



**Cheeseburger
Festival
Countdown:**

37 DAYS

Cheeseburger festival is July 20, 2024



Friday, June 14, 2024

Happy
**FATHER'S
DAY**

Sunday, June 16, 2024



Wednesday, June 19, 2024

New Officers Introduced at Council Meeting

The Friona City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 13, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 617 Main in Friona, Texas. The meeting began with roll call, an invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Next, Mayor Greg Lewellen introduced four new police officers to the council members and visitors present. Please see photo on this page. Also, five of the City Pool employees were introduced and you can see their photo on this page as well as a graphic showing operating hours and charges at the pool this summer.

The floor was then open for public comments and there were none.

Council members discussed a draft of a city ordinance related to alcoholic beverage permits, sales, locations, and TABC related laws & regulations. The need for administrative regulations was also discussed in detail. The agenda item was tabled. Revisions will be made and a second reading of the proposed ordinance will take place at the July council meeting.

A new 5-year agreement granting Atmos Energy Corporation the franchise and rights to operate in the City of Friona was discussed. A discussion about raising the franchise fee ensued and the agenda item was tabled in order to look into



Friona Police Officers — (l-r) Lt. Andrew Aguirre; new officers Alex Licerio, Daniel Martinez, Leo Belmonte, Jose Guevara; and Police Chief Isidro Jimenez.

the possibility since the fee has been the same for many years. The item will return to the agenda at the July meeting.

A variance request from Rigoberto Ayala to build a carport at 806 Columbia Ave. was approved. A one-year extension to the current grace period for Happy Tribe Academy was approved. Also, a motion to rescind the city code regarding curfew hours for minors was approved. Current law does not allow cities to impose curfews for minors.

Storefront grants offered and approved by the Friona Economic Development Corporation for H&R Block, La Casita, Chieftain Nutrition, Dos Chixx, Los Arcos, The Looks of Impressions, Bar B Studio, and Krazy

Lick BBQ were presented to the council by Chamber Executive Director Emma Rector. A motion was approved to authorize the eight grants.

In other business, the accounts payable for May 2024 were approved as well as the financial statement for May 2024. Also, Minutes of the May 13, 2024 regular meeting were approved. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, July 8th.

Discussion Only Items

Camelot LLC representative Mason Fleming gave a presentation concerning a Friona Mural Trail Project which would involve the installation of "Texas Themed" murals throughout the city. The project would allow for a myriad of options including scope, quantity, donor partici-

pation, and other variables.

Two bid proposals for Friona waste management services were reviewed. In their 5-year agreement bid, current provider Republic Services offered to change trash pickup days to Monday-Tuesday and Thursday-Friday and provide two roll-off boxes each month.

Municipal Court Judge Marie Samarron presented a list of proposed changes to City Code Chapter 7 regarding the Municipal Court. The revisions would update the code to be in compliance with current state laws and also revise outdated language.

All meetings are open to the public. Information in this article is only a summary.

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7-9 p.m.

Sunday

2-9 p.m.

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\$150 / 2 hours

\$20 cleaning

deposit



Friona City Pool Lifeguards — Five members of this year's lifeguard crew are: (l-r) William Husted, Angela Lerma, JJ Trevino, Asst. Pool Manager Lily Abarca, and Pool Manager Reese Stowers.



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Community Calendar

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June 13

- Carne Asada at Noon Meal @ Senior Center

June 14

- Flag Day

June 16

- Father's Day

June 17

- Chicken & Rice Casserole at Noon Meal @ Senior Center

June 19

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

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Chamber Business Spotlight

Presented by the Friona Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture



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Silvia Garcia Boutique began as a home-based venture in 2018, driven by Silvia Garcia's passion for fashion and desire to bring unique, stylish clothing to her community. Over the years, Silvia's dedication and keen sense of style have transformed her small home operation into a thriving business. Camila's Boutique is located inside of TW&M at 705 S Main St, Friona, TX but primary operates through her website and online presence. Her online store features a wide array of fashion items, from everyday wear to special occasion outfits, catering to diverse tastes and styles. Camila's Boutique offers local pick up and shipping across the US so you can't get the perfect outfit in no time. Silvia remains committed to bringing beautiful, unique fashion to her ever-growing customer base.

Galaviz awarded Edelman Family Scholarship

The Edelman Family Scholarship announces its second recipient, Ellie Galaviz, who will be attending Texas Tech University to obtain her nursing degree. The award was presented to Ellie at the Amarillo Area Foundation reception on June 6, 2024.

In 2022, the Edelman Family Scholarship was established to honor the longtime commitment of Edelman family members to the education of Friona students. W. L. (Preach) Edelman served as Superintendent of Friona Independent School District and was a Civics teacher after his graduation from Texas Tech University.

His wife, Ruth Edelman, also a Texas Tech graduate, taught in Friona schools for many years. Their children, James V. Edelman and Jan Edelman MacLeod, both graduated from Friona High School. Von subsequently graduated from University of New Mexico with a Mechanical Engineering degree, later finding his way back to Friona to farm with his father. Jan obtained a teaching degree which took her to students all over the world.

Nancy Edelman, Von's wife, taught first and second grade in Friona to many young students. She frequently spoke of her students as they



In the photo — Lisa Edelman Veggeberg with scholarship recipient Ellie Galaviz.

made their way through post-high school education. Von and Nancy's children, Lisa Edelman Veggeberg, Mark Edelman, Karen Edelman Burns, and Brian Edelman, all graduated from Friona High school. Lisa has been a Clinical Assistant Professor at Texas Tech Health Science Center in Amarillo and has had the privilege of teaching students with Friona connections. Other teachers in the extended family included Ruth's sister Lota Poss and her daughter

Patsy Poss, Nancy's sister Diane Andrews, and Gretchen Edelman, Brian's wife.

Though there are no Edelmons living in Friona today, the family recognizes the significant contributions their forebears have left on the Friona schools and the importance an education provides to students and their families.

We are proud of Ellie Galaviz in her accomplishments and wish her the best as she continues toward her goal of nursing.

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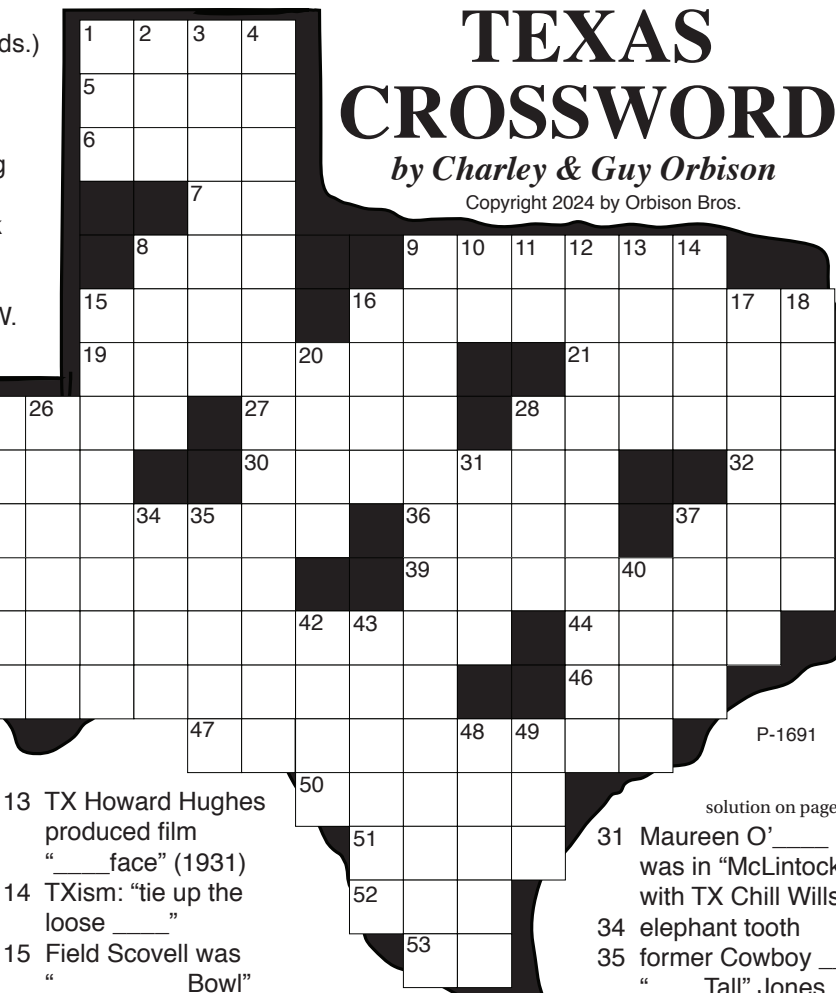
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- Canyon High class
- TXism: "sure '____'"
- person living in a certain historical age
- Yo __ Digo Creek
- TXism: "that ____ won't hunt"
- in NE Dallas County
- TX McMurttry's "Lonesome Dove" was TV ____-series
- TXism: "as welcome as a skunk ____"
- across the Rio Grande from McAllen
- "____ hear it" (disappointing)
- tiled designs
- TXism: "take a stab ____" (attempt)
- cowboy mounts
- TXism: "stands on his ____ feet"
- TXism: "a ____ do you do"
- __ Hamlin created "Alley Oop" in Iraan, Texas
- TX Nolan Ryan feats (hyph.)
- cut with a saw
- Texans like it iced
- TXism: "he'd have ____ up to be a half-wit"
- TXism for "animals"
- "he would turn Casper the friendly ____"
- grouch" (irritating)
- a Gulf pirate: Louis-Michel ____

- encouraging phrase on a golf green? (3 wds.)
- TX Perot was salesman for this corp.
- activity for males on Padre Island at spring break? (2 wds.)
- this Peter was in "Silk Stockings" with TX Cyd Charisse
- a brother of George W.
- feminine suffix

DOWN

- Santa ____ National Wildlife Refuge
- birth month of TX-born Steve Martin (abbr.)
- in Texas, 3rd DWI is in ____ offense
- TXism: "nervous as ____ pan"
- expires
- "Mr. Sam" Rayburn served in the United ____
- Coleman High class
- Texas country singer, Pride (init.)
- TXism: "if he was a dog he wouldn't wag ____"
- ____ (lazy)



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solution on page 3

- TX Howard Hughes produced film "____ face" (1931)
- TXism: "tie up the loose ____"
- Field Scovell was "____ Bowl"
- "a ____ apple"
- "I dream of ____ night"
- 12-time Olympic host, Bob
- this Redding and TX Janis were in film "Monterey Pop"
- birth state of TX Belle Starr (abbr.)
- you're on your ____
- TXism: "____-slinging drunk"
- farm activity: throwing slop
- ____ was in Dixie . . ."
- TX golfer Byron book: "____ Played the Game"
- Maureen O' ____ was in "McLintock" with TX Chill Wills
- elephant tooth
- former Cowboy ____ "____ Tall" Jones
- college semester
- bath vats
- this Carter was in "The Grass Harp" with TX Sissy
- TXism: "____ on" (get drunk)
- Dublin may have been named after the ____ city
- CSA Gen. Lee (init.)

Daddy Please

*Tiny tangl'd tears falling,
From the eyes of his little girl,
Someone hurt her feelings.*

*Pretty paper flowers fall,
From the hair of his little girl,
Someone hurt her feelings.*

*Fragile feelings falling low,
From the heart of his little girl,
Someone hurt her feelings.*

*Papa proudly pick'd her up,
Dabb'd the eyes of his little girl,
Daddy help'd her smiling.*

*Softly soothing sounds flowing.
With his voice saved his little girl,
Daddy fix'd her feelings.*

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COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from May 30, 2024 to June 6, 2024

(5/30/24) Estate of Rebecca Lucio, Hanette Saenz — Vincenzo Deblasi — A Tract of Land in Garden Lots 15 & 16, Section 31, T9S, R1E, Capitol Syndicate Subdivision

(5/30/24) Javier Trevino — Octavio Hernandez Cardenas, Maria Luisa Ochoa Hernandez — All of Lot 4, Block 3, Original Town of Friona, Parmer County

(5/31/24) Olga Lidia Calderon Arevalo — Olga Lidia Calderon Arevalo — All of Lots 30, 31, 32, Block 22, Original Town of Farwell, Parmer County, Texas

(6/3/24) Manuel Garcia, Argelia Garcia — Diana M. Silva — All of Lot 10, of Block 4, of the Ridgelea Subdivision to the City of Bovina, Parmer County

(6/3/24) Lawanda Lue Meeks — Conrado Lagunes Rivera — Lots 31, 32, Block 32, Original Town, City of Farwell, Parmer County, Texas

(6/4/24) Olga Lidia Calderon Arevalo — Armando Arevalo — All of Lots 30, 31, and 32, Block 22, Original Town of Farwell, Parmer County, Texas

(6/4/24) Eldon McCormick, Alton McCormick, Joyce Marie McCormick — Circle C Farms Partnership — A 2.75 Acre Tract of Land located in the Southwest Corner of the Southwest Quarter, Section 11, T10S, R2E, Capitol Syndicate Subdivision, Parmer County, Texas

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Let It Ride — Double thanks to the carnival that was in town last week. Besides providing great entertainment and fun-filled rides for the kids, they also were a magnet for rain clouds! Like moths to a flame and tornados to trailer parks, thunderstorms seem to seek out carnivals in Friona. Most of the area received over an inch of rain which was really needed!

★★★

Check It Out — The summer reading program at the Friona Public Library is underway. Last Thursday, Wisconsin Johnson thrilled and amazed over 100 kids with his magic show. See photos below and preview of next week's show.

★★★

Flag Day — The flag of the United States is a symbol of freedom before which we pledge our allegiance. The flag's 13 red and white stripes represent the 13 original colonies and its 50 white stars on a blue background represent the 50 states. Flag Day is celebrated on June 14th each year.

★★★

Gas Buddy — According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas was priced at \$2.49 while the most expensive was \$3.79 per gallon. The national average price of gasoline fell 10.0 cents last week, averaging \$3.40 per gallon. The national average price of diesel fell 6.7 cents last week and stands at \$3.75 per gallon. "I expect additional declines

ahead of July 4 for both gasoline and diesel prices," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

★★★

Texas Facts — Bracken Cave just outside of San Antonio, Texas, has the world's largest bat colony, home to over 15 million Mexican free-tailed bats. Source: fun-worldfacts.com

★★★

National Days

June 13 — Sewing Machine Day
June 14 — Flag Day
June 15 — Smile Power Day
June 16 — Father's Day
June 17 — Mascot Day
June 18 — Splurge Day
June 19 — Juneteenth

★★★

Friona Public Library Summer Reading Program



Friona Public Library Staff — (l-r) Lucretia Morgan, Asst. Circulation Clerk; Anahi Gomez, Library Director; Alexa Garcia, Circulation Clerk; and Becky Upton, Asst. Library Director.



Come have Fun with us at Malouf's Fabric
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July 13: Beginning Sewing

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Obituary

Presiliano Carmona Perez

Presiliano Carmona Perez, 67 of Bovina passed away June 8, 2024 in Bovina. Viewing will be held Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina beginning at 8:00AM with a Rosary Service at 6:00PM. Mass of Christian Burial Services will be held 11:00AM Thursday, June 13, 2024 also at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina with Father Avitus Siriwa as Celebrant. Burial following in the Bovina Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Presiliano was born January 4, 1957 in Villa, Insurgentes, Zacatecas,



Mexico to Gabino Carmona Barretero and Cruz Perez Carmona. Later, he married Petra Perez, 1977 in Mexico. He was a very hard worker, working on the farms in Mexico, then 25 years at Cargill Meat Solutions in Friona. But, according to his family, his best job was a father. Presiliano

was a very strong, but loving person that loved life with a calm, but stubborn nature. He loved his family, music, rodeos, and raising his animals. He is preceded in death by his parents- Gabino, and Cruz, and by 1 grandchild-Belen Granados.

Those to mourn his passing include his wife Petra Carmona of Bovina, 2 sons-Ramiro Carmona of Bovina, and Luciano Carmona and wife Adriana Salas of Rogers, Arkansas, 2 daughters-Cristina Carmona and husband Jose Juan Rueda of Bovina, and Angelica Carmona and husband Rafael Granados

of Amarillo, 2 sisters-Fabiana Salas of Ft. Worth, and Micaela Gaucin of Monett, MO., 8 brothers-Maximiliano Carmona, Roberto Carmona, Victor Carmona, Catarino Carmona, Margarito Carmona, and Pablo Carmona, all of Ft. Worth, Jose Nieves Carmona of Villa, Insurgentes, Zacatecas, Mexico, and Gabino Carmona of Purdy, MO., and 6 grandchildren.

You may send blessings to the family and sign the online guestbook at: hansardfamily.com



Superintendent Burns Announces Plans to Retire

After six years of service to the Friona Independent School District community and thirty-two years in public education, Jimmy Burns announced on Monday that he will retire after six years as Superintendent of Schools.

Burns is committed to working diligently for the remainder of this school year to ensure that Friona ISD is well-positioned to achieve its goals and to support the Board of Trustees during this transition period. Burns will retire January 31, 2025, and will assist with the transition of leadership.

“I personally believe that six years is about the right amount of time to stay at the helm of an organization like ours. I take immense pride in the accomplishments we have achieved together as a district. However, I’m convinced that embracing new leadership and fresh perspectives will not only honor our legacy of success but also inject innovative ideas for our future endeavors,” said Superintendent Burns.

“On behalf of the Board, we highly value the progress made in our school system under Superintendent Burns’ leadership. Burns has been a tireless visionary for Friona ISD over the past decade. Along with the Board, Burns has focused Friona ISD and its stakeholders on identifying and developing the strengths and gifts of every child. This vision culminated in the single focused goal for all of our students to achieve success beyond high school graduation,” said School Board President Marla Hart.

- District Highlights Under Jimmy Burns’ Leadership
- Technology became a priority for Friona ISD. The district became a Google district, replacing all of the infrastructure, purchasing equipment to move the district to a one-to one instructional setting for our students. All campuses have received updates for better Wi-Fi capability. A 5-year technology plan was created to address the cost of yearly equipment replacement, updates to infrastructure and to ensure education in the district is technology ready on all campuses.
 - Recognizing that many teachers are entering the workforce with a degree, and pursuing certification with a teacher prep program highlighted a need for more intensive teacher support. A district level academic coach was hired and a New Teacher Academy was created to help first- and second-year teachers in the classroom.
 - Friona ISD passed a \$21.5 million dollar bond to build the Primary campus and update and



FISD Superintendent Jimmy Burns

- renovate the remaining campuses. The bond included a new band hall/F-5 community tornado shelter at the High School and an F-5 community shelter at the new Primary building. Campus remodels included front entry vestibules, new windows and exterior doors with bullet proof glass. The campus offices were modified to improve visibility and increase campus safety. The renovation was completed on time with \$500,000 to spare.
- Due to good management of the bond project and a discount of building supplies the district was able to add a few projects. The Ag farm was enlarged, structural problems at the stadium were corrected and the press boxes updated. Three portable buildings were moved and refurbished for instructional and athletic program use. The Ag welding shop was renovated to be OSHA compliant.
 - With a large influx of immigrant students from Guatemala, a language academy was created at all campuses to help English learners acclimate to the campuses. Focus was placed on language acquisition and basic social skills and knowledge while still allowing the students to be in regular classes throughout the day.
 - COVID – 19 ESSER grant funds covered a 4-year period in time and were used to purchase technology and continue updating the wi-fi infrastructure. A green house was built and a new Ag teacher added to expand the CTE program. FISD purchased 2 activity buses for the cost of replacing an old activity bus that was beyond repair. This allowed equitable access for both female and male students. Two smaller activity buses were purchased to allow for transportation of small groups of students, reducing transportation scheduling issues. Staff received a \$1500 stipend for staying with the district throughout the pandemic. Stipends were provided for the mentor program and salary provided for a bilingual reading in-

- terventionist.
- FISD expanded the school's Daycare program to include 2-year-olds, and implemented a cafeteria program to feed all students breakfast and lunch.
 - An assistant principal for Junior High and Elementary campuses was added and two counselors, one at Primary and one at High School to improve student services.
 - Mr. Burns led the Texas Instructional Leadership program (4-year program with ESC 16) to improve instructional coaching of teaching staff by campus and district administrators. The program helps campus administrators develop as the instructional leaders for their campus and develop stronger relationships with staff.
 - In response to the disaster at Uvalde ISD, safety was made a priority to improve campus safety and compliance. Many updates to the campuses have been made to improve the safety of the students and staff, including improvement for prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery processes in the event of an emergency. FISD works with City Police, EMS Service, Fire Department, Highway Patrol and Sheriff's office to improve collaboration/effectiveness in emergency events. The Fire Marshall conducts yearly walkthroughs of all campuses, and all first responders are invited to come to the campuses for walk-throughs. The Multi-Hazard Emergency Operation plan is updated each year and a safety committee was created to oversee safety in the district.
 - FISD developed a five-year facility plan to ensure heating and air conditioning replacement was scheduled for needed replacements, other important tasks scheduled for updating or replacing scheduled over a 5-year period.
 - Friona ISD received First Rating - Superior for 6 years in a row. Developed and maintained budgets in a conservative way ensuring financial needs are met each year. A salary schedule was implemented for all staff to ensure equity in hiring practices.
- “Friona ISD has been a wonderful place to work. My focus over the years has always been students first. Students need three things to succeed; to feel safe, to have structure and to be loved. I have said that all along and I feel Friona ISD does just that, provides our students with the most important needs to create students that grow up to be good people, good parents and family members and good community members,” said Superintendent Burns.

Happy Birthday

June 14

Cade Hurst
Rhonda Crozier
Gayla Stowers
Diamond (Aguirre) Stephens
Dawna Roach
Will Eddins
Katarina Guevara Perez
Norma Sanders

June 18

Nita Clark
Kayla Vaught
Shauna (Stokes) Jackson
Casey Sims
Randy Chavez
Isabel Salinas

June 15

Patty Haile
Lynn Hutson
Tonya (Potts) Harmon
Shannon Hurst
Karigan Tongate
Rosa Macias
John Everett

June 16

Genevia Brailiff
Carter Lewellen
Cheyenne Widner
Glen Schueler
Malina Williams
Jessica McClure Peace

June 17

Danny Hand
Johnny Spring
Kirby Frye
Oscar Schlenker
Trudi Johnson

June 19

Perry Hanes
Mickie Herring
Randi Stokes
Wayne Kube
Kaiden Bridges
William Fairweather
Kirsten (Carr) McCurry

June 20

Debra (Cooper) Campbell
Chris Hunt
Ian Martinez
Donald Phelps
Ella Downs

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

Burn ban extended

Parmer County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, June 10, 2024 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.

There were no comments from the public during the open forum. Minutes from the May 20th meeting were read and approved. Commissioners approved the payment of the accounts payables as presented by County Treasurer Sharon May. The Treasurer's Payroll Report was also approved.

Shawn Knox and Blake Newton, from the firm Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins and Mott, LLC presented the Collection Report to the Court. The report showed that the county has received approximately 97% of the taxes that are due.

Approval was given for the county to release the easement and right-of-way on the portion of County Road S which runs east-west from Highway 214 to Bovina Feeders 2 (formerly Paco Feed Yard).

Sheriff Geske reported that the Parmer County Law Enforcement Center is currently housing 23 inmates, all from Parmer County. Approval was given to allow 207K exemptions for dispatchers to allow them access to the 28-day pay cycle and the ability to work both as a dispatcher and in the jail. The K-9 Walmart grant was also approved which provides funds for food and which supplements the current K-9 grant.

Commissioners voted to extend the burn ban for another ninety days which would be September 10th.

In other business, no action was taken concerning restrictions on certain types of fireworks. A water line under County Road 5 and U in Precinct 3 was approved. Available Cybersecurity Training through the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) was discussed.

At the May 20th meeting, Commissioners approved Jessica White to become the first official Election Administrator for Parmer County.

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The Most Dangerous Direction

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Did you know that there is something much more dangerous on the horizon for the USA than horrific officials winning office, another pandemic being used to impose shutdowns and lockdowns, or housing, ag, and stock markets crashing? The most dangerous direction for the USA is laid out in Romans 1:18-32. The divine wrath of God’s abandonment is when a society stubbornly plows ahead into sin, denying God in such a way where God actually gives up a society to their own sinful desires. In verses 24, 26, and 28 scripture repeats the phrase “God gave them up...” then describes the downward path of depravity that unrepentant sin leads to in a society. The sins mentioned in Romans 1 are the same sins we see celebrated today, and continuing one’s course in sin is the most

dangerous direction a person or a society could take.

The good news in all of this, though, is that the book of Romans does not end at chapter one or two. In fact, the rest of Romans describes the only solution to rescue a person from their sin, which is salvation in Jesus Christ. Romans 6:23 proclaims “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord,” and Romans 10:9 promises “because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” Scripture does not shy away from the sinfulness of a society and the depths of sin in each one of us, but God also tells us the only way to be saved from his judgment on our sins, which is saving faith in Jesus Christ.

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A Father’s Love

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

May 2005, I remember it clearly. I was about as nervous as I could be. Monica was in labor and we were both about to have titles added to our lives that have forever changed us. By 5:30 p.m. that evening we were parents. Elaina was born. Doctor called her a “small little peanut” and the name stuck.

The first task as dad according to the nurse was to put that little diaper on. I had been to daddy boot camp so I didn’t flinch, however the practice baby didn’t kick or cry like this little one. Diaper on, check! Then just like that she was whisked away to be bathed, measured and whatever else needed doing. After a short time, I saw Elaina again through a glass window in the nursery. It was a love that was instant. As I looked on through the glass, she began to cry a little. So, I tapped on the glass ever so gently to get the nurses attention to take care of this situation immediately, after all this was my child. No luck and my child was now crying. So, I tapped a little less gently to get the nurses attention. Nothing. My child had been crying for over 20 seconds and NO ONE was helping. So as a new father with strong protective instincts. I banged on the window, which

not only got the nurses attention, but now there were five crying babies in the nursery.

Now nineteen years later. I still love my daughter deeply and am fiercely protective. I have made a lot of mistakes. I have asked for forgiveness and learned a lot about leading that I never knew before. It is a father’s love that helps grow a child and I could not be more thankful for having Elaina as a daughter.

God is the Father who defined what that love would encompass. It would be fiercely protective and yet willing to let go and trust. He loves without demanding our love in return. He let His own Son grow and be the man we needed Him to be. Sometimes that love comes with discipline, other times with mercy, but should never be mistaken for anything less than His love for us.

If you are a dad, Happy Father’s Day, keep up the fight, be vigilant in the care, nurturing and loving of your children. Make sure they know THE Father and His Son. You are their father, give them your love, and when the time comes, let them launch into the world and be the light you have prepared them to be.

Seeing Yourself vs Others Seeing You

By Teena Hughs

How we see ourselves is often different from how others see us, and especially how Jesus sees us. Last week at Camp New Dawn, I was reminded of that!

As you know, it was hot and humid, and heat and I have never gotten along. I did pretty good until Thursday, and Thursday was tough. The heat makes me really tired, and there were times I was not the volunteer I wanted to be.

I had one lady who held onto my hand for security when she walked. There were two places where she would sometimes, not all times by any stretch of the imagination, tell me she was scared. When I asked her why she was scared, she would tell me she was afraid she was going to fall, which wasn’t the case!

I tried talking to her about fear, and how that was not coming from God; it was something she was creating. I don’t think I made any headway with her at all. By Thursday afternoon, I was pretty well down to my last nerve. Another volunteer heard me talking to her in a louder voice than I wanted to use, but we were trying to avoid a storm, and she should have known by then, there was absolutely nothing to fear.

I felt badly that the other volunteer heard my tone, and I got down on myself. Then, the strangest thing happened: my four ladies and I were in our room, and three of them started telling me how good a “counselor” I had been, and how they were all coming back next year, even the one I talked to firmly! I couldn’t believe it, because I sure didn’t feel like a good “counselor”!

On Friday morning, we were having our last group time, and I asked the women how Jesus had changed them during their week at camp. I was asking the question, so I figured I needed to have an answer. It came to me that others don’t always see me the way I see myself. Either they are used to people speaking to them in firmer voices, or my previous conversations and attempts at teaching made up for the times I didn’t feel like I was doing the job I was supposed to be doing.

I also thought about Jesus and how He looked at the negative thoughts I was having about myself. Jesus knows me better than I know myself. I believe He understood my frustration with this lady, accepted my being sorry, and encouraged me to keep trying to do better.

If you continue to believe the negative about yourself, you never will become the person God created you to be. You will never be able to own up to your mistakes, learn from them, and move on. And, if you continue to dwell on the negative things you conjure up about yourself, you will find it hard to believe when others see the good in you!

We all make mistakes; we all have regrets; we all wish we could have do-overs, and we can! We can admit we made a mistake; we can ask for forgiveness from Jesus and the person if necessary; we can learn from it; and, we can keep trying to do the best we can without dwelling on the negative. And, we can enjoy those compliments when we hit those “bumps in the road” as we are trying to do the best we can!

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Governor Lauds Booming Texas Economy At World’s Largest Buc-ee’s Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Governor Greg Abbott today lauded the strength of the booming Texas economy at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the world’s largest Buc-ee’s travel center in Luling. This new 75,000-square-foot convenience store replaces the original Buc-ee’s in Luling, which was the company’s first large family travel center. Following the ribbon cutting ceremony, Governor Abbott toured the new store, including the stockroom, kitchen, and main floor.



Texas Governor Greg Abbott speaks at the opening of the world's largest Buc-ees travel center in Luling, Texas. (Photo: Office Of The Governor, 6/10/24)

Wium places 3rd at Texas 4-H State Roundup



Delynda Wium, from Friona 4-H, placed 3rd at the Texas 4-H State Roundup competition in College Station on June 5th. Texas 4-H Roundup is the pinnacle event of the state 4-H program. It consists of approximately 50 competitive events, with some contests requiring each individual or team to qualify at the county and district level to compete.

Delynda qualified for state after placing 1st at the District 2 4-H contest in Floydada back in May. At the Roundup, she competed in the Choreographed Routine category of Talent Showcase along with eight others from across the state. She performed a ballet routine to the song “A Thousand Years” and competed with grace and class. Friona 4-H is very proud of her.



to the future of Luling. This Texas-based chain now has locations across Texas and in states like Alabama, Colorado, Florida, and Georgia. They helped spread Texas hospitality, good barbeque, and beaver nuggets wherever they go. Texas is proud to be the home-base of the growing Buc-ee’s empire. Buc-ee’s is just one important piece of the economy of the bigger, better Texas we are building for generations to come.”

The Governor was joined at the ribbon cutting ceremony by President and CEO of Buc-ee’s Arch “Beaver” Aplin III, Representative Stan Gerdes, Caldwell County Judge Hoppy Haden, Mayor Luling CJ Watts, former Mayor of Luling Mike Hendricks, and other state and local officials.

Speaking to a crowd of more than 200 Buc-ee’s customers and local leaders, Governor Abbott praised Buc-ee’s for providing good-paying jobs to their employees, emphasizing that the company ranks among the top five U.S. retailers for entry-level salaries, with general managers earning up to \$225,000 annually. The Governor also highlighted how Texas is the Best State for Business and has the best business climate in the nation due to the state’s highly skilled workforce and reasonable regulations. Additionally, Governor Abbott touted signing the largest property tax in Texas history into law and noted that he will continue to advocate for greater property tax cuts during the next legislative session.

Following the ribbon cutting ceremony, Governor Abbott presented Mr. Aplin with a proclamation to recognize and celebrate the grand opening of the world’s largest Buc-ee’s.

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Slice in half lengthwise; open and fluff the potato with a fork.

Layer each potato with butter, ¼ cup cottage cheese, ¼ cup cheddar cheese and 1-2 tablespoons of your favorite salsa.

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