

69th Annual

Maize Days

Schedule of Events

Friday, September 19

2:30 pm

Friona High School Pep Rally

@ Friona High School

6:00 pm

Friona High School

Homecoming Ceremony

@Chieftain Field

7:00 pm

Friona Chieftains vs. Dalhart

@Chieftain Field

Saturday, September 20

10:00 am

Start of Maize Days Parade

@ 10th and Main St.

11:00 am

Maize Days Bed Race & Festival

@ Friona City Park

5:00 pm

Friona's All-School Reunion

@Clarence Monroe

Community Center

EXTRA! EXTRA

Amaya Mendez crowned Little Miss Friona

Kyleigh Stephens crowned Miss Friona



2025 Little Miss Friona Court — (l-r) 1st Runner-Up Allison Ruiz, Little Miss Friona Amaya Mendez, 2nd Runner-Up Adalyn Carrasco.



2025 Miss Friona Court — (l-r) 2nd Runner-Up Emily Ibarra, 3rd Runner-Up Karen Morales, Miss Friona Kyleigh Stephens, and 1st Runner-Up Stevie Herring.

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Community Calendar

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

September 18

- Community Noon Meal @ Friendship House

September 19

- Pep Rally at 2:30 p.m. @ FHS Activities Center
- Homecoming Football Game @ Chieftain Field with pre-game starting at 6 p.m.

September 20

- Maize Days Parade @ Main Street at 10 a.m.
- Bed Race & Festival at 11 a.m.
- All-School Reunion at 5 p.m. @ Clarence Monroe Community Center

September 22

- Community Noon Meal @ Friendship House

September 24

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

September 25

- Community Noon Meal @ Friendship House

ON YOUR PAYROLL



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State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



Abbott limits THC products to those 21 and older

After two special sessions ended without lawmakers agreeing on how to regulate the state’s THC market, Gov. Greg Abbott issued an executive order restricting the use of products infused with the psychoactive cannabis compound to adults age 21 and older, The Dallas Morning News reported.

The order goes into effect immediately and comes after Abbott vetoed an outright ban on THC products passed during the regular session.

“Absent the kinds of regulations that apply to other psychoactive substances that may safely be enjoyed by adults like alcohol and tobacco, minors have been allowed to purchase these products without any safeguards,” Abbott said in his order. “The Legislature did not pass any legislation concerning consumable hemp products, not even a ban for minors, leaving in place the status quo.”

Texas outlawed THC vapes effective Sept. 1, but other products such as snacks, gummies and drinks are still legally available for anyone 21 and older. Since hemp products became legal in 2019, more than 8,000 retailers across the state are selling them.

Talarico launches U.S. Senate campaign

State Rep. James Talarico, D-Round Rock, announced last week that he is entering the Democratic primary next March for U.S. Senate. The San Antonio Express-News reported Talarico hopes a new face and approach will give Democrats a chance to garner their first statewide win in more than three decades.

Talarico faces Collin Allred, the former Dallas congressman who unsuccessfully challenged U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz in 2024, and former NASA astronaut Terry Verts in the Democratic primary. Others could enter that race as well.

Incumbent GOP Sen. John Cornyn is facing a stiff challenge on the Republican side from Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton.

“There’s a moment here where I think people are ready for something very different,” Talarico said. “It’s been 10 years of Trumpian politics, politics as blood sport, politics as professional wrestling. And I think people are tired of it.”

Texas troopers take in millions in overtime pay

State troopers dispatched to the border under Operation Lone Star are taking in millions of dollars in overtime pay, even as border crossings have dropped to record lows, the Houston Chronicle reported. Data obtained by Hearst Newspapers indicates that the Department of Public Safety is on track to spend about \$77 million on overtime this year, surpassing what it spent in 2023 when crossings peaked and thousands of migrants were arrested.

As of June, approximately 1 in 10 troopers were on track to double their annual salaries through overtime. Operation Lone Star now accounts for a third of DPS’ total overtime spending.

DPS officials say their focus is shifting from policing the Rio Grande to arresting drug smugglers and human traffickers across the state and assisting ICE in finding immigrants with outstanding warrants.

“It is true, you no longer see troopers simply stationed along the riverbanks — that is not where they are needed at this time,” said Ericka Miller, a DPS spokeswoman. “Troopers, special agents, Texas Rangers and others are working at various locations — some many miles from the physical border — to apprehend criminals and criminal illegal immigrants and crack down on crime connected to the border including drug cases, human smuggling, human trafficking, weapons trafficking, stash houses and more.”

Cost of owning a home in Texas on the rise

Despite lawmakers’ efforts to dramatically reduce property taxes, the cost of owning a home in Texas grew in 2024, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The Texas Tribune reported other home ownership costs, such as insurance and utilities, have eaten into money saved on property taxes. The median Texas homeowner last year paid \$1,452 in monthly costs – up 2.7% from 2023.

Texas homeowners’ monthly costs last year were about 7% higher than in 2019, and the typical Texas homeowner with a mortgage spent 22.2% of their income on home costs.

Texas renters are seeing some relief after several years of steep rent hikes. The median Texas rent rose 1.4% in 2024, a slower pace than the previous two years.

Permian Basin counties drive U.S. oil growth

Eight Texas counties within the Permian Basin accounted for 93% of the nation’s oil output growth over the past four years, the Chronicle reported. That production growth comes even as employment numbers have stagnated or dropped.

“We are, through mid-year 2025, producing record volumes of crude oil and natural gas in Texas, with fully 1/3 fewer direct upstream oil and gas employees in Texas compared to the industry peak in 2014,” said Karr Ingham, president of the Alliance of Texas Energy Producers. “That is an otherworldly achievement in terms of efficiency and productivity growth, and in many respects releases those resources to other endeavors.”

When oil production from two New Mexico counties included in the Permian Basin are added, the 10 counties account for almost 40% of the country’s total crude oil and lease condensate output.

Flea-borne typhus making comeback in Texas

Typhus is making a comeback in Texas, carried by fleas despite having almost been eradicated in previous decades, the Texas Standard reported.

The state has reported the most flea-borne typhus cases in the nation, with more than 6,700 cases recorded from 2008-2023. About 70% of patients were hospitalized, and 14 deaths attributed to typhus.

One of the reasons for the increase in typhus cases is climate change, with warmer conditions allowing fleas to reproduce faster and spread the typhus bacteria. Symptoms include fever, headache, rash and cough, and in rare cases more serious illnesses if left untreated. Typhus is successfully treated with antibiotics.

State health officials emphasize pet flea control, yard cleanup (removing brush and outdoor food sources that attract rodents and opossums), and promptly seeking care for unexplained fever — especially after flea bites or exposure to pets and wildlife.

Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches, Lufkin and Cedar Park. Email: [gborders@texaspress.com](#).

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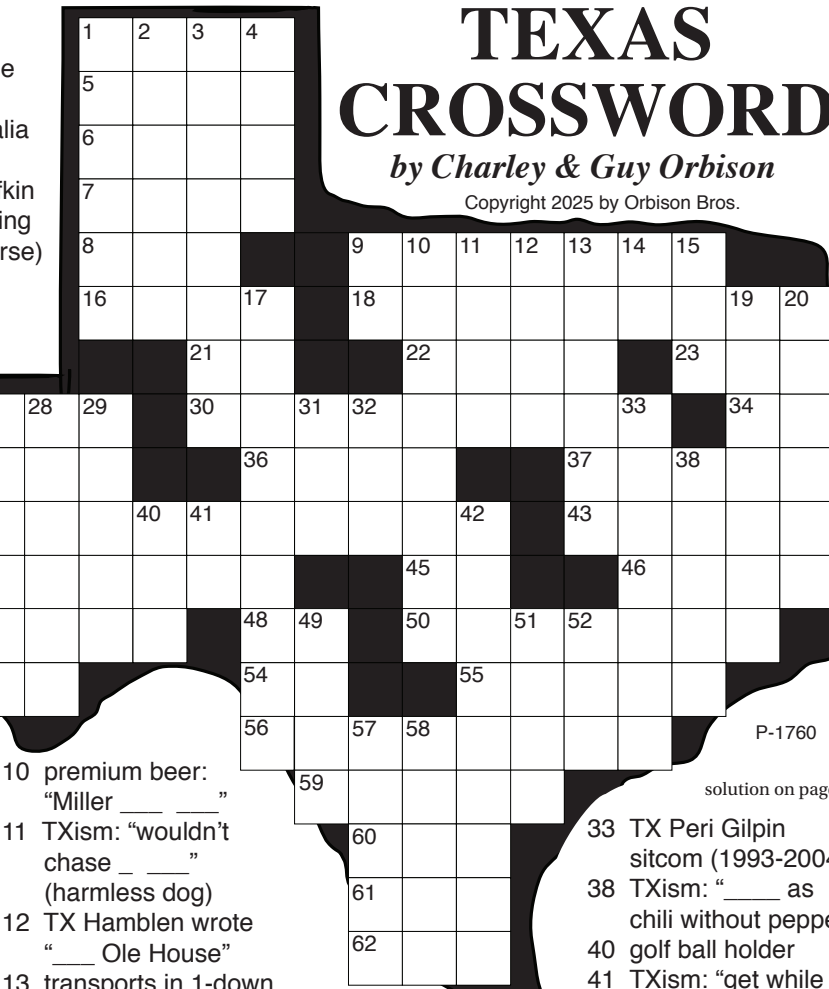
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- 5 TXism: “ ____ down” (dance)
- 6 baby deer
- 7 TXism: “fast as ____ up a rafter”
- 8 musical style that’s definitely not C&W
- 9 TXism for gadget: “ ____ macallit”
- 16 Wynonna tune: “ ____ the Light”
- 18 Houston surgeon who pioneered the pacemaker: Dr. ____ Bakey
- 21 ex-Maverick coach, Aduabato (init.)
- 22 Dallas Cowboy cheerleaders can’t ____ weight
- 23 TXism: “take sick”
- 24 open the jug
- 30 Texas State Council of the “ ____ Columbus”
- 34 1st female mayor of El Paso, Azar (init.)
- 35 relieve pressure on the belt
- 36 TXism: “ ____ his hide to the barn door”
- 37 this Randall heads the Texas Ethics Commission
- 39 in 1991, Cowboys tried to draft this Raghieb (2 wds.)
- 43 eaten before steak
- 44 Austin has ____ building in Texas

- 45 Santa __, TX
- 46 TXism: “back talk”
- 47 “legal eagle” hourly fee
- 48 TX Clark who was ambassador to Australia
- 50 look over carefully
- 53 dir. from Center to Lufkin
- 54 TXism: “don’t ____ nothing but burn hay” (bad horse)
- 55 TXism: “ ____ that like a duck needs an umbrella”

- 56 Texas-made “The Thief Who Came ____”
- 59 marriage symbols
- 60 TXism: “I’ve ____ half a mind to”
- 61 “one” south of the border
- 62 Astro or Ranger pitcher warm up area: bull ____

DOWN

- 1 river race: “Texas Water ____”
- 2 TX Evelyn Keyes autobiography: “Scarlett ____ Younger Sister”
- 3 in Wichita County on U.S. 287 (2 wds.)
- 4 Easter fasting period
- 9 actor Matthau of film “JFK” (init.)



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- 10 premium beer: “Miller ____”
- 11 TXism: “wouldn’t chase ____”
- 12 TX Hamblen wrote “ ____ Ole House”
- 13 transports in 1-down
- 14 TXism: “ ____ two-steps to his own beat”
- 15 pie ____ mode
- 17 Jimmie’s defensive coordinator, Dave
- 19 malady
- 20 exotic antelopes raised in Texas
- 24 product safety co.
- 25 TXism: “couldn’t find hide ____ hair of it”
- 26 TXism: “old ____” (old man)
- 27 TX Benton got these for Kramer film
- 28 Texas town that is a backwards “Walker”
- 29 stooped to pray
- 31 TX Lyle Lovett’s “Here ____”
- 32 actress Scala
- 33 TX Peri Gilpin sitcom (1993-2004)
- 38 TXism: “ ____ as chili without pepper”
- 40 golf ball holder
- 41 TXism: “get while the gettin’ ____ good”
- 42 in Lee County on highway 77
- 49 entrance
- 51 TX Richards & Miller
- 52 Lamesa pronunciation: “luh- ____-suh”
- 57 “ ____ ____ some dirt” (get some gossip)
- 58 ace for TX Bryson: hole ____ ____



SHERIFF'S REPORT

Reported by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office
July 28, 2025 through September 7, 2025
Eric Geske, Sheriff

(7/28/25) Edgar Carrasco, 37, of Hereford was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of Driving While Intoxicated.

(7/28/25) Alejandro Angel Rocha, 25, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Possession Marijuana < 2oz.

(7/28/25) Joel William Harrison Rodriguez, 28, of Clovis New Mexico was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Possession Marijuana < 2oz.

(7/28/25) Jose Ruiz-Garcia, 33, of Hereford was arrested by the Friona Police Department on charges of Driving While Intoxicated BAC ≥ 0.15 and Collision Involving Damage to Vehicle ≥ \$200.

(7/29/25) Iselia Janelle Ramos, 25, of Amarillo was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on charges of Possession Marijuana < 2oz. And Possession CS PG 2 ≥ 4G < 400G.

(7/29/25) Israel Ian Xavier Ramos, 24, of Amarillo was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on charges of Tamper/Fabricate Physical Evidence w/Intent to Impair, Possession Marijuana < 2oz., and Resisting Arrest, Search, or Transport.

(8/5/25) Clint Extor Deaton, 54, of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of Driving w/License Invalid w/Previous Conv/Susp w/o Financial Restitution.

(8/5/25) Kevin Joel Flores, 20, of Lubbock was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a Gaines County Warrant on a charge of Assault Causes Bodily Injury.

(8/6/25) Larry Keith Fitzgerald, 60, of Portales, New Mexico was arrested on a Parmer County Indictment for Theft Property ≥ \$2,500 < \$30K.

(8/9/25) Casimiro Quixan-Castro, 35, of Friona was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on a Parmer County Warrant for Driving w/License Invalid w/Previous Conv/Susp w/o Financial Restitution and on a charge of No DL-Instantner.

(8/11/25) Isidro Benjamin Galvan, 45, of Farwell was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Criminal Trespass.

(8/12/25) Ever Andrade-Estrada, 45, of Friona was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a Parmer County Warrant for Terroristic Threat Cause Fear of Imminent SBI.

(8/12/25) Julian Lee Martinez, 54, of Friona was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a Moore County Warrant for Obstructing Highway Passageway.

(8/19/25) Joaquin Marin Jr, 40, of Bovina was arrested by the Bovina Police Department on a Deaf Smith County AG Warrant-Child Support on a charge of Criminal Nonsupport and on a Deaf Smith County Warrant/VOP/MTR on a charge of Bail Jumping and Fail To Appear.

(8/20/25) Quentin Jawara McAfee, 35, of Houston was arrested by the Bovina Police Department on a Washington County Indictment for Fraud Use/Poss Identifying Info # of Item <5.

(8/21/25) Shadrak Masumbuko, 32, of Amarillo was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a Potter County Warrant for Driving While Intoxicated BAC ≥ 0.15.

(8/23/25) Shannen Heath Casey, 52, of Dalhart was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a Potter County Bench (In-State) Warrant for Assault Fam/House Member Impede Breath/Circulation.

(8/24/25) Trigal Natalie Rodriguez, 38, of Riverside, California was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Driving While Intoxicated 2nd.

(8/24/25) Oscar Omar Tirado Jimenez, 37, of Bovina was arrested by the Bovina Police Department on a charge of Assault Causes Bodily Injury Family Member.

(8/25/25) Tyler Daniel Hennessy, 29, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Possession Marijuana < 2oz.

(8/27/25) Pedro De La Cruz Juarez, 25, of Muleshoe was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Reckless Driving.

(8/28/25) Elijah James Garcia, 17, of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of Terroristic Threat IMP Public Service/Public Fear SBI/Influ GV.

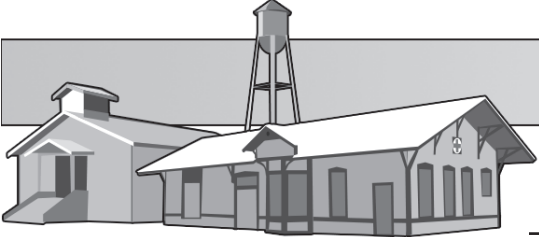
(8/28/25) Justin Isaac Reveles, 17, of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of Terroristic Threat IMP Public Service/Public Fear SBI/Influ GV.

(8/30/25) Alfredo Timmie Alonzo, 64, of Bovina was arrested by the Bovina Police Department on a charge of Public Intoxication.

(9/3/25) Timmy Turner, 20, of Hereford was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Possession CS PG 1 < 1G and on two charges of Public Intoxication.

(9/5/25) Alberto Anchondo, 57, of Seminole, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Driving While Intoxicated.

(9/6/25) Damian Isreal Rodriguez, 27, of Quanah was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Driving While Intoxicated BAC ≥ 0.15.



TOWN TALK

Local, State, National & International News

All-School Reunion — Approximately 160 people have registered for the upcoming All-School Reunion on Saturday, September 20th. Go to www.cityoffriona.com for more information & tickets. You can also purchase tickets at the door. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and the meal is at 6:00 p.m.

★★★
Education News — The Texas State Board of Education (SBOE) voted 8-7 last week to approve a new K-8 social studies sequence that emphasizes U.S. and Texas history over world history. It also favors a chronological approach rather than a topical one. *The Texas Flyover*

★★★
Stray Dogs — A pack of stray dogs is prowling around a Godley subdivision in Johnson County, and officials say they can't do anything about it. Alarmed residents have shared videos showing up to 40 dogs at a time roaming the neighborhood. The dogs are believed to have been abandoned. Last night's city council agenda called for discussion on a proposal to increase penalties for dumping animals. Neither the city nor the county has an animal shelter. "There is not a solution at this time," said Precinct 1 Commissioner Rick Bailey. *The Texas Flyover*

★★★
DPS Trooper Dies in



Attend Conference — Friona City Manager Lee Davila, along with Friona Police Officers Nathan Rodriguez and Fernando Saldierna, attended the 2025 LESAT Conference sponsored by the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault (TAASA). The conference provided training and resources focused on law enforcement strategies, victim advocacy, and community safety initiatives. Their participation reflects the City of Friona's commitment to professional development and strengthening partnerships that enhance public safety.

Car Crash — Trooper Jerry Wayne Adamick Jr., 44, was driving on FM 945 South, responding to assist law enforcement partners with an emergency call around 9:15 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 15, when his vehicle went off the side of the road, struck a tree and caught fire. Trooper Adamick died at the scene. The crash remains under investigation. Trooper Adamick served with the United States Army for more than two decades and completed several tours overseas. After leaving the Army, he joined DPS and was a member of

Class A-2024. His family says being a Trooper was his dream. Trooper Jerry Wayne Adamick is the 242nd DPS Officer to die in the line of duty since 1823. *Texas Department of Public Safety*

★★★
The Clock is Ticking — U.S. and Chinese negotiators said Monday they've reached a framework to shift TikTok into

U.S.-controlled ownership, with final terms set to be discussed Friday in a call between President Trump and Chinese President Xi. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said the deal, pushed by a looming Sept. 17 deadline, would protect U.S. security concerns while preserving cultural elements China wants to keep. *The Flyover*

National Days

September 18 — Cheeseburger Day
September 19 — Talk Like A Pirate Day
September 20 — Fried Rice Day
September 21 — Cleanup Day
September 22 — Ice Cream Cone Day
September 23 — Checkers Day
September 24 — Punctuation Day



COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from September 4, 2025 to September 11, 2025

(9/5/25) Refuge Revival LLC — Jay Robert Curless III — Lots 4, 5, and 6, Block 37, Original Town of Farwell, Texas

(9/8/25) Viva Farms LLC — Glenn K. Meeks, Lacey D. Meeks — 10.01 Acre Tract in Section 33, and Section 34, T9S, R1E, SCL Survey, Abstract 112, Parmer County; More Tracts on Document

(9/9/25) Kendrick Oil Company — Lone Star Refrigeration LLC — 0.576 Acre Lot 1, Block 10, of Second Installment to Staley Addition No. 3, Friona, Texas, Parmer County

'Tis the View

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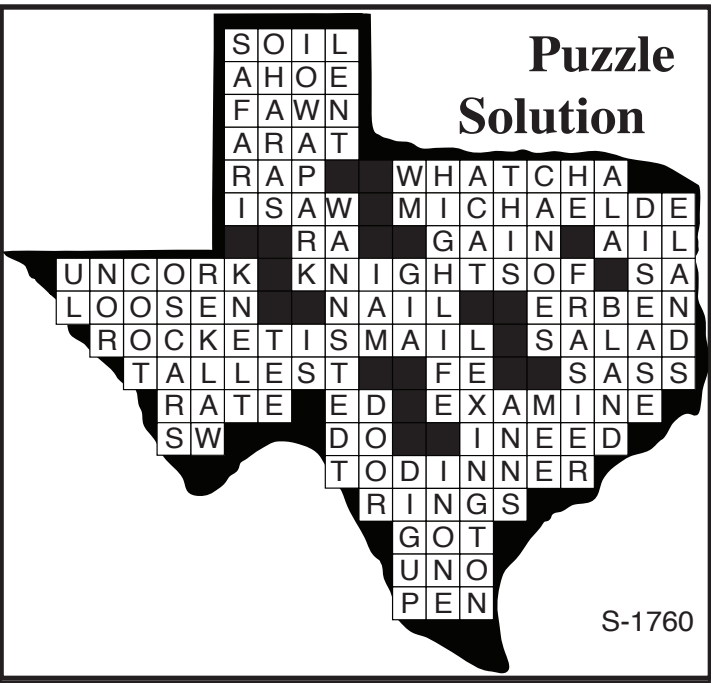
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4 strips of bacon (about 3 oz.)

1/2 yellow onion, chopped

2 cloves garlic, chopped

1 lb. ground sirloin

1 (10.75-oz.) can cream of mushroom soup

3/4 cup milk
- 1/2 tsp. salt

3/4 tsp. ground black pepper, divided

3 cups baby spinach, roughly chopped

1 cup frozen corn

8 oz. shredded cheddar or Colby jack cheese

1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese

Chopped chives or scallions, for topping

Directions

Preheat the oven to 375°F. Remove the tater tots from the freezer to let them thaw slightly while you prepare the filling. Heat a large cast-iron skillet over medium heat. Add the bacon and cook until golden brown and extra crispy, 6 to 8 minutes. Remove to a paper towel-lined

plate, leaving the grease in the skillet. Add the onion to the skillet with grease and cook until slightly softened, about 4 minutes. Add the garlic and cook for 1 minute more. Add the ground beef and cook, breaking it into small pieces with a wooden spoon, until no pink pieces remain,

6 to 8 minutes. Drain off excess fat, if you like. Remove the skillet from the heat. Stir in the soup, milk, salt, and ½ teaspoon black pepper; mix until smooth. Fold in the spinach to wilt slightly. Stir in the corn. Sprinkle the cheddar cheese evenly over the top of the casserole. Place the tater

tots on top in a single layer, arranging them in concentric circles (or just toss them on and push them very close together). Sprinkle the top with the parmesan cheese and the additional 1/4 teaspoon of black pepper. Bake until the tater tots are golden, 30 to 35 minutes. Remove from the oven and crumble the cooked bacon over top. Let it rest for 5 minutes. Top with chopped chives or scallions and serve.

Texas gas prices up slightly

By GasBuddy

Average gasoline prices in Texas rose 5.2 cents last week, averaging \$2.77, according to GasBuddy's survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. The lowest price in the state was \$2.34 while the highest was \$4.04 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline fell 3.6 cents last week, averaging \$3.12 per gallon. The national average price of diesel has decreased 2.6 cents compared to a week ago and stands at \$3.65 per gallon.

"While gas prices fell in more states than they rose last week, the West Coast continues to face challenges, with Oregon and Washington seeing some of the largest increases due to regional infrastructure issues," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

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

Happy 50th Anniversary!!! Jeff & Susan (Martin) Harkey



Jeff & Susan were married on September 20, 1975



Family Celebration — Front Row (l-r) Jeff, Reid, and Susan. Middle Row (l-r) Cliff, Jana, Logan, Jay & Hisae. Back Row (l-r) Ryan, Colin, and Ethan.

Happy Birthday



September 18

- Dale Hart

Annette Frye

Hollis Horton

Jaleigh Hopkins

Breanna Villanueva

Nathan King

Tyler Jameson

Wendy Carthel

Rachel Burkart
- September 19

Noah Romero

Harper Haile

Gabriel Keen

Phillip Saiz

Robin Ott

Misty Chesher

Adrienne (Osborn) Vazquez

Milli (Dixon) Watson

Shonda Bentley

September 20

- Chris Alexander

Quay Schueler

Landon Martin

Jessie London

Chance Hutson

Bertha Mendoza

Magean Garner

Hannah Alger

Emma Rector

JoAnn Padilla

Génesis Aguirre

September 21

- Randy McCasland

Gail Sifford

Nathan Moroney

Caroline Estrada

Glen Shirley

Kevin Reeves

Zenka Ortiz

Abel Portillo

September 22

- Casey Renner

Paige Baker

Aimee Houston

Garrett Tongate

Carly Talley

Heather Turner

September 23

- Hector Sanchez

Marisol Posada

Lino Contreras

September 24

- Marie Saiz

Mitch Terry

Shirley Ferguson

Leigh Monroe

Jon Douglas

Danny Murphree

Barry Procter

Cordlyn Bynum

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

Thank You

We would like to thank the whole community for all the prayers, thoughts, words of support, food, flowers, phone calls, and other blessings. The loss of both of our husbands and Glenna's dad, in such a short time, was a real trial, but God's grace is sufficient to meet our needs. Having community support was such a blessing.

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A Time to...

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

We are now entering my favorite time of year. Fall is a time of harvest. It is a busy time to get the crop to market and get ready for winter. It is a time of excitement because the rain kept us going all summer and now the bounty of that moisture from the heavens bears its fruit and it just needs to get harvested. It is the reaping of what had been sown back in the spring. Yet in all the hustle and bustle of harvest the events of last week have given a collective pause in the category of shock and horror.

I can't say before last week I knew much about a man named Charlie Kirk. But since last week, it has been hard not to know who

he is and much of what he is about. I do not plan for this article to be political, but the very nature of the topic will cause some to quit reading this article. I hope you will continue.

I have heard those saddened by the loss of this man and those who cheer this as some kind of victory. What has happened, that we as a country have chosen to silence a voice through the brutality of murder. When I was in high school, I loved debate. I loved the process of defending a position and advancing an idea that would be opposed in the next speech. It was a way of learning but for that to happen both sides must be able to speak. That does not

happen when one side is silenced. We took a step backward last week when the events in Utah played out the way they did. What I believe is missing in all this chaos is the willingness by both sides to yield to the third party of the debate. Truth. Both sides claim it, but it is only God who is IT. God is truth. God is also grace. Jesus was sent to show us both truth and grace that we may find hope. I won't prolong the point, for me, it is simple. A man lost his life at the hands of someone choosing to end the debate. We are reaping what has been sown. If you do not allow truth to direct us then opinions will destroy us. It is a time to... return to God.

The Courage of My Faith

By Teena Hughs

I remember where I was when I found out JFK had been assassinated; I remember where I was when I realized 9-11 was an act of terrorism; now I will always remember where I was when I learned Charlie Kirk was assassinated. I had just finished therapy and gotten in the pickup to go run a few errands before we went home. I saw on my phone he had been assassinated, and I just prayed it wasn't true. Then, I saw where President Trump reported he indeed had died, and I knew it was true.

Talk about a part of Feller and me dying. We did one business thing, and went home; we didn't even finish running our errands.

I can't add anything to what you have already heard about Charlie, but there is one thing I want to talk about. In an interview, he was asked what he wanted to be remembered for, and he said, "the courage of my faith."

Isn't that what we all should want to be remembered for? But, how many of us can say we will be remembered for the courage of our faith? How many times have we been afraid to share our witness of what God has done in our life? How many times have we been too afraid to tell someone about Jesus because we might make them angry or offend them? How many times have we put the busyness of our day ahead of studying God's Word, or going to church, or helping someone, or serving God in some way? As a proclaiming Christian, how many times have we not acted like it; how many times have we gotten angry and said or done things we shouldn't have, and never apologized or asked for forgiveness?

When I grow up, I want to be like Char-

lie Kirk: a man who was NOT afraid to share His faith with anyone, anywhere; a man who accepted everyone and loved them like God does; a man who was polite and in control of his emotions every time he debated someone; a man who knew Scripture and used it effectively to teach others about God; a man God used to bring people of all ages to Him.

Why was Charlie Kirk able to be this man? Because his foundation was Jesus Christ and His Word. We are to be transformed into the likeness of Jesus, and Charlie was. He didn't smoke, drink, swear/cuss, and he was very careful about what he ate and put into his temple, his body. He was an example for all of us, because he lived the Word, 24-7.

He was amazing! He seemed like the kid next door, but yet he was humble. He was friends with some of the most influential people in the world: President Trump and his family; Vice-President JD Vance and his family, numerous politicians, athletes, entertainers, etc. I have seen rallies in New Zealand, London and South Africa for Charlie.

Last, but not least, he was also close friends with Rush Limbaugh. When Rush died, I didn't think anyone could replace him, but God used Charlie. He was better than Rush, because he talked about his faith and Jesus. I know God has someone in the wings to take Charlie's place, and if he is better than Rush and Charlie, we had all better get ready for an exciting ride!

Don't be afraid to share your faith; don't be afraid to be Jesus to someone; don't be afraid to love someone who has differing beliefs and views. You never know when you might be the one God is using to bring someone to Him.

Car seats save lives

Texas parents will do anything to protect their child - like checking under the bed for monsters at night or researching all the ingredients in baby food. But one of the most effective ways to protect children is often overlooked: properly securing them in a car seat every time they ride.

We recognize that installing a car seat correctly can be challenging, and while we all know it's important to buckle up, Texas saw an increase in unrestrained children younger than 8 dying in crashes last year.

"The rise in unrestrained deaths is heartbreaking and unacceptable," TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams said.

The data

The number of children younger than 8 who were unrestrained at the time of

a fatal crash in Texas grew from 30% to 40% between 2023 to 2024. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that nationwide, 46% of all car seats are not correctly installed, putting children at unnecessary risk if they're in a crash. That means nearly one out of two car seats are not being installed correctly.

What parents can do

TxDOT invites parents and caregivers to schedule a free car seat safety check by visiting SaveMeWithASeat.org and entering their ZIP code to find the nearest TxDOT office.

The law

Texas law requires all children under the age of 8 or shorter than 4 feet, 9 inches, to be in a car seat when riding in a passenger vehicle. Failure to properly restrain a child can result in a ticket of up to \$250.

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September Bible Verse

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18 NIV

Porque la palabra de la cruz es locura a los que se pierden; pero a los que se salvan, esto es, a nosotros, es poder de Dios.

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Sports



This Week in Sports



Varsity Football

The Chieftains are 1-2 on the season after a 48-28 loss to the Wellington Skyrockets last Friday evening. Mason Ramos made his first start as the Chieftains quarterback as the result of a season-ending injury (broken collarbone) suffered by Aaron Rosales during the Spearman game. Mason connected with Jamerson Daniels on a 75 yard pass play for a touchdown to start the game against Wellington. The game was tied 28-28 going into the fourth quarter, but the Skyrockets added three touchdowns to secure the win. Izaac Ortiz-Carrillo rushed for 210 yards and a touchdown. Iram Gonzalez and Mario Garcia also had touchdown runs. On defense, Jacob Gonzalez was the leading tackler with 11 and Julio Escobar added 9 tackles. Mario Garcia had 2 tackles for a loss and 1.5 quarterback sacks. The Chieftain will host the Dalhart Wolves this week. The Homecoming Game will start at 7 p.m. at Chieftain Field.

Junior Varsity Football

The JV Chiefs will travel to Dalhart on Thursday with the game starting at 5 p.m.

Junior High Football

The 7th grade Braves beat Wellington 44-6 to open their season. Anthony Marquez scored on a 26 yard run and Manasseh Licerio ran for the 2-point conversion. Marquez ran 3 yards for his second touchdown but the conversion at-



Aaron Rosales looks to throw deep to Jamerson Daniels in the Slaton game.

tempt failed. Marquez next scored on a 62 yard interception return and ran for the 2-point conversion. Next, Marquez scored his fourth touchdown on a 51 yard run and also ran for the 2-point conversion. Licerio added two more touchdowns with runs of 43 yards and 7 yards. The first conversion attempt was no good and Marquez ran for the second 2-point conversion. Anthony Marquez had 95 yards rushing with an interception and fumble recovery. Manasseh Licerio rushed for 66 yards. Jobby Jaramillo added an interception and fumble recovery as well. The 7th Braves host Dalhart this Thursday. The game starts at 5 p.m. at Chieftain Field.

The 8th grade Braves opened their season by defeating Wellington 28-6. Vicente Quintana scored the first of his four touchdowns on a 20 yard run. The conversion attempt failed.

Next, Quintana rushed 46 yards for a touchdown and also ran for the 2-point conversion. Quintana ran 23 yards for his third touchdown and Jace Jarecki ran for the 2-point conversion. Quintana's final touchdown was on a 11 yard run. The conversion attempt failed. Vicente Quintana ran for 168 yards to lead the team. Gabriel Garcia added 36 yards and a fumble recovery. The 8th Braves host Dalhart this Thursday. The game starts at 6:15 p.m. at Chieftain Field.

High School Volleyball

The Friona Squaws are 13-13 for the sea-

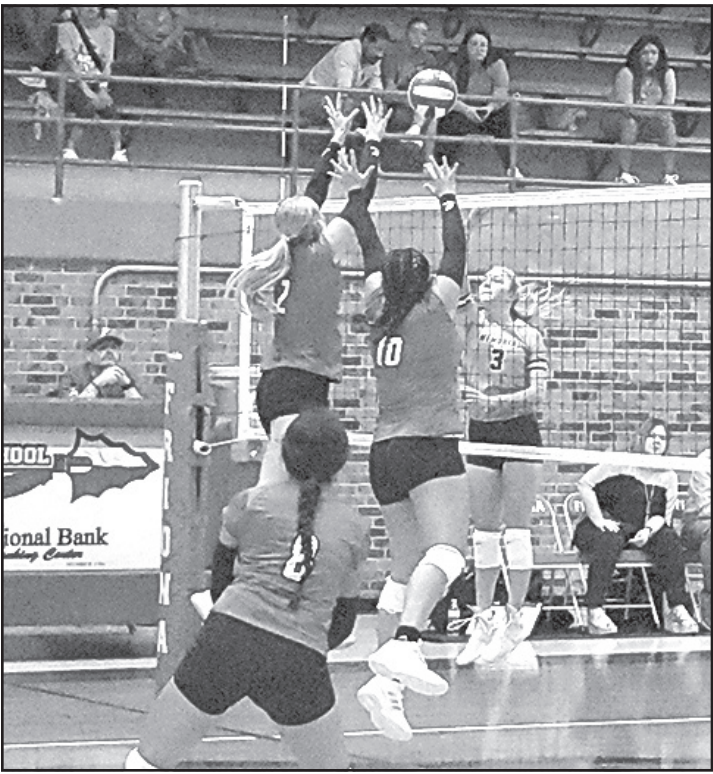
son. The JV/V teams will play the 323 Warriors on Thursday at 5pm/6pm in Lubbock. The C/JV/V teams will host Vega/Portales on Saturday with games at 2/4/6 and will host Dalhart to start district play on Tuesday at 5/6/7.

Junior High Volleyball

The 7th and 8th Maidens will travel to Perryton on Monday for their matches this 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 will compete in the Maize Days Celebration in Friona this Saturday.



Squaws set up a block during the Frenship Memorial game

Friona to receive \$61.3K Sales Tax allocation for September

(AUSTIN) — Acting Texas Comptroller Kelly Hancock announced that he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts \$1.2 billion in local sales tax allocations for September, 5.3 percent more than in September 2024. These allocations are based on sales made in July by businesses that report tax monthly.

The City of Friona will receive \$61,348.80 in sales tax allocation for September. This amount represents a 9.87 percent increase from the \$55,832.72 received in September 2024. For year-to-date 2025, the total is \$505,773.69 which is a 2.20 percent increase from the \$494,868.69 for YTD 2024. The Friona Economic Development Corporation (FEDC) will receive \$15,337.20 of the allocation for its operating budget. Of that amount, the Friona Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture will receive \$2,300.58 for its budget.

Friona Sales Tax Allocation		
September 2025	September 2024	%change
\$61,348.80	\$55,832.72	9.87%
YTD 2025	YTD 2024	% change
\$505,773.69	\$494,868.69	2.20%

Friona 28 Wellington 48

Scoring Summary

1st Quarter

F – Daniels 75 yard pass from Ramos (Garcia kick)
W – Brooks 40 yard punt return (Brown kick)
W – Brooks 12 yard pass from Kane (Brown kick)

2nd Quarter

W – Brown 60 yard pass from Kane (Brown kick)
F – Ortiz-Carrillo 60 yard run (Garcia kick)
W – Brown 21 yard pass from Kane (Brown kick)
F – Garcia 1 yard run (Garcia kick)

3rd Quarter

F – Gonzalez 23 yard run (Garcia kick)

4th Quarter

W – Kane 1 yard run (PAT failed)
W – Kane 1 yard run (Brown kick)
W – Cantu 1 yard run (Brown kick)

Rushing Stats	Carries	Yards	TDs	Avg
1 Iram Gonzalez	8	34	1	4.3
2 Tony Diaz	3	47	-	15.7
8 Izaac Ortiz-Carrillo	15	210	1	14.0
16 Mason Ramos	10	19	-	1.9
24 Rafael Rocha	1	16	-	16.0
53 Mario Garcia	1	1	1	1.0
Rushing Totals:	38	327	3	8.6

Receiving Stats	Receptions	Yards	TDs	Avg
0 Brice Jeter	1	22		22.0
2 Tony Diaz	2	49		24.5
8 Izaac Ortiz-Carrillo	2	-1		-0.5
10 Jameson Daniels	1	75	1	75.0
Receiving Totals:	6	145	1	3.0

Passing Stats	Comp	Att	Yards	TDs	INTs
16 Mason Ramos	6	19	145	1	2

Kicking Stats	XP Att	XP Good	FG Att	FG Good
53 Garcia, Mario	4	4		

Defensive Stats	UN	AST.	TOT	TFL	FR	FC	INT	SACK
2 Tony Diaz	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-
3 Frank Silva	5	1	6	-	-	-	-	-
4 Gael Lara	3	3	6	-	-	-	-	-
10 Jameson Daniels	1	2	3	0.5	-	-	-	-
11 Michael Alvarez	-	5	5	1	-	-	-	0.5
14 David Maldonado	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
17 Hector Aguirre	3	4	7	0.5	-	-	-	-
20 David Tafoya	1	2	3	-	-	-	-	-
21 Jacob Gonzalez	3	8	11	1	-	-	-	-
24 Rafael Rocha	4	3	7	-	-	-	-	-
50/44 Diego Quezada	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
53 Mario Garcia	3	5	8	2	-	-	-	1.5
55 Eden Mills	-	7	7	0.5	-	-	-	0.5
66 Julio Escobar	3	6	9	0.5	-	-	-	-
74 Heriberto Gallegos	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-

Yards allowed - Total: 404 ,Passing: 162, Rushing: 242

By the Numbers

City of Friona

August 2025

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20 days open

256 e-visits

514 in-house visits

12 new patrons

604 items circulated

41 new items added

\$287.50 copy fees collected

\$122.50 fax fees collected

\$49.95 other fees collected

Book Shop open 4 days

\$80.00 in sales

Police Department

46 calls

5 arrests

64 citations

290 warnings

353 stops

4,579 miles driven

Municipal Court

281 traffic cases

81 non-traffic cases

11 dismissals

4 juvenile cases

13 hearings

4 warrants recalled

5 warrants issued

3 magistrations

\$2,726.62 collected (sent to state)

\$5,809.15 collected (kept by city)

EMS

18 transports (911)

5 Prairie Acres (911)

20 transfers

14 non-transports (911)

0 no patient/disregard

7 standby

64 total service calls

7 PMC call for transfers denied

10 Other Facility denied

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Wedding Announcement



Tristan & Natalia Schueler

Tristan & Natalia Schueler were married on August 22, 2025 at the Knotting Hill outside of Canyon.

Father of the bride is Juan Sanchez. Grandparents of the Bride are Alex & Alicia Sanchez.

Parents of the groom are Monty & Tessa Schueler. Grandparents of the groom are Dale & Donna Schueler and Bill & Judy West. Great grandmother of the groom is Betty Lewellen.

The families of Tristan & Natalia are so excited for them and are praying for God’s guidance and direction as they make their home in Canyon.



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Brief Explanatory Statements of Proposed Constitutional Amendments Special Election, November 4, 2025			
Proposition Number 1 (SJR 59) SJR 59 proposes a constitutional amendment to establish two special funds in the state treasury to provide a dedicated source of funding for capital projects and equipment purchases related to educational programs offered by the Texas State Technical College (TSTC) System. The proposed amendment requires the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts to manage the funds, including managing any investment activities related to the funds and making the funds available for use by the TSTC System. The proposed amendment authorizes the TSTC System Board of Regents to use amounts distributed by the Comptroller to the available fund to acquire land, construct and equip buildings and other permanent improvements, make major repairs and rehabilitations of buildings or other permanent improvements, acquire capital equipment, acquire library books and materials, make payment of the principal and interest due on any bonds or notes used to finance permanent improvements, or for any other purpose authorized by law. Under the proposed amendment, the TSTC System could not use the appropriated funds to construct, equip, repair, or rehabilitate buildings or other permanent improvements that are to be used for intercollegiate athletics or auxiliary enterprises. The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: “The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the permanent technical institution infrastructure fund and the available workforce education fund to support the capital needs of educational programs offered by the Texas State Technical College System.”	amendment prohibiting the imposition of a tax on the realized or unrealized capital gains of an individual, family, estate, or trust.”	Proposition Number 3 (SJR 5) SJR 5 proposes a constitutional amendment to require the denial of bail pending trial for persons accused of certain criminal offenses. The proposed amendment would apply only to a person accused of committing one or more of the following offenses: murder; capital murder; aggravated assault if the person caused serious bodily injury to another, as defined by law, or the person used a firearm, club, knife, or explosive weapon, as those terms are defined by law, during the commission of the assault; aggravated kidnapping; aggravated robbery; aggravated sexual assault; indecency with a child; trafficking of persons; or continuous trafficking of persons. Under the proposed amendment, a person accused of one or more of these offenses must be denied bail pending trial if the attorney representing the state demonstrates by a preponderance of the evidence that the granting of bail is insufficient to reasonably prevent the person’s willful nonappearance in court; or the attorney representing the state demonstrates by clear and convincing evidence that the granting of bail is insufficient to reasonably ensure the safety of the community, law enforcement, and the victim of the alleged offense. A judge or magistrate who grants bail to a person accused of one or more of these offenses under the proposed amendment must set bail and impose conditions of release necessary only to reasonably prevent the person’s willful nonappearance in court and ensure the safety of the community, law enforcement, and the victim of the alleged offense. The judge or magistrate must also prepare a written order that includes findings of fact and a statement explaining the justification for the grant of bail. The proposed amendment specifies that it may not be construed to limit any right a person has under other law to contest a denial of bail or to contest the amount of bail set by a judge or magistrate or to require any testimonial evidence before a judge or magistrate makes a bail decision with respect to a person to whom the amendment applies. A judge or magistrate who determines whether a preponderance of the evidence or clear and convincing evidence exists under the proposed amendment shall consider the likelihood of the person’s willful nonappearance in court; the nature and circumstances of the alleged offense; the safety of the community, law enforcement,	and the victim of the alleged offense; and the criminal history of the person. A person is entitled to be represented by counsel at a hearing described by the proposed amendment. The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: “The constitutional amendment requiring the denial of bail under certain circumstances to persons accused of certain offenses punishable as a felony.”
Proposition Number 2 (SJR 18) SJR 18 proposes a constitutional amendment to prohibit the legislature from imposing a tax on the realized or unrealized capital gains of an individual, family, estate, or trust. This prohibition would include a tax on the sale or transfer of a capital asset that is payable by an individual, family, estate, or trust selling or transferring the asset. The proposed amendment would not prohibit the imposition or change in the rate of an ad valorem tax on property; a sales tax on the sale of goods or services; or a use tax on the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of goods or services. The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: “The constitutional	Proposition Number 4 (HJR 7) HJR 7 proposes a constitutional amendment to dedicate a portion of the revenue derived from state sales and use taxes to the Texas water fund and to provide for the allocation and use of that revenue. The proposed amendment would authorize the legislature to allocate and transfer funds to accounts administered by the Texas Water Development Board. The proposed amendment also allows the legislature to suspend allocations of funds to these accounts during a state of disaster declared under Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code. The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: “The constitutional amendment to dedicate a portion of the revenue derived from state sales and use taxes to the Texas water fund and to provide for the allocation and use of that revenue.”	Proposition Number 5 (HJR 99) HJR 99 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to exempt animal feed held by the owner for retail sale from ad valorem taxation. The proposed amendment would authorize the legislature to provide additional eligibility requirements for the exemption. The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: “The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation tangible personal property consisting of animal feed held by the owner of the property for sale at retail.”	tax on a securities transaction conducted by a registered securities market operator. The proposed amendment would not prohibit the imposition of a general business tax measured by business activity, a tax on the production of minerals, a tax on insurance premiums, a sales and use tax on tangible personal property or services, or a fee based on the cost of processing or creating documents. The proposed amendment would also not prohibit a change in the rate of a tax in existence on January 1, 2026. The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: “The constitutional amendment prohibiting the legislature from enacting a law imposing an occupation tax on certain entities that enter into transactions conveying securities or imposing a tax on certain securities transactions.”
	Proposition Number 6 (HJR 4) HJR 4 proposes a constitutional amendment to prohibit the legislature from enacting a law that imposes an occupation tax on a registered securities market operator or a	Proposition Number 7 (HJR 133) HJR 133 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to give surviving spouses of United States armed services veterans a property tax exemption on their residence homestead. The proposed amendment would exempt all or part of the property tax on the spouse’s residence homestead if the veteran died from a condition or disease presumed under federal law to be service-related. The exemption would apply only to a surviving spouse who has not remarried since the veteran’s death. The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: “The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a veteran who died as a result of a condition or disease that is presumed under federal law to have been service-connected.”	Proposition Number 8 (HJR 2) HJR 2 proposes a constitutional amendment to prohibit the legislature from imposing a state tax on a deceased individual’s estate because of the individual’s death, including an estate, inheritance, or death tax. The proposed amendment would prohibit the legislature from imposing a state tax on the transfer of an estate, inheritance, legacy, succession, or gift from an individual, family, estate, or trust, including generation-skipping transfers, if the tax was not in effect on January 1, 2025. The proposed
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amendment would also prohibit the legislature from increasing the tax rate or expanding the applicability to new parties of a transfer tax that was in effect on January 1, 2025. The proposed amendment would not prohibit the imposition or change in the rate or applicability of a general business tax measured by business activity; a tax on the production of minerals; a tax on the issuance of title insurance; a tax in existence on January 1, 2016; a tax on the transfer of a motor vehicle by gift; or an ad valorem tax on property.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **“The constitutional amendment to prohibit the legislature from imposing death taxes applicable to a decedent’s property or the transfer of an estate, inheritance, legacy, succession, or gift.”**

**Proposition Number 9
(HJR 1)**

HJR 1 proposes a constitutional amendment to change the amount of tangible personal property held or used for the production of income that the legislature could exempt from property taxes to \$125,000 rather than the minimum amount sufficient to recover the costs of property tax administration.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **“The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation a portion of the market value of tangible personal property a person owns that is held or used for the production of income.”**

Proposition Number 10
(SJR 84)

SJR 84 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to create a temporary property tax exemption for the appraised value of an improvement to a person's residence homestead that is completely destroyed by a fire. The proposed amendment authorizes the legislature to prescribe the duration of the exemption and to establish additional eligibility requirements for the exemption.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **“The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide for a temporary exemption from ad valorem taxation of the appraised**

value of an improvement to a residence homestead that is completely destroyed by a fire.”

Proposition Number 11
(SJR 85)

SJR 85 proposes a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to increase the amount of the exemption from property taxation by a school district of the market value of the residence homestead of a person who is 65 years of age or older or a person who is disabled from \$10,000 to \$60,000.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **“The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to increase the amount of the exemption from ad valorem taxation by a school district of the market value of the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled.”**

Proposition Number 12 (SJR 27)

SJR 27 proposes a constitutional amendment to change the membership and procedures of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct (SCJC). The proposed amendment would: (1) change the membership of the SCJC so that it is composed of six judges appointed by the Texas Supreme Court and seven citizens appointed by the Governor who are at least 35 years old, with both groups of appointees requiring the consent of the Texas Senate to be confirmed; (2) restrict the SCJC's power to issue a private reprimand (or impose a requirement that the person obtain additional training or education) to a person who has not previously been issued a private reprimand and in response to a complaint that does not allege criminal behavior; (3) require the SCJC to find that a person engaged in willful or persistent conduct that is clearly inconsistent with the proper performance of a judge's duties, or determine that there is other good cause, before issuing a public admonition or punishment; (4) expand the SCJC's power to order suspension without pay as punishment; (5) give the chief justice of the Texas Supreme Court the power to select the appellate-court justices to serve on a tribunal to review the SCJC's recommendation for the removal or retirement of a person from office, without any requirement that each court of appeals designate one of its members for consideration by the chief justice; and (6) direct the Texas Supreme Court and Governor to appoint SCJC

members to initial terms of two, four, and six years starting on January 1, 2026, with the succeeding terms to be six years, so that upon completion of the initial terms, the SCJC will be composed of members serving staggered six-year terms.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **“The constitutional amendment regarding the membership of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct, the membership of the tribunal to review the commission’s recommendations, and the authority of the commission, the tribunal, and the Texas Supreme Court to more effectively sanction judges and justices for judicial misconduct.”**

**Proposition Number 13
(SJR 2)**

SJR 2 proposes a constitutional amendment to increase the mandatory homestead exemption from property taxation for general elementary and secondary public school purposes from \$100,000 to \$140,000 of the market value of the residence.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **“The constitutional amendment to increase the amount of the exemption of residence homesteads from ad valorem taxation by a school district from \$100,000 to \$140,000.”**

**Proposition Number 14
(SJR 3)**

SJR 3 proposes a constitutional amendment to require the legislature to establish a new state agency, the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (DPRIT). The proposed amendment would create the Dementia Prevention and Research Fund to be administered by DPRIT. Under the proposed amendment, DPRIT would be responsible for awarding financial grants for research on and the prevention and treatment of dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, and related disorders. The proposed amendment would also authorize the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts to transfer \$3 billion from the state general revenue fund to the Dementia Prevention and Research Fund.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **“The constitutional amendment providing for the establishment of the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, establishing the Dementia**

Prevention and Research Fund to provide money for research on and prevention and treatment of dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, and related disorders in this state, and transferring to that fund \$3 billion from state general revenue."

Proposition Number 15
(SJR 34)

SJR 34 proposes a constitutional amendment to affirm that a parent has the responsibility to nurture and protect the parent's child and the corresponding fundamental right to exercise care, custody, and control of the parent's child, including the right to make decisions concerning the child's upbringing.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **“The constitutional amendment affirming that parents are the primary decision makers for their children.”**

**Proposition Number 16
(SJR 37)**

SJR 37 proposes a constitutional amendment to provide that only United States citizens are allowed to vote in Texas elections.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **“The constitutional amendment clarifying that a voter must be a United States citizen.”**

Proposition Number 17
(HJR 34)

HJR34 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to exempt from property taxation, in counties that border the United Mexican States, the portion of a real property's assessed value that arose from the installation or construction of border security infrastructure and related improvements. The proposed amendment would authorize the legislature to define "border security infrastructure" and prescribe additional eligibility requirements for the exemption.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **“The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the amount of the market value of real property located in a county that borders the United Mexican States that arises from the installation or construction on the property of border security infrastructure and related improvements.”**

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