.

(6/28/25) Alberto Anchondo, 57, of Seminole was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff’s Office on a charge of Aggravated Assault w/ Deadly Weapon.

(7/6/25) Anthony Isaac Santos, 17, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Friona Police Department on charges of Unlawful Carrying Weapon and Possession CS PG 3 < 28G.

(7/6/25) Dominick Angel Sena, 19, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Friona Police Department on charges of Unlawful Carrying Weapon and Possession CS PG 3 < 28G.

(7/7/25) Elijah Trevizo, 17, of Hereford was arrested by the Friona Police Department on charges of Unlawful Carrying Weapon and Possession CS PG 3 < 28G.

(7/8/25) Moises Olivas, 24, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff’s Office on a charge of Possession Marijuana < 2OZ.

(7/9/25) Stephanie Renee Hernandez, 40, of Satanta, Kansas was arrested by the Parmer County

Sheriff’s Office on Parmer County Warrants on charges of Possession CS PG 1 ≥ 4G < 200G and Burglary of Building.

(7/9/25) Eric Dominic Lewis, 27, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff’s Office on a charge of Possession Marijuana < 2OZ.

(7/11/25) Natalia Diaz, 21 of Palmhurst was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff’s Office on a charge of Harboring Runaway Child.

(7/11/25) Manuel De Jesus Sanchez, 25, of Bovina was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff’s Office on charges of Driving While Intoxicated 2nd and Possession Marijuana < 2OZ.

(7/14/25) Tyrese Tyrell McClen-don-Dawson, 25, of Portales, New Mexico was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on a charge of Possession Marijuana < 2OZ.

(7/16/25) Pedro De La Cruz Juarez, 25, of Muleshoe was arrested by the Bovina Police Department on a charge of Reckless Driving.

(7/18/25) Albert Angel Roy, 21, of Texico, New Mexico was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff’s Office on a Parmer County Warrant/Other on a charge of Theft Property ≥ \$100 < \$750.

(7/19/25) Efrain Rocha, 35 of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police on a charge of Disorderly Conduct Discharge/Display Firearm.

(7/21/25) Benjamin Alvarez Castillo, 45, of Dimmitt was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff’s Office on a Parmer County Warrant/VOP/MTR on a charge of Forgery Financial Instrument.

(7/21/25) Israel Ian Xavier Ramos, 24, of Amarillo was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on a charge of Possession Marijuana ≤ 5LBS > 4OZ.

(7/23/25) Gary Kenneth Francis, 32, of Lubbock was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff’s Office on a Parmer County Warrant/VOP/MTR on a charge of Driving w/License Invalid w/Prev Conv/Susp/w/o Fin Res.

(7/24/25) Zackarius Leonardo Garcia, 19, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff’s Office on a charge of Possession Marijuana < 2OZ.

(7/24/25) Sedric Christian Mirelez, 21, of Dimmitt was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff’s Office on a charge of Possession Marijuana < 2 OZ.

(7/24/25) Joshua Robert Pedroza, 34, of Littlefield was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff’s Office on an Austin County Blue Warrant on a charge of Dangerous Drugs.

(7/25/25) Bianca Stefani Barela, 36, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff’s Office on a charge of Possession CS PG 1 ≥ 1G < 4G.

(7/25/25) Matthew Ryan Roberts, 34, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff’s Office on Parmer County Warrants on charges of Possession CS PG 1 ≥ 4G < 200G and Unlawful Possession Firearm By Felon.



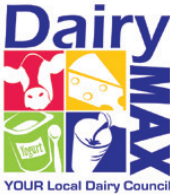


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