



## General Election May 3, 2025

**FISD Board of Trustees**  
(Candidates for 2 positions)  
Marla Hart  
Mindy Rushing  
Jeri Lynn White

7 am to 7 pm  
**Friona City Council Chambers**  
619 Main Street, Friona, TX

## Election Day Polling Location



7 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
**Friona City Hall**  
619 Main Street  
Friona, TX



**National Denim Day** — On Wednesday, City of Friona employees helped to promote National Denim Day which was created to raise awareness about sexual assault and combat victim-blaming. Individuals are encouraged to wear denim to show support for survivors and raise awareness about the issue. **In the photo** — Back Row: Alex Licerio, Sonia Gomez, Marie Samarron, Becky Upton, Alexa Garcia, Pam Mercado, Nydia Mendez, and Mia Reyna. Front Row: Anahi Gomez, Mari Martinez, Lee Davila, Lupe Salinas, and Antonia Diaz.

## Friends Hold Annual Meeting

Friends of the Friona Public Library held their annual meeting on Sunday, April 27th at 2 p.m. in the Friona Public Library. President Tonia Abarca welcomed members and guests and called the meeting to order. The Minutes of last year's meeting were approved. Scholarship Chair Kim Kimbrough announced the five recipients of scholarships that were approved by the committee. The winners of the \$1,000 scholarships were Lily Abarca, Mariela Gomez, Karely Nunez, Peyton Schueler, and Angela Trevino. Treasurer Jeri Lynn White presented the financial report and stated that the organization was in excellent

financial condition. A handful of by-laws changes were discussed and approved. Friona Public Library Director Anahi Gomez and Assistant Director Becky Upton gave a report which contained highlights of last year's events and a preview of the upcoming Summer Reading Program activities which will revolve around a "Color Our World" theme. Book Shop Chair Connie Slagle gave an update and noted that the bookstore sold \$1,000 worth of books in 2024 and around \$7,800 during the past 10 years. All

at a price of \$1 per bag of books. The fundraiser drawing was conducted and the lucky winner of "The Ultimate Entertainment Bundle" was Pat Upton. The meeting was adjourned and Hospitality chair Katie Gilley served refreshments and attendees had a chance to explore the Library and Book Shop. Friends of the Library officers and chairpersons are: Tonia Abarca, president; Jeri Lynn White, treasurer; Esmeralda Mills, fund raising; Kim Kimbrough, scholarship; Katie Gilley, hospital-

ity; Heather Stowers, social media; and Connie Slagle, book shop. **If you are interested in serving as an officer or chairperson please contact Jeri Lynn White. The organization is currently in need of someone to serve as Secretary/Membership Chair.** Members of the Friona Public Library Board of Directors are: Anita Lafuente, chairman; Martha Rodriguez, vice chairman; Mari Martinez, member; Rebekah Baucom, member; Dayana Prieto, member; and Emma Hernandez, member.



**And the winner is?** — Library Circulation Clerk Alexa Garcia (left) selected the winning ticket in the fundraiser drawing as Assistant Director Becky Upton held the jar.



**Friends Scholarship Winners** — (l-r) Lilly Abarca, Angela Trevino, Karely Nunez, Mariela Gomez, and Peyton Schueler.



**Prize Winner** — Pat Upton was the winner of "The Ultimate Entertainment Bundle" at the Friends of the Library fundraiser drawing on Sunday. The bundle included a Roku 65" Smart TV, Nintendo Switch Lite, Roku Wireless Soundbar, and Roku Wireless Speakers.

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**State Capital Highlights**

By Gary Borders



**Community Calendar**

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

- May 1**
  - Spaghetti @ Senior Center Meal
- May 3**
  - School Board Election Day 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- May 5**
  - Senior Center Meal
- May 7**
  - Library Book Shop at 618 Euclid is open from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
- May 8**
  - Senior Center Meal

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**TEA releases 2023 A-F accountability ratings**

After a prolonged delay because of a lawsuit filed by about 100 school districts, the Texas Education Agency has released the 2023 A-F accountability ratings, indicating the share of campuses that received a passing ranking dropped by 14% from 2022.

“For far too long, families, educators and communities have been denied access to information about the performance of their schools, thanks to frivolous lawsuits paid for by tax dollars filed by those who disagreed with the statutory goal of raising career readiness expectations to help students,” said Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath.

A separate, ongoing lawsuit has delayed the release of more recent ratings from the 2023-2024 school year. School performance ratings from the 2024-2025 school year are set to be issued in August.

For the 2023 school year, about half of Texas schools earned an A or B, while roughly 14% scored a D, and 7% received Fs, The Dallas Morning News reported.

To view 2023 A-F ratings for all Texas public school districts or campuses, go to [Txschools.gov](http://Txschools.gov).

**State insurance crisis is now hitting public schools**

Severe weather from hurricanes and other weather events has not spared the state’s public schools, resulting in skyrocketing property insurance costs, the Houston Chronicle reported. Insurance costs for districts have increased by 44% statewide in the past five years, according to TEA.

The problem is particularly acute in coastal areas hit by hurricanes and severe storms. Part of the major school finance package passed by the House in April would re-

imburse school districts in 14 coastal counties for insurance increases above the state average.

Another bill, filed by state Rep. Todd Hunter, R-Corpus Christi, would give districts in coastal counties a credit against recapture payments for wind and hail coverage.

“You don’t want education to suffer because you’re worried about getting money to cover buildings for the kids,” Hunter said.

**Abbott signs Texas version of DOGE into law**

The Texas Regulatory Efficiency Office is now set to become law after Gov. Greg Abbott signed the measure into law last week. The state office aims to eliminate waste, fraud and corruption in state government and is patterned after the federal Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE).

The office will launch in 2026 with a \$10-million, two-year operating budget.

“We in Texas will now have our own DOGE, known as the Texas Regulatory Efficiency Office,” Abbott said. “This law will slash regulations, put stricter standards on new regulations that could be costly to businesses, and put a check on the growth of the administrative state.”

The new office will also work to reduce state regulations that it considers outdated or unnecessary.

SBA assistance granted for Northeast Texas counties hit by twisters

The U.S. Small Business Administration has approved Abbott’s request for a disaster declaration for Northeast Texas communities hit by tornadoes and severe weather earlier this month. The declaration includes Bowie, Camp, Cass, Marion, Morris, Red River, Titus, and Upshur counties.

The approval gives homeowners, renters and businesses access to

a number of low-interest loans in affected communities.

Applicants can apply online at [sba.gov/disaster](http://sba.gov/disaster) or by calling 800-659-2955. A Disaster Loan Outreach Center has opened in Daingerfield to assist with completing applications and answering questions.

**Bill clarifying abortion laws clears Senate panel**

A bill to clarify the state’s abortion laws has passed out of a Senate committee, the Texas Standard reported. Some amendments have been added to address criticism from the left and right, the report said. Senate Bill 31 is intended to clarify when doctors can legally intervene and “aligns language” between the state’s three bans on abortion. It would also remove the requirement that a medical crisis be imminent before a doctor can act.

The bill, which now goes to the Senate floor for debate, specifically says a woman who has an abortion can’t be criminalized “as a party, principal, perpetrator, or accomplice” to the prohibited abortion.

A companion bill in the House is still in committee. **Nuclear power in midst of a resurgence**

A research lab at Abilene Christian University is building the nation’s first nuclear research reactor in more than four decades, The News reported. The goal is to prove that small modular reactors can be a clean, reliable source of energy.

“Our goal is to take this technology and bless the world with it,” said Rusty Towell, an engineering professor at ACU who leads the university’s effort to build a small nuclear reactor.

The state has signed off on supporting nuclear technology with a \$5 billion development fund. Nuclear power is seen as a way to provide stable energy while slowing climate change. Texas now has nuclear reactors at Comanche Peak, southwest of Fort Worth, and the South Texas Project, about 100 miles northeast of Corpus Christi.

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God laid this on my heart a couple of years ago and the time is now. I’ve lived in Friona for over 10 years. We hadn’t always been involved in the school system until 5 years ago, until God changed our hearts. My son Dylan is fixing to graduate from FHS. My daughter Leigha, isn’t enrolled in Friona any longer, but I still have a heart and passion to see our schools and community thrive. If elected, I will strive to seek the best for our administration, teachers and students. This is not about my agenda but what God desires through me! I appreciate your vote!

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**ACROSS**

- 1 swabs the floor
- 5 in Haskell County on highway 6
- 6 hearty meat and vegetable dish
- 7 emerg. notification syst. in SE TX
- 8 secondary sch. in Taylor Co. seat
- 9 TXism: “if \_\_\_ wings he’d be an eagle”
- 16 Steeler defensive star from Texas: “\_\_\_” Joe Greene
- 18 it was a \_\_\_ loud party
- 21 TX Nolan Ryan has the most \_\_\_-hitters
- 22 fibbed
- 23 Beeville’s county train area where drinks and snacks are sold (2 wds.)
- 30 TXism: “\_\_\_ the dogs out from under the porch” (exciting)
- 34 Texans might use it for an ID (abbr.)
- 35 get married or stay in a B&B at “\_\_\_ Farm” near Sandia
- 36 TX Tanya sang “Can \_\_\_ You Tonight”
- 37 protruding bay window
- 39 TXism: “got my \_\_\_ trimmed” (defeated)
- 43 explosive liquid
- 44 nonfunctioning
- 45 “Hook ‘ \_\_\_ Horns!”

- 46 TXism: “\_\_\_ the fat” (converse)
- 47 shallow end (2 wds.)
- 49 TXism: “clings like a tick to a \_\_\_”
- 52 Texas band ZZ Top’s 3rd album: “\_\_\_ Hombres”
- 53 “Only the Lonely” singer from Texas (init.)
- 54 TXism: “hard work \_\_\_ the fences up”
- 55 mom & dad

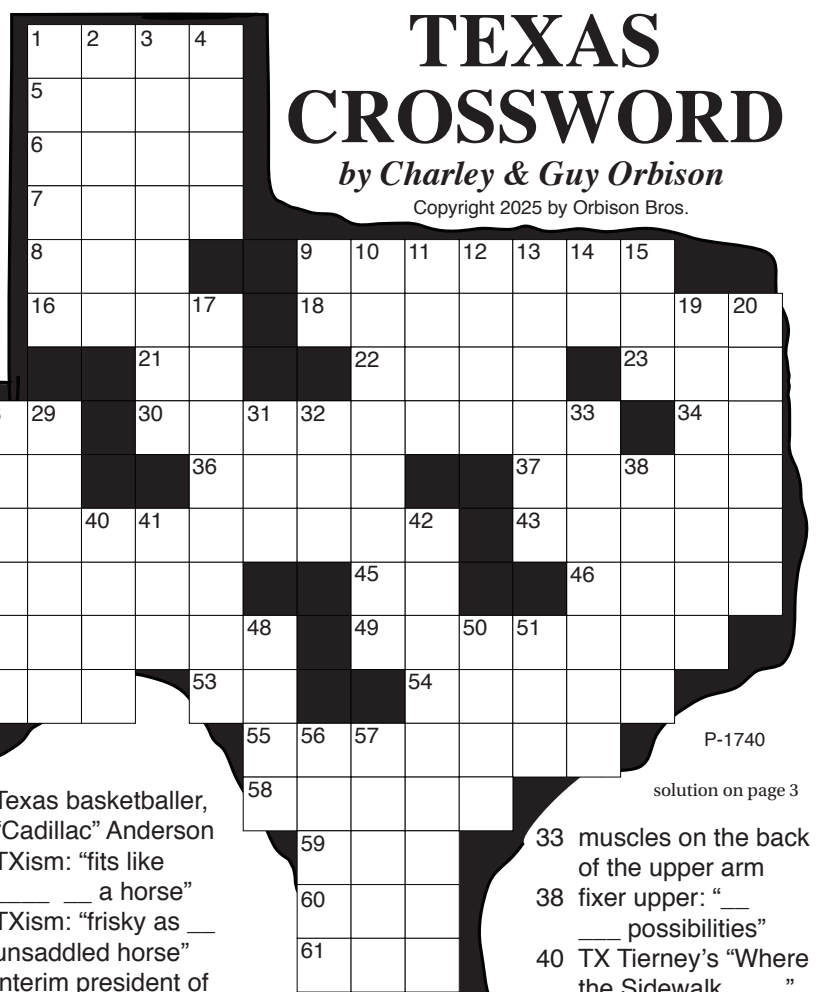
- 58 TXism: “bat \_\_\_ lash” (blink)
- 59 this Adams found the Glen Rose dinosaur tracks (init.)
- 60 TX Denton who was “The Grappler”
- 61 \_\_\_ Ocean, TX

**DOWN**

- 1 in Independence, TX: “\_\_\_ Houston House”
- 2 TXism: “don’t throw \_\_\_ baby with the bath water”
- 3 Mount \_\_\_\_, TX
- 4 Texas Nokona ball gloves: hand-\_\_\_
- 9 late “Cowpokes” artist (init.)
- 10 TXism: “\_\_\_ calf rope” (gave up)
- 11 “\_\_\_ Bum” Phillips
- 12 Texas basketballer, “Cadillac” Anderson
- 13 TXism: “fits like \_\_\_ a horse”
- 14 TXism: “frisky as \_\_\_ unsaddled horse”
- 15 interim president of Texas, Burnet (init.)
- 17 TX Nolan Ryan specialty (2 wds.)
- 19 TX Ginger’s co-star Francis in “Romance in Manhattan” (1935)
- 20 “\_\_\_ Rose of Texas”
- 24 Texas-born director, Kowalski (init.)
- 25 Texas pest: fire \_\_\_

**TEXAS CROSSWORD**

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- 38 fixer upper: “\_\_\_ possibilities”
- 40 TX Tierney’s “Where the Sidewalk \_\_\_”
- 41 “\_\_\_ in the hole”
- 42 Texas-based “\_\_\_ the Bandit II”
- 48 TX Nat Stuckey wrote “\_\_\_ Top”
- 50 Texas-born Autry
- 51 TXism: “it ain’t \_\_\_ in cement”
- 56 not a Hispanic
- 57 Texas soldier in the Civil War

# All Grow'd Up

*It broke his heart  
The day he found,  
He must be now,  
All grow'd up.*

*Day by day he waited,  
So o k just maybe,  
'Cause all Mamas busy,  
This special time of year.*

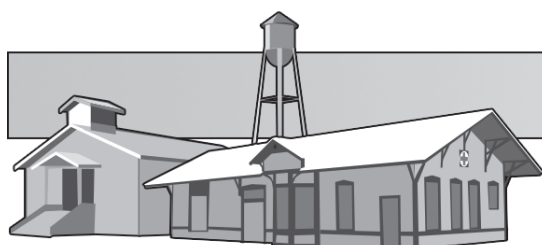
*Surly surly  
Any day now,  
But we all know,  
Mail is slow.*

*New Year came and it went  
No Christmas cookie tin,  
He was sixty seven,  
His Mama eighty nine.*

*But then he realized---  
His Mama too has rights,  
To early retirement.*

*But,  
It broke his heart  
The day he found,  
He must be now,  
All grow'd up.*

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# TOWN TALK

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### 5-Year Reunion Date Is Set

The Planning Committee for the All School Reunion 2025 met last Thursday in the council chambers at City Hall to finalize plans for the event. The reunion is set for Saturday, September 20, 2025 at the Clarence Monroe Community Center. Doors will open at 5 p.m. and a meal will be served at 6 p.m., followed by a short program. Tickets prices are \$30 per person. More details on the way.

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**The PMC Tree** — Last week we had a picture of the tree on the north side of the hospital and I remarked on how colorful it was. We did not know what type of tree it was so I called War-



**Amarillo College Graduate** — Autumn Fletcher will be graduating from Amarillo College on May 9, 2025 with her Associate's Degree in Respiratory Care. She is also a member of the National Honor Society. Autumn is a 2022 graduate of Friona High School and is the daughter of Brook Stevick.

ren at Coulter Gardens in Amarillo and texted him the photo. He sent me the following information. "That is an

eastern redbud tree! It likes it dry and does best on the east side of building or house in a dry location. We have it in several sizes. We also have Oklahoma red bud, merlot redbud, weeping redbud, rise-n-shine redbud, sparkling wine redbud, cotton candy redbud and 4-5 more varieties available also. Oklahoma and merlot redbuds take the heat and wind better than the eastern redbud. Redbud trees

start at \$98.95 (5ft) and go up to \$529.95 (10ft) with lots in between. Redbuds are very slow growing (1" a year)."

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**Measles Update** — As of April 29th, the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) reports 663 confirmed measles cases in Texas since late January. Sheriff Geske provided information on vaccine locations which can be found on page 8.

### National Days

- May 1 — School Principals' Day
- May 2 — Space Day
- May 3 — Paranormal Day
- May 4 — Star Wars Day
- May 5 — Cinco De Mayo
- May 6 — Nurses Day
- May 7 — Bike To School Day



**THANK YOU** — Senior Meals would like to thank everyone who participated in the "Fish Fry Fundraiser" luncheon on Monday. A reminder that meals are served each Monday and Thursday at noon and ALL Friona residents are invited to attend, no matter the age. You can enjoy a great meal and get back to work by 12:30 p.m.



**Senior Banquet Tour** — Friona Methodist Church hosted a Senior Banquet last Monday evening. A meal of brisket, sausage, home-made bread, and dessert was served. Seniors enjoyed "horse racing" and Western-themed Bingo.

## COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

### Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from April 17, 2025 to April 24, 2025

(4/21/25) Michael Chaney — Ruben Chico — 3 Acres out of Capitol League 469 E of Section 26, T1N, R4E, of the Capitol Syndicate Subdivision, Parmer County

(4/22/25) Brandon Hyland Foster, Jalaina Renay Foster — Pierce Clary, Savannah Hamilton — Section 48, Block A, Capitol Syndicate Subdivision, Parmer County

### Come have Fun with us at Malouf's Fabric

These are the classes scheduled this summer

**May 3rd**  
5 Yard Quilt Class

Call 806-250-3575 to register • like us on Facebook



Vote for Jeri Lynn White  
for Friona ISD Board of Trustees

Early Voting – April 22 – 25, 28-29

Election Day – May 3, 2025

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

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### Puzzle Solution

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### IMPORTANT UPDATE: RANDY SMITH & FAMILY AUCTION POSTPONED TO MAY 10, 2025\*

**NEW AUCTION DATE:** Saturday, May 10, 2025\*  
**Time:** 10:00 am  
**Location:** 2555 CR EE Muleshoe, TX 79347  
**NEW AUCTION PREVIEW DATE:** Friday, May 9, 2025 from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm\*

\*Auction Date has been postponed due to heavy rains near the auction site, causing the roads to be impassable. Please check back here for further updates. We apologize for the inconvenience, but everyone's safety is our highest priority.



# Small Town Cookin' By Jeri Lynn White

## National Egg Month

Celebrate National Egg Month this May with a delightful and hearty Italian Egg Bake. Whether you're hosting a brunch or looking for a nutritious breakfast option, this recipe combines the rich flavors of Italian sausage, sweet potatoes, and vibrant peppers with the wholesome goodness of eggs.

### Italian Egg Bake

<https://ncegg.org>

#### Ingredients

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| 1 pound ground Italian sausage                         | 6 large eggs             | ½ cup Parmesan cheese                  |
| 2 medium sweet potatoes (approx. 2 – 2 ½ cups), peeled | 1/2 cup milk             | Salt and pepper for seasoning to taste |
| 1 green pepper, diced                                  | 1 teaspoon garlic powder |  |
| 1 red pepper, diced                                    | 1 teaspoon onion powder  |  |
|  | ½ cup Asiago cheese      |  |

#### Directions

Preheat oven to 350°F. In a medium size pan, on medium-high heat; cook sausage, stirring frequently and breaking the meat apart with a spoon, 4 to 5 minutes, or until lightly browned. Carefully, drain excess grease, leaving 1 table- spoon to cook sweet potatoes. Transfer cooked sausage to a bowl; cover with foil to keep warm. Cube sweet potatoes into bite-sized pieces, approximately ¼-inch. In the same medium size pan with saved 1 tablespoon grease, sauté sweet potatoes until soft, about 15 minutes. Add the sweet potatoes and diced peppers to the bowl with the cooked sausage; stir to combine. Pour combined sausage, sweet potatoes and peppers into a 9x13 baking dish. In a medium-size bowl, whisk together eggs, milk, garlic powder, onion powder, salt, and pepper. Pour egg mixture evenly over sausage mixture and top with asiago and parmesan cheese. Bake for 45 minutes, or until the eggs are cooked throughout.

## WT Summer Camp Registration Period Now Open

Registration is now open for 75 summer youth camps at West Texas A&M University.

Between now and September, WT's Extended Studies program will offer camps, clinics, academies and more for youth from kindergarten through college interested in a variety of activities, from music to athletics to meat judging to engineering.

A full list of camps can be seen by searching WTAMU 2025 Summer Camps and clicking on Registration & Dates | WTAMU.

Nearly 5,000 students

swarmed the WT campus during 86 camps and youth programs in 2024.

"Summer programs at WT offer an exciting opportunity to connect with our vibrant community while giving campers the chance to explore new experiences and create lasting memories on campus," said Jessica Hanke, Extended Studies director. "These events also allow campers to truly experience the energy and environment of college life firsthand."

Costs and registration deadlines vary among the different camps. Youth

programs are not eligible for credit at WT. Registration fees are subject to change.

Providing regionally impactful programs is a key component of the University's long-range plan, WT 125: From the Panhandle to the World.

That plan is fueled by the

historic One West comprehensive fundraising campaign, which reached its initial \$125 million goal 18 months after publicly launching in September 2021. The campaign's new goal is to reach \$175 million by 2025; currently, it has raised more than \$160 million.

## Texas Ranked Best State For Business 21 Years In A Row

Governor Greg Abbott today celebrated Texas being ranked the Best State for Business for the 21st year in a row by Chief Executive magazine based on their annual survey of the nation's leading CEOs.

"Texas offers businesses the freedom to succeed — that's why the nation's CEOs have ranked Texas as the Best State for Business for more than two decades and counting," said Governor Abbott. "Texas is where entrepreneurs can cast a vision and know they can achieve it. The successful CEOs I meet with credit our business-friendly climate, highly skilled and diverse workforce, and exceptional quality of life across every region of our great state as Texas' top advantages. We will continue to cut red tape and partner with job-creating businesses and innovators to build a stronger, more prosperous Texas for decades to come."

The Best State for Business ranking is determined in an annual survey conducted by Chief Executive magazine of CEOs' assessments of each state's business climate, workforce, and quality of life. Texas has topped the nation every year since Chief Executive began the ranking.

Last week, Governor Abbott signed Senate Bill 14, also known as Texas DOGE, into law, creating the Texas Regulatory Efficiency Office. The law builds on the Governor's Small Business Freedom Council's recommendations and will slash regulations, put stricter standards on new regulations that could be costly to businesses, and ensure Texas remains the best state for businesses of all sizes.

## Happy Birthday

### May 1

- Kayla Smiley
- Vickie Copley
- Amy Knowles
- Will Schueler
- BaiLee Braillif
- Amanda White
- Amanda Stephenson



### May 5

- John Osborn
- Peggy Neely
- Ralna (Roden) Bailey
- Lucinda Stokes-Fleming
- Nate Keyes
- Jackson Stewart

### May 2

- Larry Drake
- Julie (Bracken) Davidson
- Becky Riethmayer
- Sheryl Bartels
- Marc Haile
- Jennifer Kendrick
- Tom Randolph
- Cierra Tongate
- Maria Tarango
- Gracie San Miguel

### May 6

- Calvin Shields
- Nancy Peace
- Staci (Mueller) Duran
- Blake Williamson
- Jayton Moyer
- Hadley McGowan
- Amelia Soltero

### May 3

- Zachary Carr
- Cathy Spencer
- Jenae Fleming
- Angie Gomez
- Zachary Chavez
- Joseph Ramirez
- Lori Austin
- Stephanie Martinez

### May 7

- Jordan Peace
- Misti Davis
- Stephanie Cabrera
- Karen Baker
- Julia Alexander
- Ruby Moroney

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

### To All Interested Persons And Parties:

Van Eaton Ready Mix, Inc., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Air Quality Standard Permit, Registration No. 179800L001, which would authorize construction of a concrete batch plant located using the following directions: From the intersection of US Highway 60 and TX Highway 214 in Friona, TX, head South on TX Highway 214 for 8.0 miles. Then turn East onto TX Highway 86 and continue for 7.0 miles. Turn South onto County Road 25 and continue for 5.0 miles. Then stay South on FM 1172 and continue for 1.2 miles. The facility will be on the East side of the road, near Friona, Parmer County, Texas 79035. This application is being processed in an expedited manner, as allowed by the commission's rules in 30 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 101, Subchapter J. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper.

## Title 1 Meetings Friona High School

### Title 1 Meeting

May 7, 2025 at 9:45 A.M. before Academic Awards at 10 A.M. Friona High School Auditorium

### Title 1 Meeting

May 8, 2025 at 3:45 P.M. Friona High School Auditorium

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## Vote for Marla Hart

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# Red Rover

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

As a kid you play lots of different games. One game we played at school of which I was not a big fan was Red Rover. You may recall the object of the game is to form two lines facing each other at some distance, call out using the familiar “Red Rover, Red Rover, let (name of victim) come over.” Then the “victim” would run at top speed and attempt to break through the opposing team’s barrier made by each of them holding hands. You may also recall from other stories that I was one of the smallest kids in my class, which usually meant when my name was called, I had a difficult time breaking through their weakest link as I perceived it. Now I was

on the enemy’s team. Until I was called again and again and failed to break the barrier and rejoin my previous team.

Breaking through barriers in life at times seems very similar. There always seems to be something that needs to be overcome, busted through, or conquered. The barriers come in all shapes and sizes. Some of them seem insurmountable, while others take little effort. The crazy thing is it is different for everyone, just like the game. What one overcomes easily, others might struggle to even breach. There is one constant that can be relied upon and that is God. Overcoming a particular struggle requires faith, effort and in most cases

persistence.

James opens his letter telling us to “Consider it pure joy when you face trials of various kinds...”

If you stop there that might be a bit crazy, but he goes on to explain that in the end we grow and that growth process is valuable to us becoming complete, “lacking nothing.” As you read this, I do not know the barriers, trials or struggles you may be going through, but I can offer a simple encouragement, don’t quit. It may take a while and, in some cases, a long while, but if you face this with faith and keep going God will sustain you. So, when the barrier calls you out, launch into it with all your strength. Never give up.

# God’s Blessings

By Teena Hughs

At Christmas, I received a letter from my friend Carol. Carol and I have been friends since August of 1974. We lived on the same floor at Hul- len Hall for two years. I have only seen Carol three times since we graduated from Tech: at my brother’s graduation party from A&M, at her wedding, and at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas about 10 years ago.

In her Christmas letter, Carol told me she had a conference in San Antonio this month, and she was wondering if she could come and see us. I immediately wrote to her and said that would be great!

Well, last Tuesday, she came, and we had THE BEST TIME!!! I had told her we had a lot planned for her while she was here, and if she didn’t want to do any of it, just to tell me. She told me she was game for anything, so we took off shortly after she got here and went to Julie’s, a restaurant in Brackettville. We met friends there and heard GREAT music by Dudley Ilse and had a great meal!

We just stayed here on Wednesday and took her all over the countryside. “Luckily,” we had had rain, and the “countryside” was greening up, and things looked so beautiful.

On Thursday, we went to Fredericksburg to

meet Carol’s former roommate our junior year, Marca Morris, who used to live in Laz- buddie. We had a great lunch and visit. Carol and I talked about how it seemed like we picked up where we left off the last time we were all together at Carol’s wedding!

On Friday, we went to Concan to have lunch with some of the girls I graduated from high school with. We were celebrating two ladies, Jan, whom we seldom see because she lives in Liberty Hill, and Joyce, because she is in the process of regaining her strength from chemo treatments, and this was our first time to see her in at least six months.

Then, I took Carol to Uvalde and showed her a few places, and we headed back to Concan to Hippie Chics, a place where you can eat and listen to music. I knew the couple playing that evening; they are snow- birds from Michigan. They were leaving Sunday to spend the summer in Michigan, and I wanted to tell them good-bye!

I tell you all of this because it isn’t our norm. We are homebodies! I had to tell myself before Carol arrived that I was going to set aside everything I needed to be doing and just have fun, and I did!!!

I saw this on Facebook

this morning: “I’m not lucky, I’m blessed. Everything I have is because of God’s grace. Amen”

This is so true. I intentionally used the word “luckily” earlier to say it was because of luck that we had had rain; it wasn’t luck, it was God’s grace that allowed us to have rain. It is by God’s grace that Texas looks so beautiful right now. It is God’s grace that has allowed me to live in different places and love each one of them. It is God’s grace that gives me the friends I have; the husband I have; the kids I have; and the grandson I have.

I am truly blessed, and so are you, in the good seasons and the not-so-good seasons. I wonder how many blessings I have missed because I thought I was too busy to go and do things; how many blessings have I missed because it was easier to stay home than to go somewhere; how many blessings have I missed because I judged what something would be like, only to find out later I was wrong?

God wants to bless us with His grace, but sometimes we have to make an effort to receive that blessing. We have to be willing to step out and receive what He has for us. May we all go forward and be amazed at the ways God blesses us!

# Caregivers Meet Each Month

As we all grow older, we are faced with many challenges caring for elderly parents, our spouses, and other family members as they face difficult times. Sharing lessens the burdens.

Legacy Pointe will host a Caregivers Meeting on Friday, May 2nd. The event will take place in the Dining/Event

Room. Legacy Pointe is located at 1500 N. Main in Friona.

Coffee and donuts will be served at 9:30 a.m. and the program will begin at 10:00 a.m. Programs are designed to support individuals who are currently caregivers or might become caregivers in the near future.

Bluebonnet Home Health and Hospice is the event sponsor. For more information you can call Rhonda at (806) 247-0057. She would be happy to provide the resources you might need in your caregiving journey.

Invite a friend and please share this information with others!

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## May Bible Verse

*For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*

Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

*Porque yo conozco los planes que tengo para ustedes,” afirma el Señor, “planes de bienestar y no de calamidad, a fin de darles un futuro y una esperanza.*

Jeremías 29:11 NVI



has an archive of past obituaries at [frionaonline.com](http://frionaonline.com)



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## FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



**NUMBER ONE . . .** Glen Mingus became the first golfer to get a hole-in-one at Friona Country Club course by "holing" number seven recently in one swing. Glen proudly displays the eight iron and ball he used for the shot. It was the first such shot for Mingus in his golfing career.

(Friona Star, Thursday, May 6, 1965)

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Las inscripciones están disponibles hasta el 14 de mayo de 2025



# Obituary



## Jessie Jesus Soliz

Jessie Jesus Soliz, 87 of Canyon passed away April 22, 2025 in Canyon. Viewing was held from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM Sunday, April 27, 2025 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY with Celebration of Life Services 11:00 AM Monday April 28, 2025 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel with Randy Criswell, officiating. Burial in the Friona Cemetery entrusted to HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Jessie was born December 12, 1937, in Alamo, Texas to Pete and Julia Garza. He later moved to Amarillo and spent most of his days building his company, Soliz Trucking with his sons. His life was his



trucking company and he loved the sound of starting up his trucks and changing tires, and was his happiest on the job. He was a joyful man that loved his family and visiting with friends, especially enjoying many great meals with them. Jessie enjoyed a good meal almost as much as trucking.

He is preceded in death by his parents- Pete and Julia Garza,

and 1 sister-Jesusa Garibay.

Those to mourn his passing include 3 sons- Jessie Soliz and wife Arlene of Canyon, Jimmy Soliz and wife Gloria and Jerry Soliz and wife Veronica all of Amarillo, 3 daughters- Janette Soliz and husband Gerardo Delira of Canyon, Julie Molland and husband John of Odessa, and Janie Criswell and husband Randy of Wolf- forth, 9 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

You may send blessings to the family and sign the online guest book exclusively at: [hansardfamily.com](http://hansardfamily.com)



## Mixed bag for gas prices

By GasBuddy

Average gasoline prices in Texas rose 3.3 cents last week, averaging \$2.68 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 \$1.99 while the highest was \$4.00 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline was unchanged last week, averaging \$3.10 per gallon. The national average price of diesel decreased 2.0 cents last week and stands at \$3.49 per gallon.

"Average gasoline prices in the U.S. have been volatile over the past week, with roughly half of the 50 states seeing prices decline while the other half experienced increases," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

"Oil prices, which had fallen into the \$50 per barrel range at the height of Trump's trade war, have since rallied and are now holding in the low \$60s, leading to rising gas prices in some states. For now, I expect the national average to

bounce around in the \$3.10 to \$3.20 per gallon range over the coming week, with a continued mixed bag for consumers—about half of the states may see prices inch lower, while the other half could experience increases. We'll be watching for any market developments, but for now, the market appears to be in a holding pattern."

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

## Floriculture Team Competes at State

photos courtesy of Friona FFA Facebook

The Floriculture team competed at the Texas FFA Floriculture State CDE in Huntsville, last week. They would like to thank everyone for all of the tremendous support they received during the season. A spe-

cial thank you to Hi-Pro Feeds for sponsoring the collared shirts for competition. Another special thank you to Mrs. Connie Slagle for sponsoring the state t-shirts worn on practice day!



Floriculture Team — Kyleigh Stephens, Jackie Salinas, Stevie Herring, Shelby Lewellen.



Kyleigh, Stevie, Shelby, & Jackie

## Keep Friona Clean

### Roll-off box to open up for waste items

The City will open up the roll-off box this Saturday, May 3, from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Please come by to dump those items that don't belong in your dumpster and do your part to help Keep Friona Clean!

The roll-off box is located at East 8th and South Jackson Ave. It is a free service



provided to Friona residents. Examples of items not allowed in dumpsters includes: steel and metal, mattresses and furniture,

refrigerators/AC units, paint cans (with or without liquids), electronics and appliances, drums/barrels, brick, wood and concrete, railroad ties. Items not accepted in the roll-off box are tires, oil and tree limbs. To dispose of these items, please contact the City office at 806-250-2761.

### Commissioners get report on measles outbreak

Parmer County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, April 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.

Sheriff Geske reported that the Law Enforcement Center was currently housing 24 inmates, of which 7 are from Lubbock County, 2 from Bailey County, and 1 from Lamb County. Geske also presented Commissioners with a measles outbreak report and information concerning the need for certain individuals to get vaccinated. As of April 29th, the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) reports 663 confirmed measles cases in Texas since late January. See vaccine information on page 8.

Minutes of the April 14th regular meeting were reviewed and approved. Commissioners also approved the payment of accounts payables, the payroll report and the Quarterly Report as presented by County Treasurer Sharon May. You can view the quarterly report on page 8.

Commissioners passed a motion to renew the contract with NewTex IT Solutions of Clovis, New Mexico for the county's Essential Protection

for SonicWall. The new contract cost \$2,789.97 and provides protection for 3 years.

A motion to approve a request from Lazbuddie ISD for \$99,000 in Permanent School Funds for the purchase and installation of new playground equipment was passed.

After discussion, a motion to approve a Joint Resolution to allow the Texas Department of Transportation to install license plate recognition cameras was approved. In earlier discussions it was believed the resolution would be between TXDOT and the Sheriff's Office but the final version has TXDOT and Parmer County as the signatories. TXDOT will control where and when the cameras are positioned. The cameras will be used to assist during amber alerts, silver alerts, stolen vehicles, etc.

In other business, a motion to purchase Bonds for listed Parmer County employees was approved.

A Parmer County burn ban is currently in effect. Call the Sheriff's Office at (806) 481-3303 to schedule a burn when the wind speed is below 10 mph.

The next Commissioner's meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 12th. All meetings are open to the public. Information in this article is only a summary.

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Consolidated Notice of Receipt of Application and Intent to Obtain Permit and Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision

Air Quality Standard Permit for Concrete Batch Plants Proposed Registration No. 179800L001

**Application.** Van Eaton Ready Mix, Inc., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Air Quality Standard Permit, Registration No. 179800L001, which would authorize construction of a concrete batch plant located using the following directions: From the intersection of US Highway 60 and TX Highway 214 in Friona, TX, head South on TX Highway 214 for 8.0 miles. Then turn East onto TX Highway 86 and continue for 7.0 miles. Turn South onto County Road 25 and continue for 5.0 miles. Then stay South on FM 1172 and continue for 1.2 miles. The facility will be on the East side of the road, near Friona, Parmer County, Texas 79035. This application is being processed in an expedited manner, as allowed by the commission's rules in 30 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 101, Subchapter J. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <https://gisweb.tceq.texas.gov/LocationMapper/?marker=-102.608222,34.439417&level=13>. The proposed facility will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including (but not limited to) aggregate, cement, road dust, and particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on April 7, 2025. The executive director has completed the administrative and technical reviews of the application and determined that the application meets all of the requirements of a standard permit authorized by 30 TAC § 116.611, which would establish the conditions under which the plant must operate. The executive director has made a preliminary decision to issue the registration because it meets all applicable rules. The application, executive director's preliminary decision, and standard permit will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Amarillo regional office, and at the Friona City Hall, 623 South Main Street, Friona, Parmer County, Texas 79035, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review at the TCEQ Amarillo Regional Office, 3918 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas. Visit [www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cbp](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cbp) to review the standard permit. The application, including any updates, is available electronically at the following webpage: <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/air/airpermit-applications-notices>.

**Public Comment/Public Meeting.** You may submit public comments or request a public meeting. See Contacts section. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments or meeting requests is 30 days after newspaper notice is published.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to consider in the permit process.

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing. If a public meeting is held, the deadline to submit public comments is extended to the end of the public meeting.

**Contested Case Hearing.** You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. **Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 30 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application.**

**A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. To request a hearing, a person must actually reside in a permanent residence within 440 yards of the proposed plant. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number; (2) applicant's name and registration number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility; and (7) a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period. If the request is made by a group or association, one or more members who have standing to request a hearing must be identified by name and physical address. The interests which the group or association seeks to protect must be identified. You may submit your proposed adjustments to the application which would satisfy your concerns. See Contacts section.**

**TCEQ Action.** After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. The executive director's decision on the application, and any response to comments, will be mailed to all persons on the mailing list. If no timely contested case hearing requests are received, or if all hearing requests are withdrawn, the executive director may issue final approval of the application. If all timely hearing requests are not withdrawn, the executive director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and requests to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled commission meeting. The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material air quality concerns submitted during the comment period.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

**Mailing List.** You may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive additional information on this specific application. See Contacts section.

**Information Available Online.** For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database (CID) at [www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid). Once you have access to the CID using the link, enter the registration number at the top of this notice.

**Contacts.** Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at [www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/](http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/), or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at [www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep). Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Van Eaton Ready Mix, Inc., PO Box 1058, Shawnee, OK 74802-1058 or by calling Ms. Furzanna Iqbal, Project Manager with Apex Companies, LLC at (918) 399-3398.

Notice Issuance Date: April 30, 2025

Parmer County Treasurer's Report

REPORT OF Sharon A. May County Treasurer of PARMER County, Texas, of Receipts and Expenditures from January 01, to March 31, 2025 Inclusive:

|   |                      |
|---|----------------------|
| <b>JURY FUND</b>  |                      |
| Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2024            | ...\$201,141.08      |
| Amount Received Since Last Report                       | ..... \$18,856.49    |
| Amount Paid Out Since Last Report                       | .....\$1,556.08      |
| March 31, 2025 Balance                                  | .....\$218,441.49    |
| <b>GENERAL FUND</b>                                     |                      |
| Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2024            | \$5,277,242.24       |
| Amount Received Since Last Report                       | .....\$3,590,838.39  |
| Amount Paid Out Since Last Report                       | .....\$1,538,975.27  |
| March 31, 2025 Balance                                  | .....\$7,329,105.36  |
| <b>FARM TO MARKET FUND</b>                              |                      |
| Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2024            | \$1,682,312.38       |
| Amount Received Since Last Report                       | ..... \$1,197,136.04 |
| Amount Paid Out Since Last Report                       | .....\$506,131.40    |
| March 31, 2025 Balance                                  | ..... \$2,370,182.35 |
| <b>CONTINGENCY FUND</b>                                 |                      |
| Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2024            | ...\$249,264.25      |
| Amount Received Since Last Report                       | ..... \$255,3.16     |
| Amount Paid Out Since Last Report                       | .....\$0.00          |
| March 31, 2025 Balance                                  | .....\$504,566.41    |
| <b>PARMER COUNTY FORFEITURE FUND</b>                    |                      |
| Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2024            | .....\$11,214.12     |
| Amount Received Since Last Report                       | .....\$93.97         |
| Amount Paid Out Since Last Report                       | .....\$0.00          |
| March 31, 2025 Balance                                  | .....\$11,308.09     |
| <b>PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND</b>                       |                      |
| Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2024            | .. \$472,822.50      |
| Amount Received Since Last Report                       | .....\$71,485.52     |
| Amount Paid Out Since Last Report                       | ..... \$0.00         |
| March 31, 2025 Balance                                  | ..... \$544,308.02   |
| <b>REVENUE FUND</b>                                     |                      |
| Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2024            | ...\$153,572.59      |
| Amount Received Since Last Report                       | .....\$32,616.15     |
| Amount Paid Out Since Last Report                       | ..... \$25,980.62    |
| March 31, 2025 Balance                                  | .....\$160,208.12    |
| <b>JUVENILE PROBATION FUND</b>                          |                      |
| Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2024            | .....\$5,461.79      |
| Amount Received Since Last Report                       | .....\$45.76         |
| Amount Paid Out Since Last Report                       | .....\$0.00          |
| March 31, 2025 Balance                                  | .....\$5,507.55      |
| <b>COUNTY ATTORNEY - CHECK COLLECTION FUND</b>          |                      |
| Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2024            | ..... \$2,655.18     |
| Amount Received Since Last Report                       | ..... \$22.05        |
| Amount Paid Out Since Last Report                       | .....\$157.22        |
| March 31, 2025 Balance                                  | .....\$2,520.01      |
| <b>DISTRICT ATTORNEY CHECK COLLECTION - 287TH FUND</b>  |                      |
| Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2024            | .... \$10,729.56     |
| Amount Received Since Last Report                       | .....\$2,974.83      |
| Amount Paid Out Since Last Report                       | ..... \$2,500.00     |
| March 31, 2025 Balance                                  | .....\$11,204.39     |
| <b>DISTRICT ATTORNEY FORFEITURE FUND</b>                |                      |
| Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2024            | .....\$21,454.05     |
| Amount Received Since Last Report                       | .....\$179.77        |
| Amount Paid Out Since Last Report                       | .....\$0.00          |
| March 31, 2025 Balance                                  | .....\$21,633.82     |
| <b>COUNTY ATTORNEY FORFEITURE FUND</b>                  |                      |
| Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2024            | .....\$1,581.48      |
| Amount Received Since Last Report                       | ..... \$13.25        |
| Amount Paid Out Since Last Report                       | .....\$0.00          |
| March 31, 2025 Balance                                  | .....\$1,594.73      |
| <b>INTEREST &amp; SINKING FUND</b>                      |                      |
| Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2024            | ...\$103,175.58      |
| Amount Received Since Last Report                       | .....\$1,297.36      |
| Amount Paid Out Since Last Report                       | .....\$0.00          |
| March 31, 2025 Balance                                  | .....\$104,472.94    |
| <b>LATERAL FUND</b>                                     |                      |
| Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2024            | .....\$0.00          |
| Amount Received Since Last Report                       | .....\$0.00          |
| Amount Paid Out Since Last Report                       | .....\$0.00          |
| March 31, 2025 Balance                                  | .....\$0.00          |
| <b>PARMER COUNTY ATTORNEY PRETRIAL DIVERSION FUND</b>   |                      |
| Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2024            | ..... \$4,199.03     |
| Amount Received Since Last Report                       | .....\$617.83        |
| Amount Paid Out Since Last Report                       | .....\$1,261.09      |
| March 31, 2025 Balance                                  | .....\$3,555.77      |
| <b>PARMER COUNTY AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT 2021 FUND</b> |                      |
| Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2024            | .. \$275,510.73      |
| Amount Received Since Last Report                       | .....\$2,195.26      |
| Amount Paid Out Since Last Report                       | .....\$23,149.13     |
| March 31, 2025 Balance                                  | .....\$254,556.86    |
| <b>RECAPITULATION</b>                                   |                      |
| Jury Fund   | .....\$218,441.49    |
| General Fund  | .....\$7,329,105.36  |
| Farm To Market Fund                                     | .....\$2,370,182.35  |
| Contingency Fund  | .....\$504,566.41    |
| Parmer County Forfeiture Fund                           | .....\$11,308.09     |
| Permanent Improvement Fund                              | .....\$544,308.02    |
| Revenue Fund  | .....\$160,208.12    |
| Juvenile Probation Fund                                 | .....\$5,507.55      |
| County Attorney - Check Collection Fund                 | .....\$2,520.01      |
| District Atty Check Collection - 287th Fund             | .....\$11,204.39     |
| District Attorney Forfeiture Fund                       | .....\$21,633.82     |
| County Attorney Forfeiture Fund                         | .....\$1,594.73      |
| Interest & Sinking Fund                                 | .....\$104,472.94    |
| Lateral Fund  | .....\$0.00          |
| Parmer County Attorney Pretrial Diversion               | .....\$3,555.77      |
| Parmer County ARPA                                      | .....\$254,556.86    |
| Total   | .....\$11,543,165.91 |

LIST OF BONDS AND OTHER SECURITIES ON HAND CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT, GENERAL FUND, JURY, PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT, INVESTMENTS, TOTAL

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 April, 2025  
 Isabel Carrasco  
 County Judge - Parmer County, Texas  
 Examined and approved in open Commissioners' Court this 28th Day of April, 2025.

**PARMER COUNTY MMR VACCINE LOCATIONS**

- Lazbuddie - May 3, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. @ The Methodist Church - 675 FM 1172
- Bovina - May 7, 2025 from 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. @ The XIT Building - 215 North Street
- Farwell - May 10, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. @ Farwell ISD Multipurpose Room - 801 Ave. G
- Friona - May 17, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. @ Friona ISD Jr. High Gym - 1001 Euclid Ave.

If you have any questions please contact the Sheriff's Office @ (806)481-3303 Or the County Judge @ (806)481-3383

**UBICACIONES DE VACUNACIÓN MMR DEL CONDADO DE PARMER**

- Lazbuddie - 3 de Mayo de 2025 de 10:00 a.m. a 2:00 p.m. @ La Iglesia Metodista - 675 FM 1172
- Bovina - 7 de Mayo de 2025 de 2:00 p.m. a 7:00 p.m. @ El Edificio XIT - 215 North Street
- Farwell - 10 de Mayo de 2025 de 10:00 a.m. a 3:00 p.m. @ Sala de Usos Múltiples de Farwell ISD - 801 Ave. G
- Friona - 17 de mayo de 2025 de 10:00 a.m. a 4:00 p.m. @ Gimnasio de la Escuela Secundaria de Friona ISD - 1001 Avenida Euclid

Si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor comuníquese con la Oficina del Sheriff al (806) 481-3303 o con el Juez del Condado al (806) 481-3383.

## Parmer County Cancer Coalition Announces Scholarship Recipients

In 2023, the Parmer County Cancer Coalition started a scholarship program called "All About Pink," in which we award scholarships to students who are cancer patients or survivors, or who are children of cancer survivors or children. In that inaugural year, we awarded one scholarship in Friona to a graduating senior who had survived cancer. In 2024, in addition to the

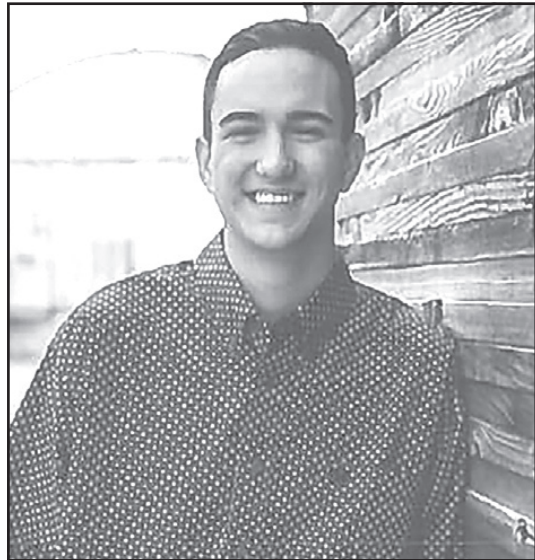
All About Pink scholarship, we began a competitive scholarship in all four school districts in the county, selected on scholastic achievement, volunteer work and with priority to those students who are seeking entry into the medical fields. Both scholarship programs award the recipients \$1,000 per semester of their first year of higher education or vocational training.

That year, we awarded five scholarships across all four districts. Along with this new program to further the education of our local students, we continued our program of grants to county cancer patients, and in 2024 gave out 26 \$1,000 grants.

In 2025, we are pleased to announce the following recipients of our competitive scholarship program:



**Peyton Schueler - Friona.** Peyton is the oldest child of Kevin & Ami Schueler and was active his entire academic career in the agricultural field through Parmer County 4-H. Peyton volunteered at Prairie Acres Nursing Home and Legacy Pointe and Created with a Purpose West Texas Pregnancy Center. His future includes enrolling in Clarendon College to work towards a degree in Applied Sciences.



**Tristan Seratt - Farwell.** Tristan is the son of Shane & Melissa Seratte and was a member of the National Honor Society and Student Council for two years during his high school career. Tristan volunteered extensively in his community, giving his time to his church youth group, Meals on Wheels, The Clothes Closet, the Farwell nursing home, and Christmas shopping for underprivileged area children. Tristan completed his Certified Nursing Assistant license at the age of 17 and plans to further his medical education at West Texas A&M University in their nursing program, with the goal of becoming a Certified Nurse Practitioner.



**Isabella Jaime - Farwell.** Isabella is the daughter of Jose & Michelle Jaime and currently ranked fourth in her class at Farwell High. She was active in National Honor Society, and volunteered with Meals for Wheels, Created with a Purpose West Texas Pregnancy Center, Farwell's canned food drive and Christmas present drive. Isabella plans to attend Lubbock Christian University in the fall to pursue a degree in the medical field.



**Natalie Wade - Farwell.** Natalie is the daughter of Krystal Wade and was active in many sports and the National Honor Society at Farwell High, all while maintaining a part time job and volunteering in her community. She plans on attending Amarillo College to pursue a degree in diagnostic medical sonography.



## 7th & 8th Grade Girls Basketball Team

Front Row (l-r) Preslie Goyne, Jaylee Perez, Ivanna Guevara, Karleigh Rangel, Zaylee Dominguez. Back Row (l-r) Aylene Moreno, Kamila Moreno, Emery Rangel, Genesis Aguirre, Coach Andrew Aguirre. Not Pictured: Yuvia Arias, Amayah Rojas.

## Girls Basketball Team Wins Championship

The Friona 7/8 girls' team had an impressive showing at the Hub Court Tip Off Classic tournament on April 25th-27th, going undefeated and securing the Championship title. Despite recently transitioning back to travel ball after a busy school sports season, the team displayed remarkable defensive skills, winning each game by at least 20 points. Additionally, teammates Yuvia Arias and Amayah Rojas, who were also com-

peting in the 5/6 division, also secured a championship win, marking a successful weekend for the entire team. Scoring points for all three games in total are the following: Genesis Aguirre- 28 points, Amayah Rojas- 23 points, Jaylee Perez- 22 points, Preslie Goyne- 18 points, Ivanna Guevara- 18 points, Aylene Moreno- 10 points, Yuvia Arias- 8 points, Kamila Moreno- 5 points, Emery Rangel- 2 points.

## Varsity District Tennis Results

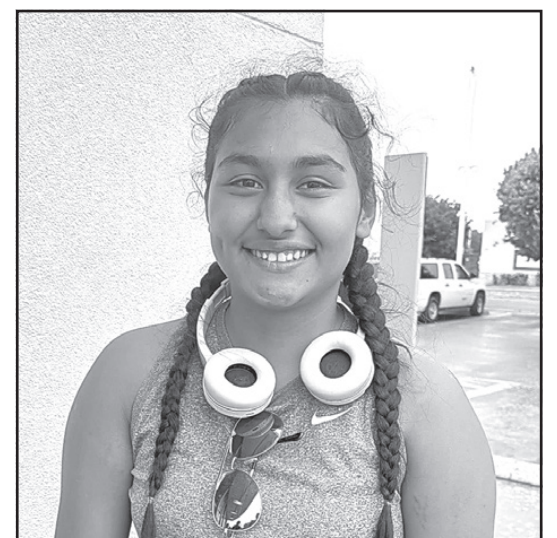


**Ella and Peyton McFarland**  
4th Place

Girls  
Doubles



**Kailey Jaramillo | 3rd Place**  
Girls Singles



**Lexy Soto | 4th Place**  
Girls Singles



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# Thank You! From the Parmer County Junior Livestock Show



The 2025 Parmer County Junior Livestock Show Premium Sale netted \$511,945 which included the sale and bumps. This amount broke the previous record of \$510,013 which was set in 2023. There were 137 exhibitors who exhibited 357 entries during the show. A total of 141 entries made the initial sale, but after bumps, contributions were made to 205 entries overall. This year featured the first Ag Mechanics show, which will continue next year. We truly appreciate all the individuals, businesses, buyers clubs, and add-ons that support our talented young people. Thank you for helping to reward their hard work! The 2026 stock show will be January 13th-17th.

**2025 Top Buyers:** **Gold** – Caprock Dairy **Silver** – LoneStar Ag **Bronze** – Friona Buyer's Club

806 Welding  
A-1 Service Center  
Ab Hendley  
Ag Texas Farm Credit  
Alan Monroe  
Andy & Tabitha Carthel  
Animal Health International  
Baileyboro Farms Inc  
Betty Kirby  
Bill & Jeri Lynn White  
Blakey Farms  
Bovina Buyers Club  
Branscum Farms  
Bunker Trucking Inc  
Capital Farm Credit - Muleshoe  
Caprock Dairy, LLC



Cara Wade  
Chance & Heather Lewellen  
Cindy Harrison  
Cody & Abby Kirby  
Craig & Carolyn Kirby  
Cris & Sylvia Ingram  
Dale & Donna Schueler  
Dale Hart Farm & Cattle  
Dale Milner  
Daniel & Heather Kaltwasser  
Danny & Holly Campbell  
Danny & Jiselle Hand



Darren & Lorre Haseloff  
Darwin & Martha Manning  
Davy & Kathy Carthel  
Devault Land & Cattle  
Donnie & Debbie Lewellen  
Double D Ditching  
Dustin & Lysie Cleavinger  
Dustin & Marca Thompson  
Dusty & Jodi Urbantke  
Dusty & Lindsey Ramage  
Eastern Plains Insurance  
Energy Feeds International  
Ettter Water Well, LLC  
Farwell Buyers Club  
First National Bank - Friona  
Banking Center  
First United Bank - Sudan



Five Star Auctioneers  
Foote & Gallman Cattle  
Foote Family Meats  
Friona Buyers Club  
Gallman Cattle  
Gary & Sheryl Morris  
George & Nickie Villarreal  
Greg & Jamie Lewellen  
Hamilton Auto Group  
Hereford Veterinary Supply, Inc.  
Hi Pro Feeds



High Ground Insurance  
Holly Clark  
James & Rachel Clark  
Jamie VanBeek  
JC Marrufo  
Jim Bob & Teddy Jones  
Jim Elyce Wade  
JoAnn Rush  
Joe Brand  
JT & Jamie Haynes  
Justin & Abbie Allen  
K&S Land Service  
Kendrick Oil Company  
Kevin & Ami Schueler  
Kitty Gallman  
Klinger Cattle Co  
Lazbuddie Buyers Club  
Legends Buyer's Club



LoneStar Ag  
Lonnie & Salida McFarland  
Lowes - Friona  
Michael & Jandi Lawrence  
Monty & Tessa Schueler  
Muleshoe Vet Supply  
Optima Dairy  
Parmer County Cattlemen  
Parmer County Cotton Growers  
Parmer County Good Shepherds  
Parmer County Stock Show  
Steak Dinner Fundraiser  
Pink Diamond Land & Cattle  
Pittman Custom Meats  
Potts Cattle Company  
R & M Cattle  
R&S - Steve Reeves  
Randy Carpenter  
RB Land & Livestock LLC  
RCS Farms, Inc  
Richard Hadley  
Ronnie & Sheryl Altman  
Ronnie Altman  
Russell Feed & Supply  
Rusty & Natalie McDaniel  
Sawyer & Marissa Osborn  
Seco Land & Livestock  
Seth Murphree  
Sharon White

Silveus Insurance Group  
Stephen & Karen Schilling  
Steve & Sherri Kennedy  
Swierc Land & Cattle  
Terry & Janine Jesko  
The Citizens Bank of Clovis  
Thompson Farms  
Tim & Dana Foote



Tim Foote & Charlie Rodgers  
Town & Country Veterinary  
Clinic  
Tyler Edwards  
VS Farms  
Wade & Candice Schueler  
Wade & Holly Easley  
Whiteface Ford



# Happy Retirement

Please join us for a celebration honoring

*Dr. and Mrs. Felipe Jubay*

**Friday, May 2, 2025,  
from 4-6pm at the  
Clarence Monroe  
Community Center**

*Come help us send off the Jubays  
and enjoy some refreshments*

# Estate Sale of Dale Widner

605 Watkins Ave. Friona TX

May 1-3, 2025 (May 4th if needed) | 9:00 am - 5:00 pm



House, garage, shed, and containers full of many items including fridge, washer & dryer, safe, furniture, tools, and more. Large collection of Frankoma pottery, kitchen items, antiques, glassware, piano, die-cast tractors, and tractor collectables. School annuals, coins, watches, vintage razors & shaving mugs, clothing, boots, record player, CDs, albums, DVDs.

Also, a farm pickup, truck tool boxes, new tools, trolling motor, fishing equipment, gasoline containers, yard tools, and equipment.

See photos at Consignment Gallery and Estate Sales on Facebook and like our page. While in Friona, we recommend you try Pam's Kitchen, great food!!! It's our "go to" in Friona.

