



High Wire Act

Around 2 p.m. on Tuesday a truck hauling a large tank north down Main street hit some overhead lines at the old Milk House Market building at 10th street. At least five poles were broken in and around the area. Fire Marshall Danny Campbell was on the scene to divert traffic and make sure no danger existed from the downed lines. Excel Energy crews brought in new poles and began the replacement process. There were no injuries and no power outages were reported.



Spring Has Arrived — After the blizzard a couple of weeks ago, spring has officially begun. The purple henbit and yellow mustard weeds are gradually going away as the grass is turning dark green and trees are budding. In the photos above bluebonnets are thriving at 14th & Columbia and the tree on the north side of the hospital is always colorful this time of year.

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Friona Weather April 24-30	T 83 52 SSW 10-20	F 72 54 ENE 10-20	S 68 56 SE 10-20	S 84 50 SSW 15-25	M 78 46 WSW 20-30	T 71 43 NNE 10-20	W 72 46 SSE 10-15	Precipitation April 1.90 Year 2.98	Burn Ban Yes
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Community Calendar

Send Calendar information to:
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April 24
• Tacos @ Senior Center Meal
• School Board Early Voting 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

April 25
• School Board Early Voting 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

April 28
• Fish Fry Fundraiser @ Senior Center Meal
• School Board Early Voting 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

April 29
• School Board Early Voting 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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

May 1
• Spaghetti @ Senior Center Meal

May 3
• School Board Election Day 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



House passes school voucher bill

The Texas House on Thursday passed Gov. Greg Abbott’s school voucher bill after a years-long campaign by the governor and his allies, the Austin American-Statesman reported. Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who presides over the Senate, announced Friday he recommended that chamber accept the House version, which prioritizes children with special education needs for vouchers.

The Senate version, which is less restrictive, passed in early February.

In addition to passing the voucher legislation, the House passed a \$7.7 billion school finance package, which will increase the base-level funding per student by almost \$400 — to \$6,555 — and pays for teacher raises and increases in special education funding. The Senate’s version is considerably different, so the two school finance bills will have to be reconciled.

House cuts Lottery Commission budget to zero

The budget for the Texas Lottery Commission was reduced to zero in the 2026-2027 budget passed by the House, the Statesman reported.

The commission has been under fire for not aggressively curtailing third-party “courier companies” that broker ticket sales for players online. In one instance, a single player bought enough tickets to guarantee a winning ticket for a \$95 million jackpot,

according to the Houston Chronicle.

The Senate has already passed a bill outlawing courier companies. It is uncertain whether the Senate will go along with the House measure to end all lottery commission funding.

The lottery brings about \$2 billion a year to the state treasury.

Senate bill would ban fluoride in water systems

A bill filed by state Sen. Bob Hall, R-Edgewood, would ban adding fluoride to public drinking water, a cause being championed by U.S. Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

The Dallas Morning News reported that Hall talked about the potential side effects of consuming an “excessive amount” of fluoride. Health officials assert fluoride has protected against tooth decay and resulted in fewer cavities over the decades it has been added to public water systems.

Hall’s bill would ban adding “any form of fluoride to any public water supply for the purpose of fluoridation, regardless of the intended concentration.”

Kennedy has said he plans to ask the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to stop recommending fluoridation of public water systems. Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller has also called for a ban on water fluoridation.

In Texas, nearly three-fourths of the state’s population drinks water with fluoride in it, according to

the Texas Department of State Health Services.

House agrees to give Paxton back pay

Largely along party lines, the House agreed to urge budget writers to give Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton nearly \$64,000 in back pay to cover the period when he was suspended while impeached. The Chronicle reported the measure passed by a margin of 88-56.

Paxton was impeached by the House in 2023, but the Senate acquitted him. He went without pay for about three months.

“If we believe that not only politicians but regular citizens are entitled to the presumption of innocence, we should truly believe that he should have been entitled to his salary during the course of this suspension,” said state Rep. Mitch Little, R-Lewisville, the bill’s sponsor. “Now that he’s been acquitted, if you broke it, you bought it.”

The House and Sen-

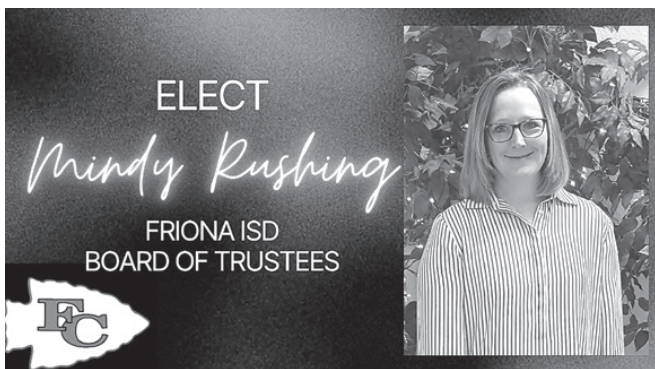
ate versions of the budget still have to be reconciled.

It’s looking like a warm spring

The departure of the La Niña climate pattern makes it likely much of the state is in for a warm, dry spring, the Statesman reported. As of mid-April, more than 80% of Texas was already abnormally dry or in drought, with little relief in sight.

Drought conditions are especially severe in Far West Texas into the Big Bend area and throughout Central Texas. The eastern part of the state is the only region not facing drought conditions as of yet.

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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!

ACROSS

- 1 “___ the Man” Musial
5 TX George Strait’s “Ace in the ___”
6 in Liberty County on U.S. 90
7 Paris, TX FM
8 TXism: “table graze”
9 Robert Mueller was dir. of this agcy. for TX George W.
12 “can’t put ___ to the name”
17 Alamo’s Travis drew ___ the dirt
19 Sutton County seat
21 astronaut, TX “Deke”
22 TX Robert Howard created “Conan” played by this Schwarzenegger
23 TXism: “bunched up like ___ a trough”
28 actress Patricia in Texas-based “Hud”
29 TXism: “piece of ___” (easy)
30 this Gary hit last homer in old Arlington Stadium
31 TXism: “jumpy as a cat ___”
35 this TX Gilpin was a child actor and brother of Peri
36 TXism for “skinny” (4 wds.)
42 “___ BBQ Sauce”
44 TXism: “cute as a white-___ calf”
46 debonair

- 47 Texas fiddler, Robertson
49 TXism: “___ a baby’s bottom”
50 ___ Vernon, TX (abbr.)
51 “Petticoat” Texan, Meredith Mac ___
52 in Hockley County on U.S. 84
53 Texas performer Stone
54 TXism: “___ ‘bout”
55 tallest in Texas: Guadalupe ___

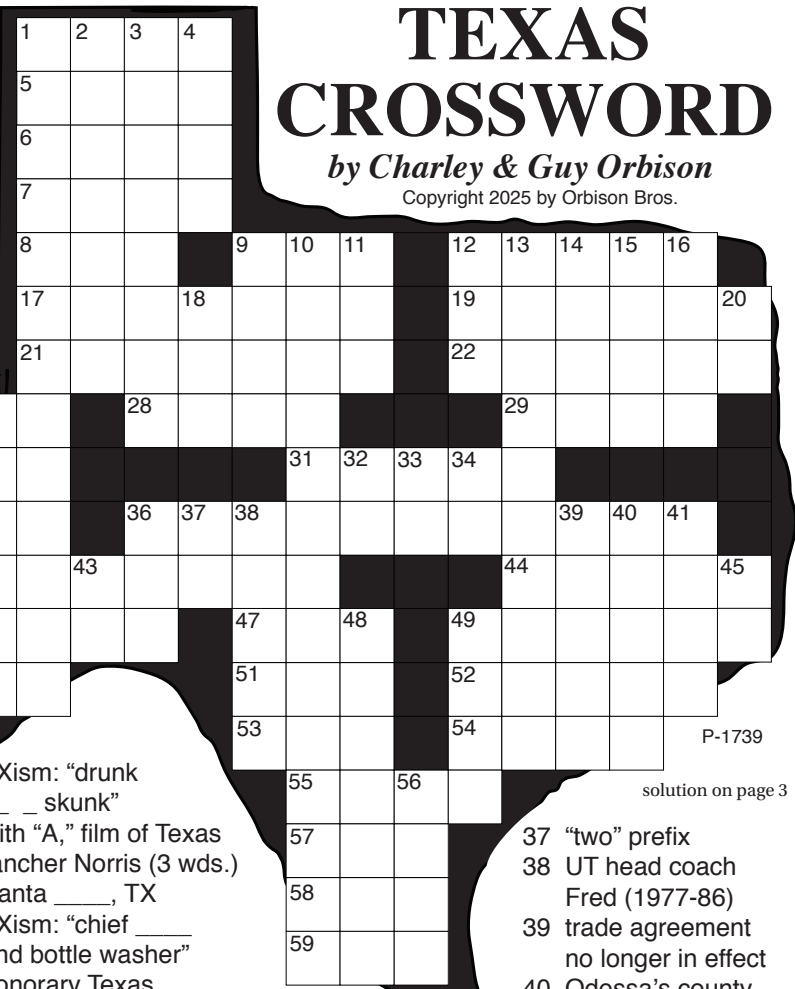
- 57 TX Perot’s old co.
58 TX Buddy Holly’s “Peggy ___”
59 state newspaper assn.

DOWN

- 1 TXism: “more than you can ___ - ___”
2 in Harris County on highway 249
3 “The Golden Seal” was TX Railsback film about the ___ Islands
4 Costner played this Eliot in film with TX Richard Bradford
9 Greek cheese
10 Texas ___ control uses natural predators
11 Texas’ “Pizza ___”
12 TXism: “drunk ___ skunk”
13 with “A.” film of Texas rancher Norris (3 wds.)
14 Santa ___, TX
15 TXism: “chief ___ and bottle washer”
16 honorary Texas Ranger: ___ Stanley Gardner
18 Texas poet Naomi Shihab
20 “the year of our Lord” (abbr.)
23 ___ Bissinger’s “Friday Night Lights” about Texas football
24 ___ “Bum” Phillips
25 topaz is state ___

TEXAS CROSSWORD

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- 26 data about Texas pro athletes (abbr.)
27 airy lobby
32 TXism: “leave ___ stone unturned”
33 TXism: “___ the creek don’t rise”
34 trucker radio
36 TXism: “___ some gravel” (fell)

- 37 “two” prefix
38 UT head coach Fred (1977-86)
39 trade agreement no longer in effect
40 Odessa’s county
41 this Penn was in “Red Line” film with TX Harrelson
43 TX Willie’s “Farm Aid ___” was in 1990
45 ex-Cowboy LB Darrin (init.)
48 excited (2 wds.)
49 TXism: “___ like an anvil in a stock tank”
56 out in the Gulf

‘Tis the View

I made it through another day,
I didn't really have a choice,
Truth be known,

It was my preference.

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COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from April 10, 2025 to April 17, 2025

(410/25) Billie Mason, The Darrell Mason Testamentary Trust — Sean Mason, Shane Mason, Sheldon Mason — W/2 of Section 30, Doud and Keefers Subdivision, Parmer County

(4/10/25) Dave Engelking — Debbie Weir — NE/4 of Section 2, T14S, R3E, Parmer County

(4/14/25) Cristina Rueda — Luz Quezada — Southeasterly 70 foot of Lots 9 and 10, Block 15, Original Town Addition, Bovina, Parmer County

(4/14/25) Patricia Baxter Stubbs — Donald Stubbs, Patricia Stubbs — SE/4 of Section 1, Block B, Rhea Brothers Subdivision; North 241 Acres Section 30, Charles E. Harding Subdivision

(4/16/25) Jillinne D. Campbell, Cody A. Campbell — Melissa Marie Guetersloh — Lots 21, 22, and 23, Block 58, Original Townsite City of Farwell, Parmer County

Come have Fun with us at Malouf's Fabric
These are the classes scheduled this summer

April 26th
5" Charm Pack Class
May 3rd
5 Yard Quilt Class

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

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

If you are planning on going to college and choosing an agricultural major, you should check out the Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation District's college scholarship. It's not difficult to apply, and the deadline is May 2, 2025. Contact your high school counselor or call the conservation district directly at 806-481-3311 x3.

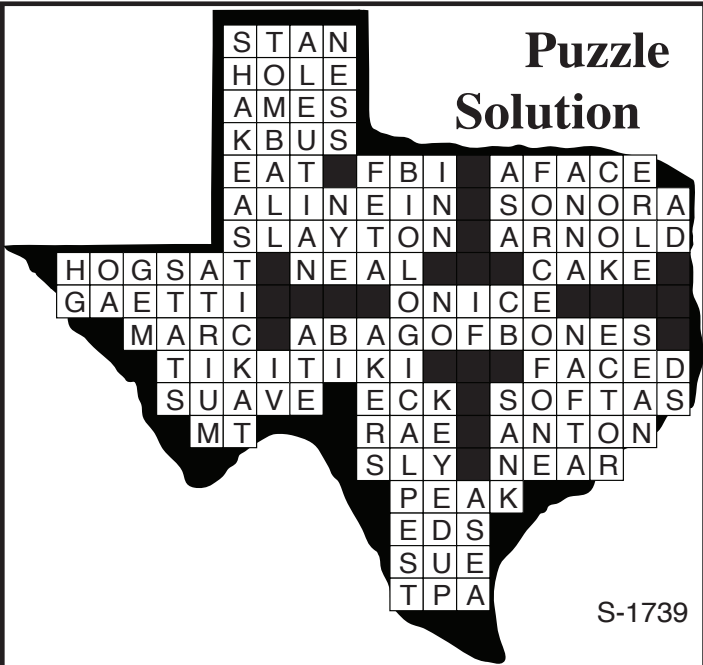


Vote for Jeri Lynn White
for Friona ISD Board of Trustees

Early Voting – April 22 – 25, 28-29

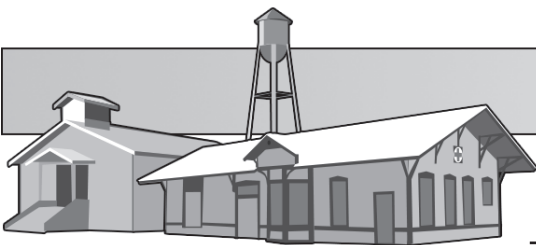
Election Day – May 3, 2025

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



Puzzle Solution

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TOWN TALK

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Everyone is Invited — Senior Meals will host a “Fish Fry Fundraiser” luncheon on Monday, April 28th at the Senior Center located at 1410 N. Washington. Plates are \$10 each and all donations are gratefully accepted. 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.

Don't Forget — The Friends of the Library Annual Meeting is scheduled for 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 27th in the Friona Public Library. There will be refreshments and a fundraiser drawing. Tickets for the drawing are available at the library and are \$10 each. The prize is “The Ultimate Entertainment Bundle” which includes a 65” TV, Nintendo Switch Lite, ROKU Wireless Soundbar, and ROKU Wireless Speakers. See you there!

Tennis Anyone? — The new tennis courts at Friona High School are almost completed. All that is left is to finish

the wire fencing around the courts and install the gates. The Friona Star will have a story on the unique concrete slab that was poured and photos of the new facility as soon as it is completely finished.

Voter Guide — A voter guide for the upcoming Friona ISD School Board General Election is available by visiting mycountyvotes.com and clicking on Voter Guide and Voter Information at the top of the page. A sample ballot and polling information can be found in this issue of the Friona Star on page 8.

It's election time again!
A voter guide for local elections can be found at
mycountyvotes.com

National Days
April 24 — Bucket List Day
April 25 — Historical Marker Day
April 26 — Rebuilding Day
April 27 — Gummi Bear Day
April 28 — Poetry Reading Day
April 29 — Shrimp Scampi Day
April 30 — Honesty Day

HAPPY RETIREMENT

Please join us for a celebration honoring

Dr. and Mrs. Felipe Jubay

Friday, May 2, 2025, from 4 – 6pm

at the

Friona Community Center

Come help us send off the Jubays and enjoy some refreshments

April Blood Drive Report

At the Friona Community Blood Drive on April 16th, 36 individuals were able to donate. There were 27 whole blood donations and 9 2RBC (red blood cell) donations. The blood collected was sent to 14 locations in Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. So far this year, 45 whole blood donations have been given along with 14 2RBC donations. The next blood drive is scheduled for Wednesday, June 11th

and will highlight national dairy month. The most common blood type in the United States is O positive (35%), while the least common is AB negative (1%). Every two seconds, someone needs blood, a product that has no substitute and must be donated from volunteers. Blood transfusions are a common lifesaving procedure, and one donation can save up to three lives.

The Oklahoma Blood Institute – and its partner organizations Arkansas Blood Institute, Texas Blood Institute, and Coffee Memorial Blood Center – collectively are the sixth-largest non-profit blood collector in the nation. With 16 donor centers in Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Texas, OBI is the blood provider for patients at more than 240 hospitals, medical facilities, and air ambulances across the three states.



Thank You — The Friona EMS was recognized at the Senior Luncheon this past Monday. Staff members that were on hand were: front row (l-r) Jordan Carrasco, Driver; Monica Lievas, EMT; Claudia Tucker, EMT and back row (l-r) Jasmine Ramon, Driver; Hadley White, EMT; Sean McGinnis, Paramedic; Nik Baucom, EMS Director; Ethan Belfield, EMT.

Small Town Cookin’ By Jeri Lynn White

National Shrimp Scampi Day

April 29th marks National Shrimp Scampi Day, a delightful celebration for seafood lovers across the country. Indulge in the succulent flavors of shrimp paired with rich garlic butter, making for an unforgettable culinary experience.

Garlic Butter Shrimp Scampi
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Ingredients

- ½ cup unsalted butter, cubed

4 cloves garlic, minced

1 medium shallot, diced

¼ teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes

1 ½ pounds medium shrimp, peeled and deveined
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

3 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley leaves

1 tablespoon freshly squeezed lemon juice

2 teaspoons lemon zest

Directions

Melt butter in a large cast iron skillet over medium heat. Add garlic, shallot and red pepper flakes, and cook, stirring frequently, until fragrant, about 2 minutes. Add shrimp; season with salt and pepper, to taste. Cook, stirring occasionally, until pink and cooked through, about 3-4 minutes. Stir in parsley, lemon juice and lemon zest. Serve immediately.

Davila Receives Distinguished Appointment

Friona City Manager Leander “Lee” Davila has been appointed Chair of the Texas City Management Association (TCMA) Allies Committee, following a direct request from the TCMA President. This distinguished appointment recognizes Davila’s longstanding dedication to inclusive governance and his leadership in advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) efforts in Texas communities.

The TCMA Allies Committee plays a vital role in promoting DEI within the profession of city management and across Texas municipalities. As Chair, Davila will guide the committee in its mission to support un-



derrepresented voices in local government, facilitate inclusive professional development opportunities, and collaborate across committees to advance shared goals.

Davila’s appointment not only underscores the confidence placed in him by the TCMA President but also signals a renewed momentum

for the Allies Committee’s work. His previous service as the Region 1 representative on the committee, along with his widely respected voice in municipal circles, positions him to lead with insight, empathy, and purpose. “This appointment is both an honor and a responsibility,” said Davila. “I’m committed to ensuring our profession reflects the communities we

serve and that all aspiring public servants see a path to leadership.”

As Chair, Davila plans to expand outreach, support DEI-focused programming at TCMA events, and highlight the successes of inclusive practices across the state. His leadership promises to inspire a new wave of thoughtful, community-centered progress among city leaders across Texas.

Texas Chosen for Groundbreaking Aviation Center

Sec. Duffy announces testing hub for new drones, air taxis, and other advance aircraft will be based in DFW with statewide footprint

U.S. Senate Commerce Committee Chairman Ted Cruz (R-Texas) applauded Secretary of Transportation Sean Duffy’s announcement that the Texas A&M System will lead a new Center for Advanced Aviation Technologies (CAAT) with laboratory and testing locations in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex and across the Lone Star State. Sec. Duffy announced that the testing hub for new drones, air taxis, and other advance aircraft will be based in DFW with statewide footprint

Sen. Cruz authored and championed a provision in the bipartisan FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024 authorizing the creation of a new federal research and testing center for emerging aviation technologies like drones, air taxis, and supersonic and hypersonic aircraft. With its thriving aviation sector, strong business environment, and robust state university system, Texas was the logical home for such a center. Under the Texas A&M System’s leadership, a consortium of Texas universities, private organizations, and the FAA will advance the research, development, and integration of innovative aviation technologies.

Happy Birthday

April 24

Evelyn (Hart) Romero
Trista (Hand) Stallings
Cherlyn Pruitt
Quinn Neill



April 25

Mike Riethmayer
Felicia Flores Acker
Allison Fluck
Mariann Boeckman
Rori Montoya
Lupe Benitez
Billie Kirby

April 26

Ben Osborn
Mark Petchinsky
Karla Dixon
Ami Schueler
Brian Brogden
Becky Neill
Nicholas Gutierrez

April 27

Tena (Willard) Fox
Gena (Willard) Marshall
George Ryan
Rebecca Soto
Richard Samarron
Sarah Brown
Blanca Alexander
Linda Salinas
Colton Potts
Kathleen Dunn
Bryanna Larrea

April 28

Joseph Romero
Ella Kate Wright
Davy Hamilton
Julie Goddard
Wade Davenport
Will Rushing
Katelyn Sifford
Lillian Reeve Cramer
Cory Reeve
Julie Cain
Eric Geske
Avah Santiago
Esther Ruiz

April 29

Karen Burns
Gabriel Martinez
Chance Butman

April 30

David Rebber
Brennen Montoya
Quentin Shelby
Jade Mills
Desiree Raymond

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

Gas prices to trend lower

By GasBuddy

Average gasoline prices in Texas have fell 9.0 cents last week, averaging \$2.65 per gallon, according to GasBuddy’s survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas was priced at \$2.15 while the most expensive was \$3.51 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline fell 3.4 cents last week, averaging \$3.10 per gallon. The national average price of diesel decreased 2.7 cents last week and stands at \$3.52 per gallon.

“The national average has seen its second straight weekly decline, with gas prices falling in over 40 states. However, some states have seen increases due to localized price cycling,” said Patrick De Haan,

head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

“With oil prices rallying over the past week, we may start to see the downward trend in gas prices begin to stall. So far, 2025 has been relatively calm at the pump for most Americans, thanks in part to OPEC’s ongoing restoration of oil production and continued uncertainty surrounding tariff policy and its potential impact on the global economy. Regardless, Americans are currently spending over \$200 million less per day on gasoline compared to this time last year,” De Haan added.

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

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Life

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

The late G.D. London, a longtime rancher in East Texas known by many in the area and further away, said “I’m always proud of a good rain and a new calf.” When this thought was shared with me, I was sitting in a pickup following a good rain. Sometimes it rains really hard, sometimes merely a mist, but moisture is moisture, and it’s appreciated all the time. Rain is precious. Rain is a giver of life of sorts. Rain refreshes, revives, strengthens, and gives growth and so much more. Rain holds promise for a brighter tomorrow. It has so many positive attributes; that

is why water is so affectionately mentioned throughout scripture, as being a key ingredient in God’s salvation. God saved Noah using water and God spared the Israelites from destruction by the Egyptians using water. Then to forever seal the deal, God would use water to represent for the believer a watery grave of repentance leading to new life. New life brings me to the second thought of Mr. London’s statement, “A new calf.” I love seeing a new calf, colt, goat, chicken, kitten, and puppy, well just about anything baby, especially humans.

New life, such potential, such promise, so much energy and bundled in a little package. Life has always been precious to God; after all, He is the Giver of it. I think maybe that is why everything is born cute and cuddly, a reminder of all things good and pure, and a reminder that it is only the beginning. My point: We have been given, and see others respond, to a new life in Christ. We need to appreciate that every time it happens. Enjoy the rain, find joy in a new calf, but don’t forget to grow those babes in Christ. It is the nature of LIFE everlasting that we do grow them.

Living the Sermon on the Mount

By Teena Hughs

Many years ago, a couple bought the house behind our church. During the surveying of the property lines, it was found that the church’s north border was about six inches into the couple’s property. I am not sure if they sued the church, but lawyers did get involved on both sides, and the church had to amend their deed and buy the six inches at an expensive price. During this time, the church did everything the couple wanted, even though they didn’t like paying the expensive price for the six inches. They got everything settled, and life went on. Two years ago, our church started having a luncheon for all of the school personnel during in-service week. One of the teachers is the lady who lives behind our church. Shortly after that first lunch, the couple started coming to our church. One member of our church believes it is because she was so taken with our hospitality. We have always been polite and welcoming to this couple. He is wheelchair bound from a car accident, and we have tried to accommodate him every way we can with his motorized wheelchair. He doesn’t like to come to church on rainy or wet Sundays because he doesn’t want to track mud into the church, and he is afraid his wheelchair will get stuck. We are still trying to convince him we can get him in the church without getting stuck, and we don’t care about the mud. She has had a tough few years teaching and trying to get her kids to pass their year-end tests. I have tried to empathize with her and encourage her as much as possible. She has decided this is her last year, and when she made the decision, a sense of peace overwhelmed her! The good news is this: this couple, especially him, has really gotten into the Bible. They are in love with “The Chosen”, and have watched it several times. Yesterday was Monday morning Bible study. We have a new lady who was recently widowed. When she got to

church, she forgot to turn off her lights, and her battery ran down. We were all trying to think of people who might have jumper cables. I tried the Baptist preacher, but I didn’t reach him. A friend called her husband, but he didn’t have any cables, and neither did the man who parks at the post office across the street from their house and watches traffic go by. I texted the man behind our church, and he had jumper cables. His wife went to their store-room, found them, and he brought them to us. The husband of the friend who didn’t have jumper cables was already at the church and got our new sweet friend going again. Someone made an expensive mistake for the church when they surveyed the property wrong, or established the property boundaries wrong, but luckily the church had the money to pay for everything. When all of this happened, the responsible person had probably already passed away. Still, members of the church could have tried to fight this; they could have refused to pay the expensive price for the six inches of property, or demand a cheaper price; they could have gone out in public and talked badly about the couple and made enemies out of the couple. Thankfully, the minister was a Godly man and leader, and none of that happened. They lived what Jesus taught in His Sermon on the Mount: they turned the other cheek and gave the couple what they were asking for! Did they give them more than they were asking for? I don’t know. Because of how the church handled this situation, and because of the way we have treated them since then, we have friends we can call on in someone’s hour of need. That wouldn’t happen if the church had done anything other than what they did. God’s Word is truth, and it works every time it is tried, even in ways we may never dream of. By the way, Feller has an extra pair of jumper cables that are finding a new home at the church for times such as these!!! Take care, and have a great week!!!

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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April Bible Verse

And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.

Mark 11:25 NIV

Y cuando estén orando, si tienen algo contra alguien, perdónenlo, para que también su Padre que está en el cielo perdone a ustedes sus ofensas.

Marcos 11:25 NVI

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Obituaries

Patricia L. Holland

Patricia L. Holland, 87, of Friona, Texas passed away on Monday, April 14, 2025 in Amarillo, Texas. Services will be held at a later time. Cremation arrangements by Steed-Todd Funeral Home in Clovis, New Mexico.

Pat was born on August 3, 1937 to Thomas and Dorothy Throckmorton of Grove City, Pennsylvania. She graduated from Grove City High School and then went to college at Slippery Rock State College to study nursing. She graduated from nursing school and became a Registered Nurse.

Pat met James D. Holland at a hospital in San Francisco, California and they married on



September 8, 1961. She continued her nursing career at various hospitals, clinics, and volunteered at Senior centers. Jim and Pat moved to Friona in 1985.

Pat retired at age 70 from Excel Friona after working as the charge nurse for several years. She continued to help and care for others in the Friona Community

through home hospice and spending time at the Senior Center in Friona. She enjoyed traveling and her favorite hobby was knitting.

Pat is preceded in death by her husband, Jim Holland, who passed away in 1991 in the Parmer County Community Hospital.

Pat is survived by a son, Steven J. Holland; daughter-in-law, Judy Holland; grandson, Steven J. Holland Jr.; and many nieces and nephews from surviving in-laws.

The family wishes to express their thanks to the staff at Parmer Medical Center and the staff at BSA in Amarillo who helped care for Pat in her last days.

Arnold Louis Schueler

Arnold Louis Schueler, 92 of Friona, formerly of the Rhea Community passed away Wednesday, April 16, 2025 in Friona. Celebration of Life Memorial Services will be held at a later date. Cremation and arrangements entrusted to HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Arnold was born February 22, 1933 in his home in Rhea to Robert Henry and Anna Gallmiller Schueler. Arnold's love for music began at an early age and his piano teacher in Friona felt he had a gift in music that should be developed and she encouraged Arnold's parents to pursue a higher level of music instruction for him. Beginning in 1945 at the age of 12 to nearly 16 years old, Arnold was taken to Friona every Saturday morning by his dad, to board a Greyhound bus to Amarillo where he would spend the day studying and playing music at the Musical Arts Conservatory and return home in the evening. While studying at the Conservatory, Arnold was the winner of a young Artist Competition in Amarillo and appeared



as piano soloist with the Amarillo Symphony.

Arnold attended Friona Schools but graduated with a high school degree from St. John College in Winfield, Kansas. The institution consisted of both a two-year college and four-year high school academy. From St. John's college, he transferred to Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois for one year of music study.

After serving 21 months in the United States Army during the Korean War as Chaplain's Assistant (11 months in Seoul, Korea), Arnold returned to civilian life and completed music studies. He received his BS degree from the University of Texas in 1958. Soon after, he began graduate work at North Texas State University and received his Masters of Music Degree. He began post-graduate study on a doctorate degree at Texas Women's

University in Denton, but did not complete this level of music study.

Arnold resided almost all of his life in Dallas where he taught music in the Dallas Public School system for grades 5-8. He also taught private piano and organ lessons from his home while serving as organist of numerous churches in the Dallas area. He remained active as an organist for churches up to the age of 88. He moved from Dallas to a Senior Independent living facility in Amarillo in January 2024 and then made his final move to Prairie Acres Nursing Home in Friona in March of 2025.

Arnold is preceded in death by his parents-Robert and Anna Schueler, 4 brothers-Raymond, Norbert, Floyd, and Robert Jr., 2 sisters-Elenor Meissner, and Irene Graham.

Survivors include a sister-in-law- Glenda Schueler of Amarillo, and numerous nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews.

You may send blessings to the family and sign the online register book exclusively at: hansardfamily.com

Hansard Family
Funeral Home

Ignacia Reyes Bermea

Ignacia Reyes Bermea, 71 of Bovina passed away April 21, 2025 in Amarillo. Viewing will be held from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM Friday April 25, 2025 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of the funeral home with Celebration of Life Services set for 10:00 AM Saturday April 26, 2025 at Crossroads Community Church of Bovina with Eleazar Lara, officiating. Burial following in the Bovina Cemetery entrusted to HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Ignacia was born July 31, 1953, in Progreso, Texas to Constantino and Juana Maria Arias Reyes. She later married Macario Bermea on August 18, 1970. Ignacia was known as a very strong, happy and giving woman that loved to help people. Her faith in God got her through



many hard times and loved to listen to Christian music. She was kind and inviting to everyone and loved to help those in need. She enjoyed cooking for her family and friends, especially for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Preceding her in death were her parents-Constantino and Juana, 1 son-Mike Bermea and 2 grandchildren-Olivia Castillo and Justin Angel Salazar.

Those to mourn her

passing include her husband-Macario Bermea of Dimmitt, 2 daughters-Hilaria Bermea of Farwell, and Tina Espinoza and husband Angel of Friona, 2 sons-David Bermea and wife Carla of Clovis, and Raul Bermea and wife Lupita of Clinton, Oklahoma, sisters-Irma Turley, Isabel Espinoza, Maria Reyes, Anita Reyes, Eliza Espinoza, Gloria Reyes, Juanita Carrizales and Raquel Reyes, brothers-Jose Angel Reyes, Rosendo Reyes, Juan Reyes, Constantino Reyes Jr., and Ray Reyes, 18 grandchildren, and 35 great-grandchildren.

You may send blessings for the family and sign the online guest book at: hansardfamily.com

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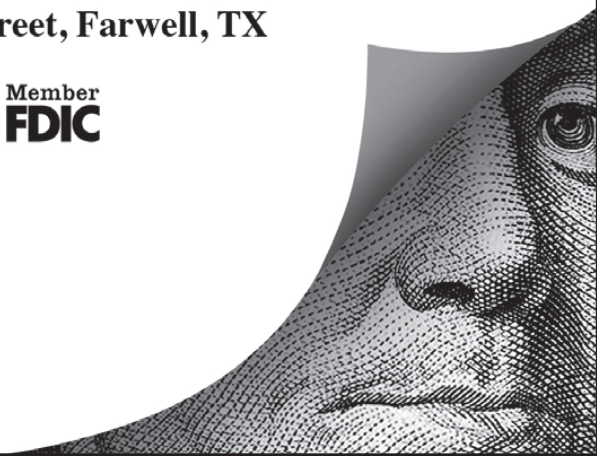
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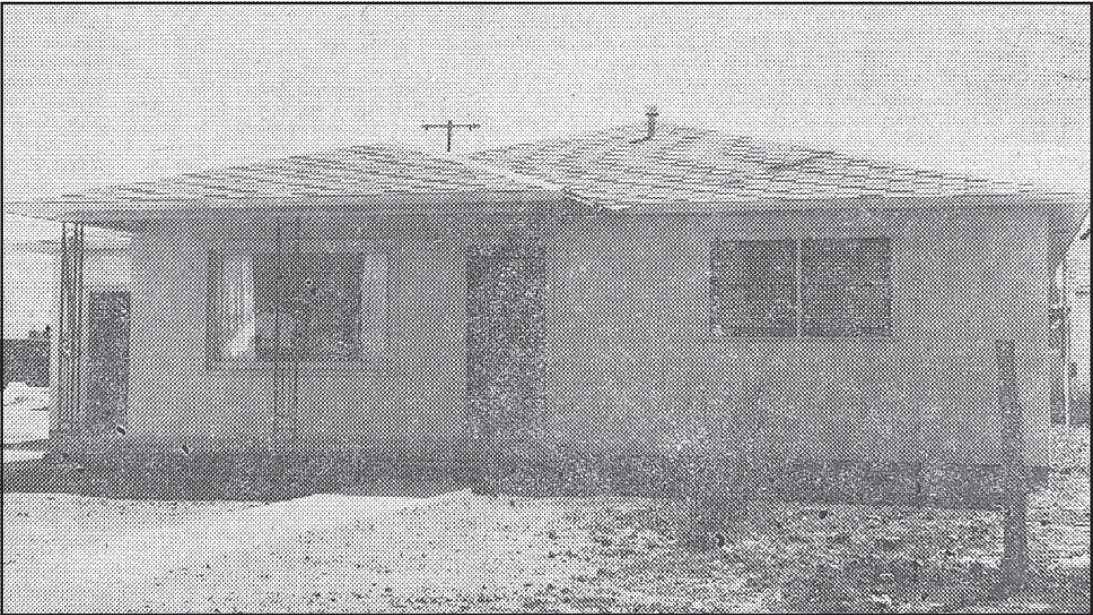
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FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



Introducing: New Homes of Friona — Pictured here is the recently completed home of Mrs. Bertie Stowers. This attractive house features a large kitchen and dining room combined, separated from the living room with a beautiful and unusual room divider. There are two large bedrooms and a large well-arranged bath. A sunny south utility room is adjacent to the kitchen. Outside finish is stucco, painted a pale green.

(Friona Star, Friday, April 12, 1955)

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Sports

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UIL 3A Region I & II-1A Track
& Field Championship

Fri, Apr 18 - Sat, Apr 19, 2025

Abilene Christian University - Elmer Gray Stadium, TX

Ellie McGaughy, Angelica Reyes, Kitzy Welch, and Ishmael Flores competed in the Regional Track & Field Championships in Abilene last week. The top 2 finishers qualified for the State meet. Kitzy earned her way to Austin by finishing 2nd in the discus. Even though Angelica finished 3rd in the shot put, she qualified by winning the wild card spot which goes to the best 3rd place finisher in the state. Ishmael finished 9th in the shot put, Ellie was 6th in the pole vault, and Angelica was 9th in the discus. Congratulations to all for a great year and good luck to Angelica and Kitzy at State!

Boys Shot Put Finals 3A		
1. Colton Hurst*	55-11.00	Idalou
2. Jake Benedict*	53-02.75	Stanton
3. Jaxon Lawler	53-00.50	Bushland
4. Cole Kennedy	49-05.00	Llano
5. Holt Humphrey	48-05.25	Bushland
6. Mason Miller	48-00.50	Tuscola Jim Ned
7. Demarcus Reed	46-09.00	Brady
8. Andrew McClain	45-11.00	Iowa Park
9. Ishmael Flores	43-09.25	Friona
10. Sam (Samuel) Stewart	43-05.00	Tolar
Girls Shot Put Finals 3A		
1. Taylor Wiseman*	43-07.75	Childress
2. Jamie Vassar*	43-07.75	Early
3. Angelica Reyes*	39-00.75	Friona
4. Bree Lewis	38-09.00	Coahoma
5. Brooke Reaves	37-04.50	Jacksboro
6. Samerra Reed	36-09.75	Brady
7. Brocoiya Harris	36-03.00	Slaton
8. Joni Jackson	36-01.25	Breckenridge
9. Jaycee Crawley	36-00.00	Ingram Moore
10. Nadia Gaines	35-06.75	Vernon

Girls Discus Throw Finals 3A		
1. Taylor Wiseman*	155-09	Childress
2. Kitzy Welch*	138-02	Friona
3. Kolie Madison	129-05	Stanton
4. Ellie Shea	127-03	Early
5. Presley St Clair	122-02	Shallowater
6. Bree Lewis	121-11	Coahoma
7. Jaycee Crawley	118-09	Ingram Moore
8. Maria Duran	111-08	Breckenridge
9. Angelica Reyes	110-06	Friona
10. Samerra Reed	109-08	Brady
Girls Pole Vault Finals 3A		
1. Baylor Wright*	12-00.00	Coahoma
2. Reese Jenkins*	11-09.00	Dalhart
3. Kamden Tidwell	10-06.00	Breckenridge
4. Brailyn Tullous	10-06.00	Jacksboro
5. Averi Wood	10-06.00	Tuscola Jim Ned
6. Ellie McGaughy	10-00.00	Friona
7. Baylee Shriver	10-00.00	Tuscola Jim Ned
8. Gabriella Cox	10-00.00	Coahoma
9. Mylee Estrada	9-06.00	Idalou
10. Daniela Vega	9-06.00	Denver City

*State Qualifier



Kitzy Welch



Angelica Reyes

Bovina League Basketball Tournament

This past weekend, both the 3/4 grade and 5/6 grade Chiefs basketball teams won 1st Place in the Bovina League Basketball Tournament.



3rd & 4th Grade Chiefs Basketball Team

Back row (l-r) Ruben Chico, Mauricio Moreno, Jeronimo Gutierrez, Matthew Marquez. **Front Row (l-r)** Marco Arias, Sabastian Aragon, Neremiah Martinez, Malyk Miller. Coach Herman Marquez and their sponsor was Chico's Welding.



5th & 6th Grade Chiefs Basketball Team

Back Row (l-r) Yuvia Arias, Roman Salinas, Manasseh Licerio, Anthony Marquez. **Front Row (l-r)** Neeko Walker, Matthew Marquez, Isziah Snyder, Santino Mendez. Coach Herman Marquez and their sponsor was Chico's Welding.

FISD Sample Ballot

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

Official Ballot
(Boleta Oficial)

INSTRUCTION NOTE:
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General Election

Friona ISD School Board

Polling Locations

— Early Voting —
Thursday, April 24th
Friday, April 25th
8:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m.
FISD Admin Bldg.
909 E. 11th
Monday, April 28th
Tuesday, April 29th
7:00 a.m. till 7:00 p.m.
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— Election Day —
Saturday, May 3rd
7:00 a.m. till 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers
619 Main Street



Judge Carrasco honored by Judicial Academy

Parmer County Judge Isabel Carrasco has been recognized as a Fellow of the Texas Judicial Academy by the Texas Association of Counties (TAC). This prestigious honor is awarded to county judges who demonstrate a commitment to judicial excellence by surpassing the state's minimum education requirements. The academy inducted several county judges as Fellows during its 2025 Spring Judicial Education Session, held March 26-28 in Lubbock. The program celebrates judges who pursue continued learning to better serve their counties. The Texas Judicial Academy is a collaboration between TAC and the Texas Tech University School of Law. The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals oversees the educational program, which includes instruction by higher court judges, law school faculty, experts from the Texas College of Probate Judges and the National Judicial College, and Texas legal experts. This partnership ensures that county judges across the state have access to high-quality training and resources. The Texas Association of Counties unites, supports and provides services to Texas counties so they can more effectively serve their local communities.

Friends of the Library
Annual Meeting
Sunday, April 27 at 2 p.m.
Friona Public Library
Refreshments | Prize Drawing

NOTICE OF ORDER OF BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION
CITY OF FRIONA CITY COUNCIL

This Notice is being published in a newspaper of general circulation in Parmer County pursuant to Section 3.712(3)(B) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Friona.

A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD BEFORE THE CITY OF FRIONA BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION ON APRIL 14, 2025, AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED AT FRIONA CITY HALL, 623 MAIN STREET, FRIONA, TEXAS 79035.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF RECORD OWNER: Jaime/Juan Castillo, 2803 Cetti St., Houston, Texas 77009

REAL PROPERTY: Property located at Original Town Friona, Block 46, Lot 10 TR\$75 (Parmer County Appraisal District Property ID: 2507), commonly known as 708 Prospect, Friona, Texas (the "Property").

BRIEF STATEMENT INDICATING THE RESULTS OF THE ORDER: The Building Standards Commission issued an Order that supersedes, repeals, and replaces its Order dated February 10, 2025. In this new Order, the Building Standards Commission ordered, among other items, that the owner of the Property shall complete certain tasks within 60 days of the Order, including, but not limited to, securing and assessing the Property, developing a corrective action plan, and beginning substantial repair or demolition work to address the deficiencies. Owner was further ordered to appear at the Building Standards Commission meeting on May 12, 2025, to report on the Owner's compliance with this Order and to get further direction from the Commission. Failure to take the ordered actions within the specified time may result in the Building Standards Commission acting at its meeting on May 12, 2025, to order the owner of the property, and/or any lienholder or mortgagee, to demolish the structures located at the Property and eliminate all unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including cleaning and grading the property, within a specified number of days from that meeting. Should the owner of the property, and/or any lienholder or mortgagee fail to do so within the time frame ordered, the City may do the ordered work or cause it to be done and place a lien on the property without further notice or hearing in accordance with applicable law.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR OBTAINING A COMPLETE COPY OF THE ORDER: You may obtain a complete copy of the Building Standard Commission's Order by contacting the City of Friona City Hall at (806) 250-2761 or 623 Main Street, Friona, TX 79035.

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF RECORD OWNER: Jaime/Juan Castillo, 2803 Cetti St., Houston, Texas 77009

REAL PROPERTY: Property located at Carson, Block 1, Lot S. 51.75 of 1 TR\$75 (Parmer County Appraisal District Property ID: 1864), commonly known as 1409 Euclid, Friona, Texas (the "Property").

BRIEF STATEMENT INDICATING THE RESULTS OF THE ORDER: The Building Standards Commission issued an Order that supersedes, repeals, and replaces its Order dated February 10, 2025. In this new Order, the Building Standards Commission ordered, among other items, that the owner of the Property shall complete certain tasks within 60 days of the Order, including, but not limited to, securing and assessing the Property, developing a corrective action plan, and beginning substantial repair or demolition work to address the deficiencies. Owner was further ordered to appear at the Building Standards Commission meeting on May 12, 2025, to report on the Owner's compliance with this Order and to get further direction from the Commission. Failure to take the ordered actions within the specified time may result in the Building Standards Commission acting at its meeting on May 12, 2025, to order the owner of the property, and/or any lienholder or mortgagee, to demolish the structures located at the Property and eliminate all unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including cleaning and grading the property, within a specified number of days from that meeting. Should the owner of the property, and/or any lienholder or mortgagee fail to do so within the time frame ordered, the City may do the ordered work or cause it to be done and place a lien on the property without further notice or hearing in accordance with applicable law.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR OBTAINING A COMPLETE COPY OF THE ORDER: You may obtain a complete copy of the Building Standard Commission's Order by contacting the City of Friona City Hall at (806) 250-2761 or 623 Main Street, Friona, TX 79035.

NOTICE OF ORDER OF BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION
CITY OF FRIONA CITY COUNCIL

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A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD BEFORE THE CITY OF FRIONA BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION ON APRIL 14, 2025, AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED AT FRIONA CITY HALL, 623 MAIN STREET, FRIONA, TEXAS 79035.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF RECORD OWNER AND/OR OCCUPANT: Luis & Amy Guasin, 1401 Lake Ave, Apt A12, Metairie, LA 70005

REAL PROPERTY: Property located at Original Town Friona, Block 63, Lot 13-16, Friona, Texas (Parmer County Appraisal District Property ID: 2597), commonly known as 118 West Sixth St, Friona, Texas (the "Property").

BRIEF STATEMENT INDICATING THE RESULTS OF THE ORDER: The Building Standards Commission ordered, among other items, that the owner and/or occupant of the Property shall complete certain tasks within 60 days of the Order, including, but not limited to, assessing the Property, developing a corrective action plan, continuing communication with the City, allow inspection of the Property by City's code compliance staff, and resolving a civil ownership matter. Owner was further ordered to appear at the Building Standards Commission meeting on May 12, 2025, to report on the Owner's compliance with this Order and to get further direction from the Commission. Failure to take the ordered actions within the specified time may result in the Building Standards Commission acting at its meeting on May 12, 2025, to order the owner of the property, and/or any lienholder or mortgagee, to demolish the structures located at the Property and eliminate all unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including cleaning and grading the property, within a specified number of days from that meeting. Should the owner of the property, and/or any lienholder or mortgagee fail to do so within the time frame ordered, the City may do the ordered work or cause it to be done and place a lien on the property without further notice or hearing in accordance with applicable law.

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF RECORD OWNER: Junior Hernandez, PO Box 294, Friona, Texas 79035

REAL PROPERTY: Property located at McMillian Ferguson, Block 13, Lot 1-3, Friona, Texas (Parmer County Appraisal District Property ID: 2200), commonly known as 1107 Washington, Friona, Texas (the "Property").

BRIEF STATEMENT INDICATING THE RESULTS OF THE ORDER: The Building Standards Commission issued an Order that supersedes, repeals, and replaces its Order dated February 10, 2025. In this new Order, the Building Standards Commission ordered, among other items, that the owner of the Property shall complete certain tasks within 60 days of the Order, including, but not limited to, assessing the Property and developing a corrective action plan. Owner was further ordered to appear at the Building Standards Commission meeting on May 12, 2025, to report on the Owner's compliance with this Order and to get further direction from the Commission. Failure to take the ordered actions within the specified time may result in the Building Standards Commission acting at its meeting on May 12, 2025, to order the owner of the property, and/or any lienholder or mortgagee, to demolish the structures located at the Property and eliminate all unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including cleaning and grading the property, within a specified number of days from that meeting. Should the owner of the property, and/or any lienholder or mortgagee fail to do so within the time frame ordered, the City may do the ordered work or cause it to be done and place a lien on the property without further notice or hearing in accordance with applicable law.

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF RECORD OWNER: Santana Gonzalez/Adi Gonzalez, 712 W 9th St., Friona, Texas 79035

REAL PROPERTY: Property (specifically the trailer house) located at Original Town Friona, Block 15, Lot 7, Friona, Texas (Parmer County Appraisal District Property ID: 2307), commonly known as 712 W 9th, Friona, Texas (the "Property").

BRIEF STATEMENT INDICATING THE RESULTS OF THE ORDER: The Building Standards Commission issued an Order that supersedes, repeals, and replaces its Order dated February 10, 2025. In this new Order, the Building Standards Commission ordered, among other items, that the owner of the Property (specifically the trailer house) shall complete certain tasks within 60 days of the Order, including, but not limited to, securing and assessing the Property, developing a corrective action plan, and completing all repair or demolition work to bring the Property into full compliance. Owner was further ordered to appear at the Building Standards Commission meeting on May 12, 2025, to report on the Owner's compliance with this Order and to get further direction from the Commission. Failure to take the ordered actions within the specified time may result in the Building Standards Commission acting at its meeting on May 12, 2025, to order the owner of the Property, and/or any lienholder or mortgagee, to demolish the trailer house located at the Property and eliminate all unhealthy and unsafe conditions, including cleaning and grading the property, within a specified number of days from that meeting. Should the owner of the Property, and/or any lienholder or mortgagee fail to do so within the time frame ordered, the City may do the ordered work or cause it to be done and place a lien on the property without further notice or hearing in accordance with applicable law.

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Friona Municipal Court Receives Award

The Texas Municipal Courts Education Center's (TMCEC) Municipal Traffic Safety Initiatives (MTSI) grant, funded by the Texas Department of Transportation, recently sponsored a traffic safety awards competition to recognize those municipal courts that have demonstrated outstanding contributions to traffic safety and preventing impaired driving in their communities. TMCEC was formed in 1984 to provide professional continuing education and training programs for municipal judges and court personnel throughout Texas. TMCEC is the largest judicial education organization in Texas and one of the largest such organizations in the U.S. All municipal courts in Texas were eligible to apply for an award from TMCEC.

Applicants were judged on their activities relating to increasing traffic

safety while preventing impaired driving traffic crashes, traffic fatalities, juvenile DUI, child safety seat offenses, red light running, and other traffic related offenses. Twenty-six courts were selected to receive awards: seven low volume (serving less than 30,000 people), eight medium volume (serving 30,000 to 149,999 people), five high volume (serving 150,000+ people), five in the New Applicant category, and one Trailblazer award for the most innovative traffic safety initiative of the year. Eighteen courts were also selected as honorable mentions.

The Friona Municipal Court received an MTSI Award in the New Applicant Volume category for their commitment to traffic safety for the 2024 year. The Friona Municipal Court encouraged Friona Elementary 2nd and 3rd graders and Farwell 1st graders to utilize

MTSI's Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills-correlated traffic safety lessons Be Safe Not Sorry and had accompanied activities, while teachers enjoyed time off.

The Court wrote a lesson for Friona Junior High, You're Not the Boss of Me lesson to illustrate the intersection of traffic safety and civic engagement. The lesson was accompanied by a Google Slide which highlighted vocabulary in English and Spanish and provided antonyms and synonyms.

The Court also educated Friona Elementary School 5th graders on the dangers of underage drinking and impaired driving by playing DWI Loteria. The Court participated in the Friona City Trunk or Treat, handing out Boo bags which contained Save a Life Crayons and From A to Z by Bike books.

In December, Friona Municipal partnered with Joseph's Project to help educate parents who receive citations for unrestrained child or seatbelt violations. These parents attend an educational class through Joseph's Project about seatbelt and car seat safety and receive a free car seat, while only paying a compliance dismissal. The city was recognized for its efforts by TMCEC on April 3, 2025 at the AC Hotel Waco Downtown.



In the photo — Friona Municipal Court Judge Marie Samarron and Court Clerk Sonia Gomez.



In the photo — Mayor Greg Lewellen, City Manager Lee Davila and GPS Capital LLC representatives.

City Signs Economic Development Agreement

The City of Friona has taken a significant step forward in its economic development efforts with the signing of a 380 Agreement between the City and GPS Capital LLC. The agreement paves the way for the development of a key commercial property within city limits, bringing with it new potential for retail growth and future business investment.

City Manager Leander Davila emphasized that while specific tenants cannot yet be named, the agreement signals a major opportunity for Friona's future.

"This partnership

with GPS Capital LLC is about laying the foundation for long-term growth," Davila said. "It reflects our commitment to bringing new services, jobs, and economic vitality to our community while being thoughtful about how we grow."

Under the terms of the agreement, the City will support infrastructure improvements and facilitate development readiness for the site, helping attract businesses that align with Friona's needs and values.

Officials say the project could lead to enhanced shopping and

dining options for residents, increased local employment, and broader visibility for Friona in regional economic markets.

"This is about investing in Friona's future," said Mayor Greg Lewellen. "We're proud to be proactive in attracting new development that makes our city a more vibrant and convenient place to live and do business."

Construction timelines and tenant announcements will follow as development plans continue to take shape. The City will provide public updates as the project progresses.

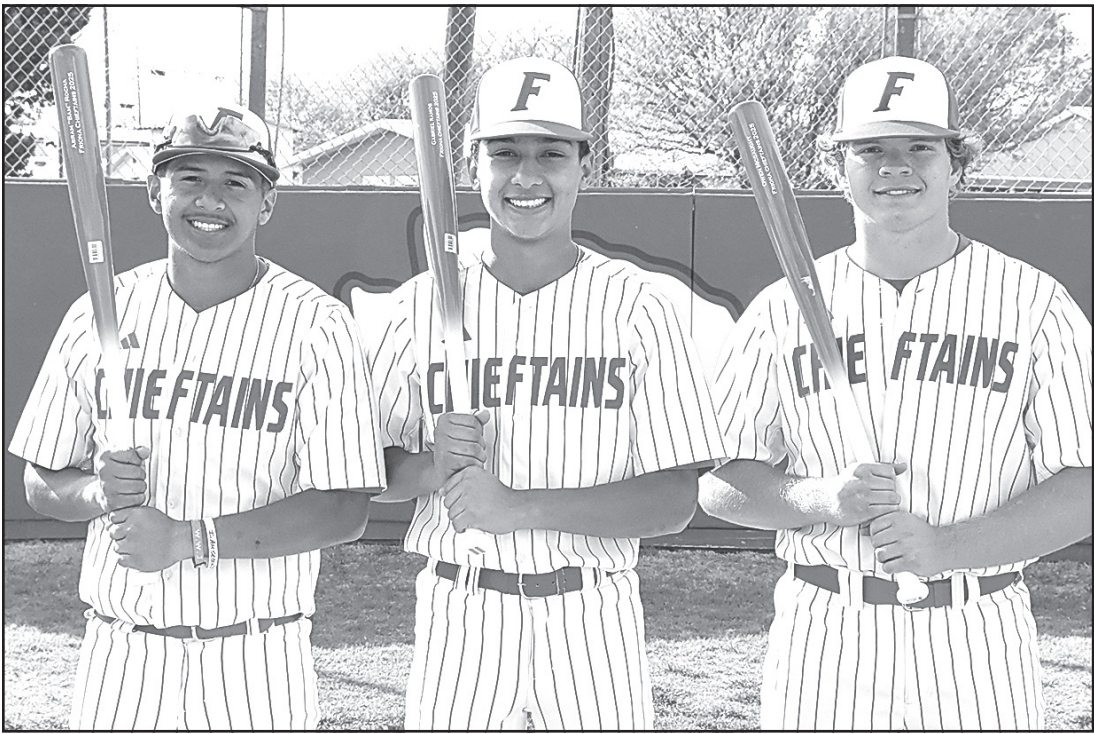
Friona School Calendar for May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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				-State Track @ Austin - Choir Greater SW Music Festival @ Amarillo Globe News Center	-State Track @ Austin - Choir Greater SW Music Festival @ Amarillo Globe News Center	-Prom -State Track @ Austin - Choir Greater SW Music Festival @ Amarillo Globe News Center
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
-All Sports Banquet	-State CDE @ Texas Tech	-Choir Concert 7p.m.	-HS Academic Awards -Regional Tennis @ Abilene	-Regional Tennis @ Abilene -Area FFA Convention @ WTAMU	-Elementary Slime Event -Area FFA Convention @ WTAMU -Chieftain Challenge	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	-Pre-K Registration 9:00-3:00 *FISD School Board Meeting	-Pre-K Registration 9:00-3:00 -Band Spring Concert	-Pre-K Registration 9:00-4:00	-8 th Garde Day -6&7 th Field Day -Local FFA Banquet	-Pre-K Registration 9:00-3:00 -Elementary Field Day -Senior Parade	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	-Elementary Awards Assembly	-Pre-K Water Day/Primary Field Day -JH Awards Assembly *FISD End OF Year Staff Meal	*Early Release Students	-Elementary Talent Show -Primary Awards *Earl Release Students/Staff	*Graduation	
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Friona Baseball Senior Recognition



2025 Friona Chieftains Varsity Baseball Team



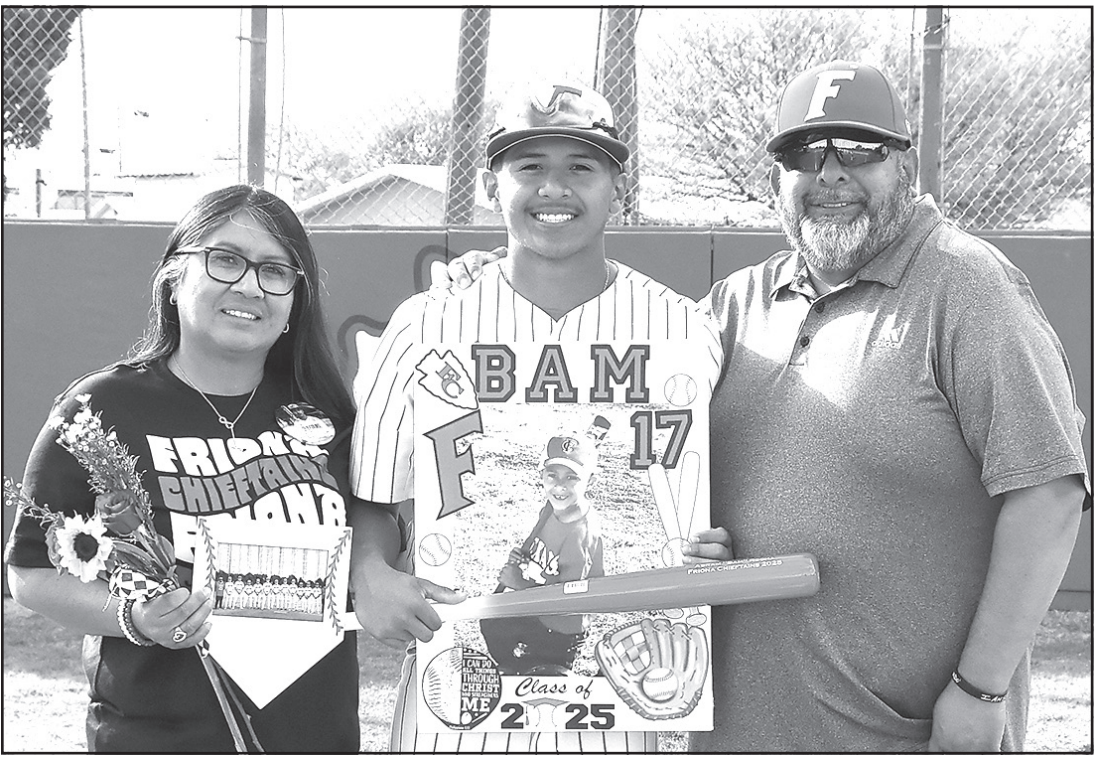
Abram Rocha, Gabriel Ramos, Owen McGaughy



Gabriel Ramos
Katrina & Joshua Guevara



Owen McGaughy
David & Rachel McGaughy



Abram Rocha
Antonio & Juana Rocha



Gabriel Ramos



Owen McGaughy



Abram Rocha

Cemetery Association Holds Annual Meeting

The Friona Cemetery Association held its Annual Meeting on Thursday, April 17th in the Friona City Hall Council Chambers located at 619 Main Street. Board members present were Holly Campbell, Jyl Grimsley, Elizabeth McLellan, Mary Joyce Barnett, Loren Martin, Mary Stone, and Diana Santellana. Joe Mejia was unable to attend.

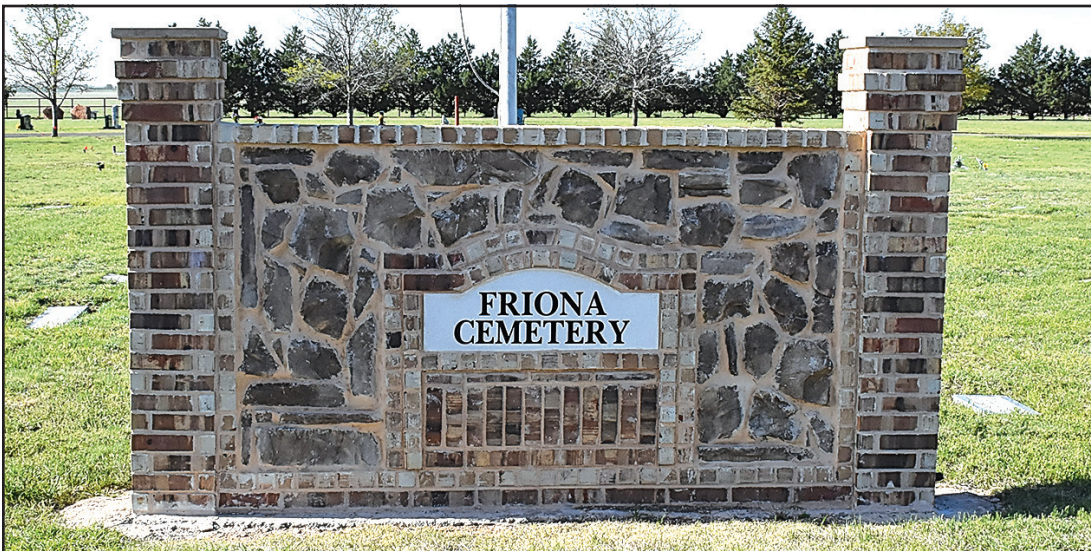
Vice President Holly Campbell presided over the meeting due to the recent passing of President Larry Rector. Secretary Jyl Grimsley read the Minutes of last year’s meeting and they were approved. Treasurer Elizabeth McLellan presented the financial statement and it was approved. The cemetery association had a balance of \$64,484.76 at the end of 2024. Recent donations have pushed the balance over \$80,000. The terms of board members Holly Campbell, Elizabeth McLellan, and Mary Joyce Barnett were up for re-election. All three were re-elected to serve another term. Next, new officers were elected. Holly Campbell was



New Road Signs

elected as President and Loren Martin was elected to serve as Vice President and Reporter. Jyl Grimsley was re-elected as Secretary and Elizabeth McLellan will serve again as Treasurer. On Monday, President Holly Campbell presented City Manager Lee Davila with the association’s annual \$10,000 donation to assist with the maintenance and upkeep of the Friona Cemetery. In accepting the gift Davila remarked, “The City of Friona is grateful to the Association for their continued support and generosity. This ongoing partnership reflects a shared commitment to honoring our community’s history and ensuring the cemetery

remains a peaceful and well-cared-for resting place for loved ones.” Everyone is invited to become a member of the Friona Cemetery Association. Dues are only \$35.00 per year and it is money well spent. This year’s goal is to install additional fencing to the newly added area east of the current property. All donations would be greatly appreciated and will be put to good use. Recent improvements include road signs, refurbished rock walls, and a new cemetery sign by the flagpole with new solar lighting installed. Don’t forget that the Cemetery Chapel is available for services at no charge and features handicap-accessible parking.



New Main Sign



New Rock Borders



Cemetery Association President Holly Campbell presents \$10,000 donation to City Manager Lee Davila.

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.



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- Premier+ Senior Accounts
- Reward Checking
- Savings/ Real Saver
- Certificate of Deposits
- Money Market Accounts
- 18 Month “Raise Your Rate” CDs
- IRAs
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