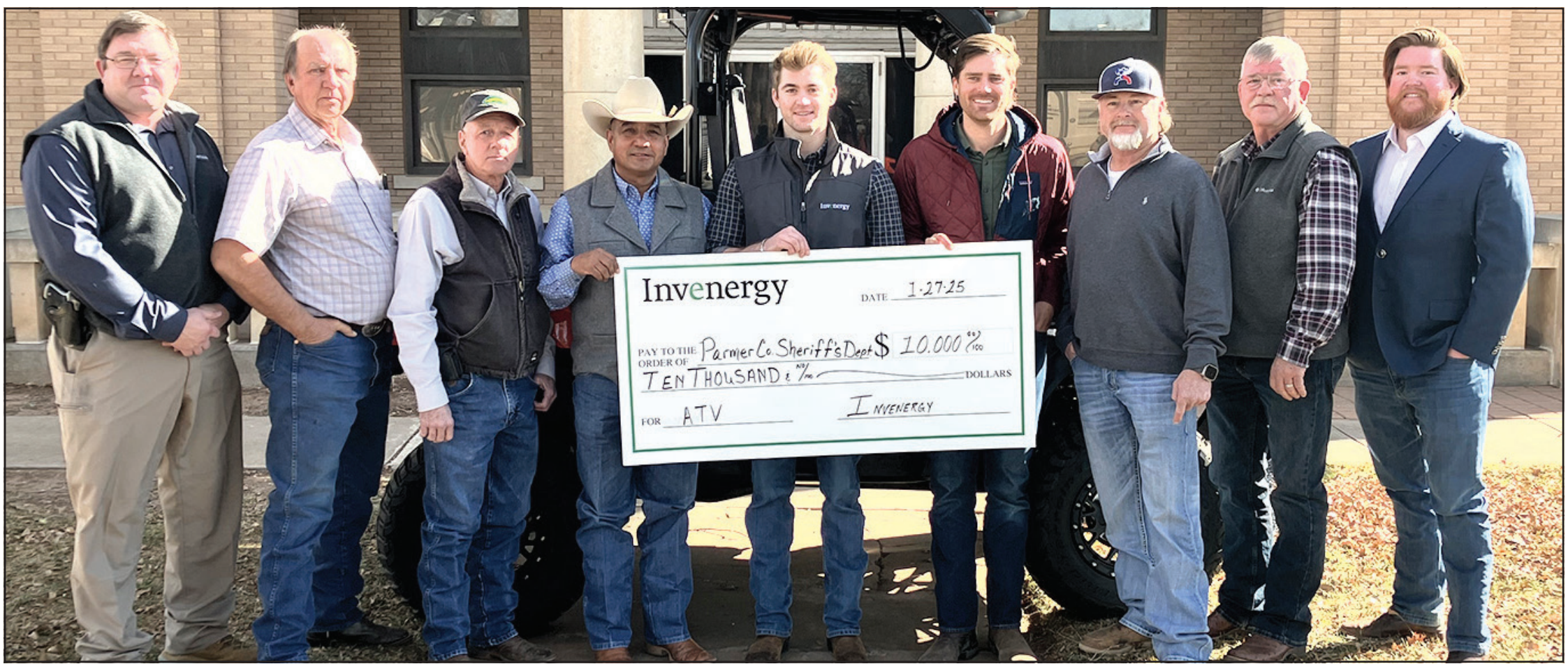
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County receives new ATV — After Monday's Commissioner Court meeting, Invenergy representatives presented Parmer County with a $10,000 check to purchase an ATV for the Sheriff's Office. **In the photo** — Sheriff Eric Geske, Pct. 2 Commissioner Charles Wilkins, Pct. 3 Commissioner Kenny White, County Judge Izzy Carrasco, Coner Bates, Alex Chandler, Pct. 4 Commissioner Casey Russell, Pct. 1 Commissioner Kirk Frye, and Rusty Smith. See photo on back page.

Lazbuddie Wind Farm Update

Commissioners Court Meeting

Parmer County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, January 27, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the County Courtroom of the Parmer County Courthouse in Farwell, Texas. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Texas Flag.

Representatives from Invenergy were at the Commissioner's meeting to answer question concerning the Lazbuddie 1 and Lazbuddie 2 Wind Farm Projects. Invenergy is an American based multinational power generation development and operations company. It develops, builds, owns, and operates power generation and energy storage projects in the Americas, Europe and Asia, including wind, solar, and natural gas power generation and energy storage facilities.

The representatives included Alex Chandler, Lazbuddie 1 Project Manager; Conor Bates, Lazbuddie 2 Project Manager; Jeromy Bechtold, Land Acquisition Manager; and Rusty Smith, Community Affairs Liaison.

Commissioners learned that Lazbuddie 1 should begin construction in late April or early May of 2025. Mortenson Construction will be the contractor. The estimated start-up date for operations is August 2026. Lazbuddie 2 is in the site control and title work phase. Construction is currently scheduled for late 2026 with a start-up date for operations in late 2027 or early 2028.

Projections are that the two wind farms will produce around 560 megawatts of power and will generate around $200 million in tax revenue/lease payments during their operational lifetime.

Commissioners approved a Road Use, Repair, and Improvements Agreement between Lazbuddie Wind Energy 2 LLC and Parmer County.

Election Administrator Jessica White informed Commissioners about the need to approve two resolutions to be sent to Texas legislators concerning election security/cost and the possible elimination of the County Wide Polling Place Program. The resolutions would inform the Texas House and Senate that Parmer County wants to keep the current election system that worked so well during the November 2024 election. Jessica and County Clerk Susie Spring worry that the legislature is moving towards all paper ballots and no county wide voting. All of the back and forth changes involve unfunded mandates which means counties have to foot the bill to first modernize, then un-modernize. Both of the resolutions were approved.

A request to purchase a new road grader by Precinct 1 Commissioner Kirk Frye was approved. The buyback agreement for the old motor grader to be replaced by a new six-wheel CAT motor grader will require the financing of $170,000 for 5 years. The machine has a showroom price of $395,000 with no trade-in.

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To the Highest Bidder — Clint Hurst (at left) and Cris Ingram (at right) watch for signals as auctioneer Tim Vessels invites bids on Aubree Bunker's Grand Champion Barrow. Estimated total for the 2025 Premium Sale before bumps and add-ons is $347,185 which is about $7,000 more that last year's total before bumps. **See Section 2 for complete coverage of the 88th Annual Parmer County Junior Livestock Show.**

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Community Calendar

Send Calendar information to:
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January 30
• Green Chili Stew for Senior Meal @ Senior Center

February 3
• Pile-On for Senior Meal @ Senior Center

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

February 6
• Senior Meal @ Senior Center

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State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



$1 billion for vouchers, $5 billion for teachers?

Legislative budget writers are proposing nearly $5 billion to increase teacher pay and $1 billion to implement a school voucher program in the next biennium, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

The voucher program, also referred to as school choice, would provide public money for private schooling, a key priority for Gov. Greg Abbott that bitterly divided Republican lawmakers two years ago and failed to pass.

In addition, the funding would increase teachers' pay by $4,000 and give teachers in rural school districts an additional $6,000, according to a statement by Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick. The early release of budget drafts is a signal that both chambers are getting off to a fast start in laying out their spending priorities.

Both the Senate and House are proposing an additional $400 million for school safety.

The Senate budget measure also contains $402 million to hire 567 new Department of Public Safety troopers and 159 related law enforcement personnel.

Patrick backs clarifying state's near-total abortion ban

Patrick said last week that the Legislature should amend the state's near-total abortion ban to address confusion over when doctors can legally terminate pregnancies, The Texas Tribune reported.

"I do think we need to clarify any language so that doctors are not in fear of being penalized if they think the life of the mother is at risk," Patrick said.

The state's abortion ban went into effect in 2022. It only allows abortions when the life of the pregnant mother is at risk. A number of doctors have argued the law is unclear.

A ProPublica investigation claims at least two women in the state have died after doctors delayed treating their miscarriages because of concern about possible prosecution. Medical experts consulted by ProPublica concluded the two deaths were preventable.

Sharing chairmanships with minority party to end

A decades-long tradition of giving at least some committee chairmanships to members of the minority party is about to end under proposed rules for the current legislative session, according to the Statesman. That means this session that Democrats, who hold 62 of the 150 seats, would be left out of those positions this session, though committee vice chairmanships would be given to them.

"The rule is amended to restrict the appointment of chairs of a standing committee to those members of the political party that constitutes a majority of the House membership and to provide that a majority party member may not be appointed as a vice chair of a standing committee," the synopsis of the proposed rules says.

The change comes after then-Speaker Dade Phelan continued the bipartisan tradition in the 2023 session and drew criticism from GOP leaders such as Patrick and Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton.

RRC seeks $100 million to fix leaky oil and gas wells

The cost and frequency of plugging leaking oil and gas wells has prompted the Texas Railroad Commission to request an additional $100 million in funding to address the issue, according to the Houston Chronicle. If granted, that would increase the RRC's state-funded budget by about 75% for the current fiscal year.

The cost to plug wells gushing with contaminated water has risen dramatically. The commission spent about $13 million on two plugging projects last September, according to the Chronicle. Fees and fines paid by the oil and gas industry have in the past covered the costs of plugging wells, but the increased costs and complexity of plugging wells has largely outgrown the revenue being received.

"The 89th Legislature will thoroughly evaluate the commission's funding request and work with industry experts to better understand this compounding problem," Sen. Joan Huffman, R-Houston, and chairperson of the Senate Committee on Finance, said in a statement.

The RRC should do more to hold operators accountable for plugging their own wells, according to the director of one watchdog organization.

"We have a robust oil and gas industry, the biggest in the country," Virginia Palacios, executive director of Commission Shift, said. "There's no reason why such a profitable industry shouldn't be able to pay for its own cleanup."

Texans urged to report winter weather damages

Abbott is urging Texans affected by recent winter weather to report any property and agricultural damages to the Texas Division of Emergency Management's portal: damage.tdem.texas.gov.

"As communities begin the recovery process, I urge Texans to report damages to their homes or businesses or any agricultural losses through the iSTAT damage survey," Abbott said. "This will help the state determine if we qualify for federal assistance."

Winter storms brought considerable snowfall recently to areas of South Texas and the Gulf Coast that rarely see the white stuff. Several storm-related deaths were reported in Austin and Houston.

2024 was hottest on record, but rainfall totals varied

It's hardly news to Texans who lived through it, but last year was the hottest on record, according to Dr. Mark Wentzel, hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board. The previous record was set in 2023.

Precipitation proved to be a mixed bag, depending on the region, though October and August were extremely dry pretty much across the state. Twelve counties in East Texas had their wettest year in the past 130 years, while Jeff Davis and Presidio counties in West Texas, and Uvalde County in Central Texas recorded their driest year since 2011.

"Drought began the year covering 39 percent of the state and expanded to cover 44 percent by the end of the year. Statewide, storage in our water supply reservoirs saw an annual increase for the first time since 2018, up five percentage points during 2024," Wentzel wrote.

State records most tornadoes in 2024

Preliminary data from the National Weather Service's Storm Prediction Center indicates the United States experienced a record 1,855 tornadoes in 2024, breaking a 20-year-old record. Texas led the nation with 169 tornadoes last year, more than doubling the 2023 total of 78.

Dozens of tornadoes were spawned by several tropical storms and hurricanes. For example, Hurricane Beryl, which landed at Matagorda in early July, spawned at least 65 confirmed tornadoes.

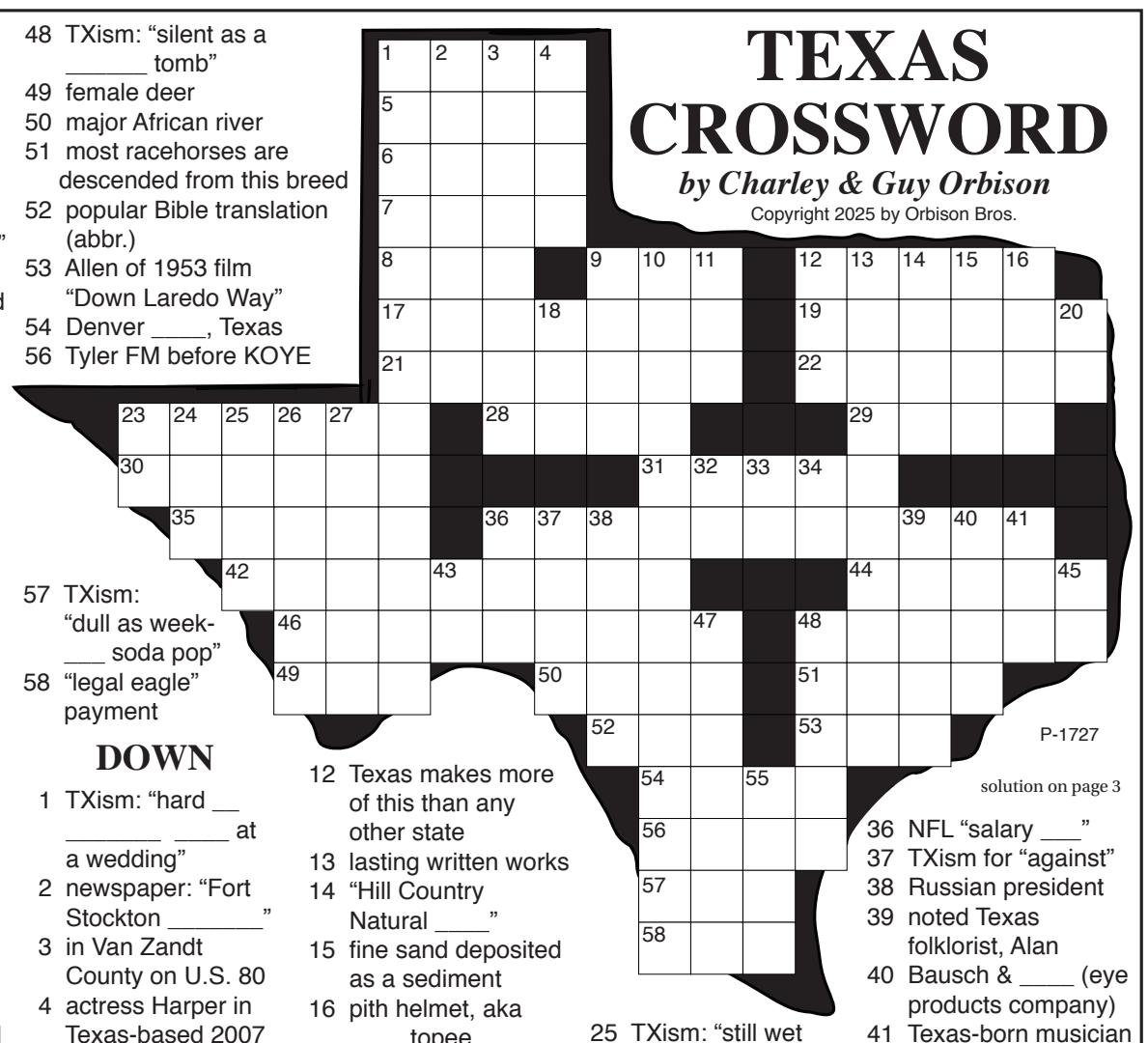
A total of 53 fatalities were caused by tornadoes across the U.S., including nine in Texas from three twisters.

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TEXAS CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

1 dog or cat (2 wds.)
5 Dallas ____kicks (pro indoor soccer)
6 TXism: "let sleeping ____ lie"
7 small bills
8 TXism: "___ chaser" (early riser)
9 this can be acquired on So. Padre Island
12 TXism: "would jerk tears from a _____ eye" (very sad)
17 UT football team lost to this team twice in 2024
19 Mertzon's county was named for Robert _ _____
21 removing wrinkles from clothes
22 TX King Vidor directed 1937 film "_____ Dallas"
23 a director ____ __ actor for a scene
28 silly, foolish
29 "hungry enough to ___ _ horse"
30 TXism: "useless __ _ ___ on a bald eagle"
31 Zsa Zsa or Eva
35 Texas journalist and author, Catherine
36 highest waterfall in Texas (2 wds.)
42 TXism for "laughed hard" (3 wds.)
44 Texas actress Annette O'_____
46 Guadalupe Mountains peak (2 wds.)
48 TXism: "silent as a _____ tomb"
49 female deer
50 major African river
51 most racehorses are descended from this breed
52 popular Bible translation (abbr.)
53 Allen of 1953 film "Down Laredo Way"
54 Denver ____, Texas
56 Tyler FM before KOYE
57 TXism: "dull as week-___ soda pop"
58 "legal eagle" payment

DOWN

1 TXism: "hard __ _____ ____ at a wedding"
2 newspaper: "Fort Stockton _____"
3 in Van Zandt County on U.S. 80
4 actress Harper in Texas-based 2007 film "No Country for Old Men"
9 Texas-based restaurant, "Friday's" abbr.
10 TXism: "____ ___ _ ____ __ sense" (dumb)
11 TXism: "two-bit ___" (poor horse)
12 Texas makes more of this than any other state
13 lasting written works
14 "Hill Country Natural ____"
15 fine sand deposited as a sediment
16 pith helmet, aka ____ topee
18 a single-stranded molecule needed for life (abbr.)
20 Texas' continent (abbr.)
23 21st governor: _ _ Culberson
24 California's oldest private univer.
25 TXism: "still wet behind the ____"
26 used a credit card
27 Danny of Texas-based film "Ruby"
32 TXism: "chompin' __ the bit"
33 TX Buddy Holly's "That'll __ the Day"
34 "out __ kilter"
36 NFL "salary ___"
37 TXism for "against"
38 Russian president
39 noted Texas folklorist, Alan
40 Bausch & ____ (eye products company)
41 Texas-born musician Stone
43 when repeated, goodbye in Britian
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48 St. _____ University in San Antonio
55 ocean movement

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Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from January 16, 2025 to January 23, 2025

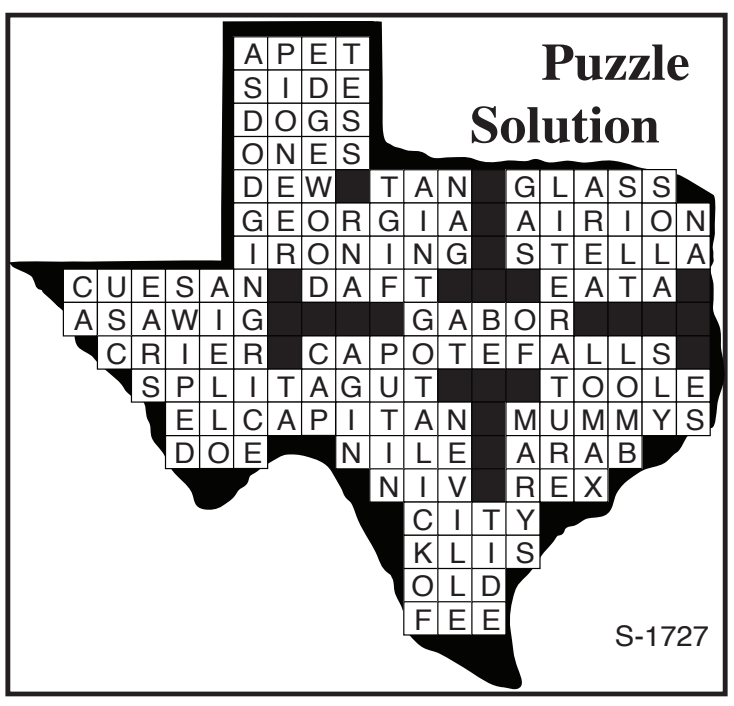
(1/17/25) Franse Irrigation Inc. — New Rose Consultants LLC — 6.96 Acres out of Capitol League 549 Parmer County, North of Santa Fe Railroad

(1/21/25) Melissa Sciumbato — Jason Miller, Jaytha Miller — A 2 Acre Tract N/2 of Section 16, T16S, R1E, Parmer County, Texas

(1/21/25) Estate of Mary S. Carlson, Security State Bank — Franse Irrigation Inc. — State Line Strip Addition, Capitol League 549, City of Farwell, Texas

(1/22/25) Simon Salinas, Maria Gloria Salinas — Saul Rafael Cecena Lopez, Heredue Araceli Carrillo — All of Lots 10, 11, and 12 of Block 6, Friona, Texas





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Valentine Edition — The Friona Star's Valentine Edition is February 13th. Email (frionastar@wtrt.net) or text (806-265-5200) your photo(s) of kids, grandkids, great-grandkids with their names by Tuesday, February 11th to showcase them in this special edition. You can also bring your photos to the Star office at 1215 Elm Ave. and we can scan them for you.

Livestock Show Section — Be sure to check out our 2nd section in this week's paper which has complete coverage of the 88th Annual Parmer County Junior Livestock Show.

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FHS Senior Night — Next Tuesday evening February 4th is Mid-Winter Senior Recognition Night which recognizes high school seniors involved in basketball, powerlifting, and cheerleading as well as their families. The Friona Star will have coverage of the event in next week's edition.

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Senior Meal Invitation — Everyone (all ages) is cordially invited to join the bunch at Senior Meals on Monday and Thursdays at the Friendship House located just under the water tower. For $10 you get a full meal deal that includes dessert and tea, water, or coffee. You don't have to cook or clean up!!! The atmosphere is casual and the meal is beneficial. See you there!

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New State Park — Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) laid the groundwork for a new state park in Central Texas with the purchase of 2,020 acres in Burnet County. The property includes two miles along the Colorado River and is located across the river from Colorado Bend State Park. Its purchase solidifies phase one of a potential two-phase property purchase to create a new state park comprising more than 3,000 acres.

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Jobs Leader — Texas is America's undisputed jobs leader for the third year in a row, with more jobs added in Texas in 2024 than in any other state. Jobs data released by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) confirms Texas added the most jobs in the nation from December 2023 to December 2024 with a gain of 284,200 nonfarm jobs, significantly ahead of all other states.

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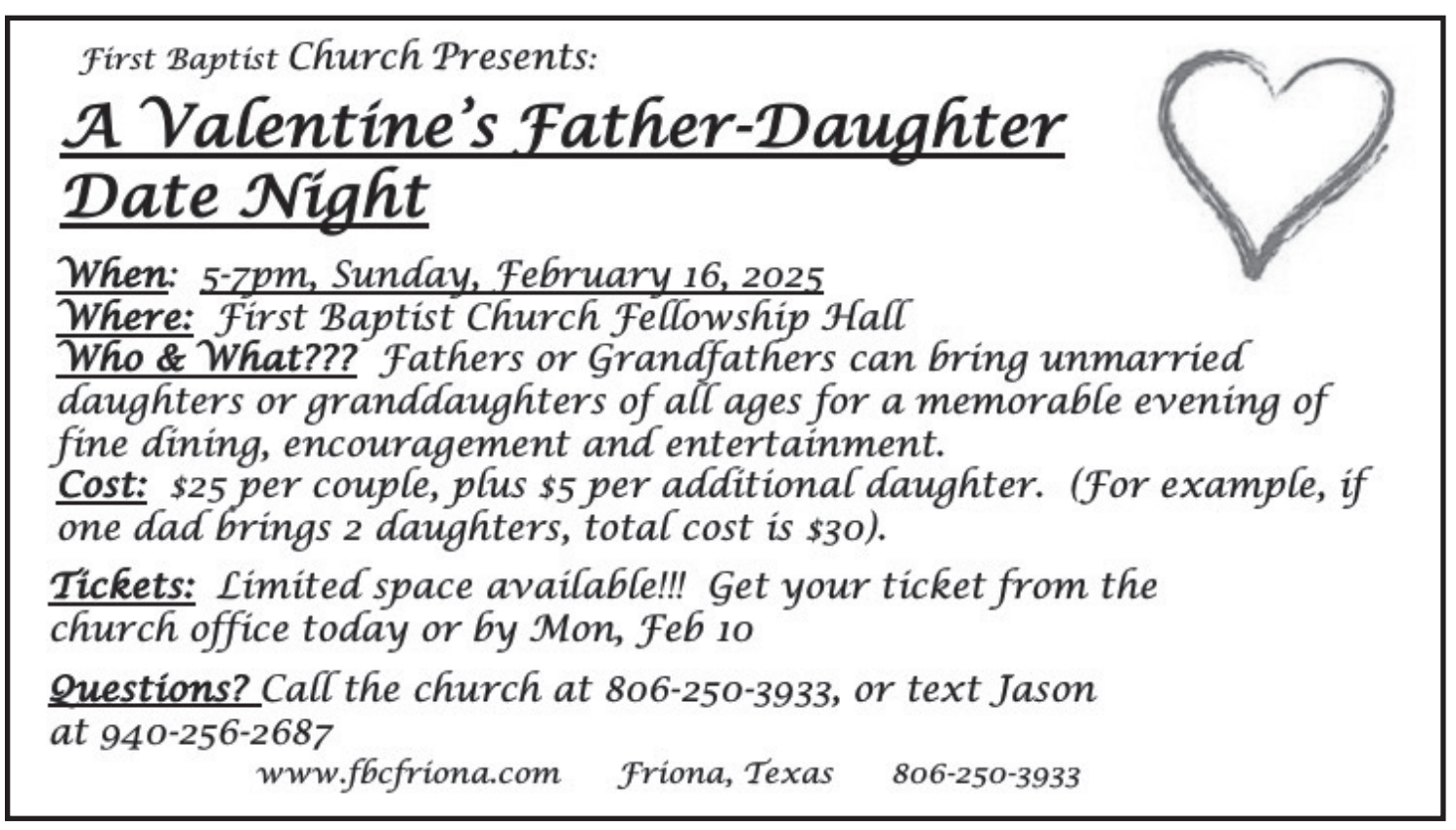
Utility Assistance — Head to your local Panhandle Community Services office on February 4th for an Utility Application. Finished applications and all documents need to be returned by February 6th. Required documents are birth certificate, photo ID, proof of income, utility bills, and social security card (if applicable). Copies are needed for each household member.

Empieza a reunir tu Documentos para ¡Asistencia de servicios públicos. El 4 de febrero, diríjase a su oficina rural local (Panhandle Community Services) para una solicitud de servicios públicos. Las solicitudes terminadas y todos los documentos deben devolverse antes del 6 de febrero. Documentos requeridos certificado de Nacimiento, identificacíon con foto, comprobante de ingresos, factura de servicios públicos, y tarjeta de seguro social (si corresponde). Copias para cada miembro del hogar.

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National Days

January 30 — Croissant Day
January 31 — Hot Chocolate Day
February 1 — Freedom Day
February 2 — Groundhog Day
February 3 — The Day The Music Died Day
February 4 — Thank A Mail Carrier Day
February 5 — Optimist Day



Parmer County Treasurer's Report

REPORT OF Sharon A. May County Treasurer of PARMER County, Texas, of Receipts and Expenditures from July 01, to September 30, 2024 Inclusive:

JURY FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed September 30, 2024	$199,528.96
Amount Received Since Last Report	$4,300.52
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	$2,688.40
12/31/24 Balance	$201,141.08

GENERAL FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed September 30, 2024	$5,542,338.88
Amount Received Since Last Report	$759,905.27
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	$1,025,001.91
12/31/24 Balance	$5,277,242.24

Farm To Market Fund

Balance Last Report, Filed September 30, 2024	$2,044,566.09
Amount Received Since Last Report	$308,737.32
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	$670,991.03
12/31/24 Balance	$1,682,312.38

CONTINGENCY FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed September 30, 2024	$420,228.17
Amount Received Since Last Report	$29,036.08
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	$200,000.00
12/31/24 Balance	$249,264.25

PARMER COUNTY FORFEITURE FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed September 30, 2024	$10,275.26
Amount Received Since Last Report	$1,938.81
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	$999.95
12/31/24 Balance	$11,214.12

PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed September 30, 2024	$461,839.85
Amount Received Since Last Report	$10,982.65
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	$0.00
12/31/24 Balance	$472,822.50

REVENUE FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed September 30, 2024	$154,893.17
Amount Received Since Last Report	$29,228.25
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	$30,548.83
12/31/24 Balance	$153,572.59

JUVENILE PROBATION FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed September 30, 2024	$5,412.38
Amount Received Since Last Report	$49.41
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	$0.00
12/31/24 Balance	$5,461.79

COUNTY ATTORNEY - CHECK COLLECTION FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed September 30, 2024	$2,705.84
Amount Received Since Last Report	$24.34
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	$75.00
12/31/24 Balance	$2,655.18

DISTRICT CHECK COLLECTION - 287TH FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed September 30, 2024	$10,194.44
Amount Received Since Last Report	$535.12
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	$0.00
12/31/24 Balance	$10,729.56

DISTRICT ATTORNEY FORFEITURE FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed September 30, 2024	$17,128.18
Amount Received Since Last Report	$10,397.19
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	$6,071.32
12/31/24 Balance	$21,454.05

COUNTY ATTORNEY FORFEITURE FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed September 30, 2024	$1,527.19
Amount Received Since Last Report	$54.29
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	$0.00
12/31/24 Balance	$1,581.48

INTEREST & SINKING FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed September 30, 2024	$102,062.33
Amount Received Since Last Report	$1,113.25
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	$0.00
12/31/24 Balance	$103,175.58

LATERAL FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed September 30, 2024	$0.00
Amount Received Since Last Report	$31,435.63
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	$27,014.77
12/31/24 Balance	$4,420.86

PARMER COUNTY ATTORNEY PRETRIAL DIVERSION FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed September 30, 2024	$4,439.66
Amount Received Since Last Report	$1,304.45
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	$1,545.08
12/31/24 Balance	$4,199.03

PARMER COUNTY AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT 2021 FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed September 30, 2024	$434,421.12
Amount Received Since Last Report	$2,999.15
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	$161,909.54
12/31/24 Balance	$275,510.73

RECAPITULATION

Jury Fund	$201,141.08
General Fund	$5,277,242.24
Farm To Market Fund	$1,682,312.38
Contingency Fund	$249,264.25
Parmer County Forfeiture Fund	$11,214.12
Permanent Improvement Fund	$472,822.50
Revenue Fund	$153,572.59
Juvenile Probation Fund	$5,461.79
County Attorney - Check Collection Fund	$2,655.18
District Check Collection - 287th Fund	$10,729.56
District Attorney Forfeiture Fund	$21,454.05
County Attorney Forfeiture Fund	$1,581.48
Interest & Sinking Fund	$103,175.58
Lateral Fund	$4,420.86
Parmer Co Arpa Fund	$275,510.73
Parmer County Attorney Pretrial Diversion	$4,199.03
Total	$8,476,757.42

LIST OF BONDS AND OTHER SECURITIES ON HAND

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT, GENERAL FUND, JURY, PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT, INVESTMENTS, TOTAL

T R E A S U R E R'S R E P O R T

PARMER COUNTY, TEXAS THE STATE OF TEXAS

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Sharon A. May, County Treasurer of Parmer County, who by me duly sworn, upon oath, says that the within and foregoing report is true and correct.

Sharon A. May
County Treasurer

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 27th Day of January, 2025.

Isabel Carrasco
County Judge - Parmer County, Texas

Examined and approved in open Commissioners' Court this 27th Day of January, 2025.

Small Town Cookin' By Jeri Lynn White

Chicken

This week's chicken recipe is a rich meal using cream and Parmesan cheese. However, the lemon in the sauce makes it feel light and fresh. The zucchini adds a healthy note as well. Hope you enjoy.

Lemon Chicken Pasta

www.southernliving.com

Ingredients

1 (16-oz.) pkg. uncooked linguine
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1 3/4 tsp. kosher salt
1/4 cup panko (Japanese-style breadcrumbs)
1 tsp. dried Italian seasoning
1/4 tsp. black pepper
2 tsp. lemon zest, plus 1/4 cup juice (from 2 lemons), divided
1 large egg, beaten
3 (10 oz. each) boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut in half horizontally into cutlets
7 Tbsp. olive oil, divided
2 (6 oz. each) zucchini, cut into 1/4-in.-thick rounds (about 2 1/2 cups), divided
2 Tbsp. unsalted butter
1 large garlic clove, finely chopped (1 1/2 tsp.)
1/4 tsp. onion powder
2 cups heavy whipping cream
4 oz. Parmesan cheese, grated (about 1 cup)
Chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley and lemon slices

Directions

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil over high. Add linguine; cook until al dente, about 7 minutes. Reserve 1/2 cup of the cooking water; drain linguine in a colander, and set aside until ready to use. While linguine cooks, stir together flour and 1/4 teaspoon of the salt in a shallow bowl. Stir together panko, Italian seasoning, black pepper, 1 teaspoon of the lemon zest, and 1 teaspoon of the salt in a separate shallow bowl. Place egg in a third shallow bowl. Working with 1 piece of chicken at a time, dredge chicken in flour, and shake off excess. Dip in beaten egg, letting excess drip off; dredge in panko mixture to coat, pressing to adhere, as needed. Set chicken aside on a



plate. Repeat process with remaining pieces of chicken, flour, egg, and panko mixture. (Discard any remaining flour, egg, and panko mixture.) Heat 1 tablespoon of the oil in a large skillet over medium-high until shimmering. Add half of the zucchini evenly spaced in skillet, pressing slightly so surface makes contact with skillet. Cook, undisturbed, until browned in spots, about 1 minute. Flip, and cook on other side, 1 minute. Transfer to a plate, and set aside. Repeat process with remaining zucchini. Wipe skillet clean. Heat 3 tablespoons of the oil in skillet over medium-high until shimmering. Add 3 pieces of chicken, and cook, turning once, until golden brown on both sides and a thermometer inserted into thickest portion of chicken registers 165°F, 8 to 10 minutes. Transfer chicken to a plate; wipe skillet clean. Repeat process with remaining 3 tablespoons oil and remaining 3 pieces chicken; set aside, and keep warm. Add butter to large pot used to cook pasta, and melt over medium-high. Add garlic and onion powder, and cook until fragrant, about 1 minute. Stir in whipping cream, 1/2 cup reserved cooking water, and remaining 1/2 teaspoon salt; bring to a simmer over medium, stirring often. Reduce heat to low, and slowly add lemon juice while whisking vigorously, 30 to 45 seconds. Add Parmesan, and cook, whisking constantly, until Parmesan melts and sauce is thick, 2 to 5 minutes. Add linguine, zucchini, and remaining 1 teaspoon lemon zest to pot, and toss to mix evenly. Slice chicken; divide linguine mixture evenly among bowls, and top evenly with chicken. Garnish with parsley and lemon slices.

Happy Birthday

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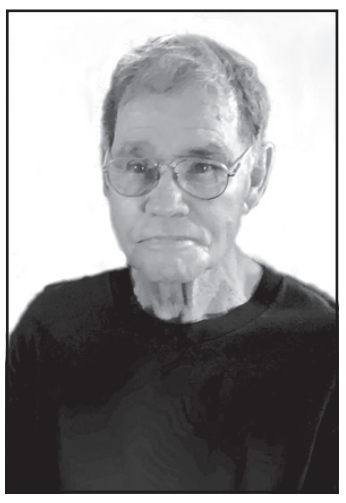
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Obituary

Toribio Monarrez



Toribio Monarrez, 86 of Friona passed away, January 21, 2025. Viewing was held 9:00AM to 8:00PM with Rosary Services set for 6:00PM Friday, January 24, 2025 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of the funeral home with Mass of Christian Burial Services set for 12:00PM Saturday, January 25, 2025 at St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Friona with Monsignor Michael Colwell as Celebrant. Burial following in the Friona Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Toribio was born March 23, 1938 in Guanacevi, Durango, Mexico to Manuel and Katalina Monarrez. He was a great husband and father, and an area farmer that worked very hard to provide for his family. He loved to fix things and was talented in plumbing, being a mechanic or electrician. On his down time, he loved to watch wrestling.

He is preceded in death by his parents-Manuel and Katalina Monarrez.

Those that mourn his passing include his wife- Maria Monarrez of Friona, 2 sons-Orlando Monarrez of Amarillo and Alberto Monarrez of Austin, 3 daughters- Teresa Dela Torre and husband AlFonso of Dumas, Mari Carmen Garcia and husband Alberto of Amarillo, and Margarita Garcia and husband Isael of Dumas, 2 sisters-Elijia Sanchez and Martina Anguiano, 1 brother-Cesario Monarrez, 23 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

You may send blessings to the family and sign the online guest book on Toribio's memorial page exclusively at: hansardfamily.com

Hansard Family Funeral Home

Panhandle Parables

"Jesus Has Left the Building!"

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

I was a mere 7 years old when Elvis Presley died, so I can't say I was ever influenced much by the "Blue Suede Shoes", although I do enjoy a good Elvis song now and then. I was always curious, however, why it was important to note his departure from a building.

The truth is Jesus has left the building, the church building that is. You look throughout his ministry, and you will find that he was never much on buildings. Yes, he taught in synagogues, and the visits to the temple were important to him, but he was less about buildings and more about people. Ironic, since he was a carpenter.

He walked with the lame and helped them walk too! He gave sight to those who could not see and vision to those who could and were willing to see even more. He taught those willing to learn, gave hope to those who were hopeless, and provided refuge for those needing a safe place to rest. Yet most of this was done on the hillsides and in back alleys of the small towns dotting the landscape of the "Promised Land" of his heritage. His best work, even his best-known sermon (Sermon on the Mount), was done outside.

I am not necessarily advocating the abandonment of the buildings in which we worship. The problem I have with buildings is fundamental. THEY HAVE WALLS and walls tend to keep people out. Not exactly the intent of the Great Commission.

My point is this: Simply put, Jesus asks us to follow him. If we watch where He would go each week after Sunday services, we might be surprised to find him holding the hand of someone dying in hospice with no family or sitting on the bathroom floor with a drunk hoping to give him something other than another bottle. We might even find him down at the local jail whispering in the ear of someone just given a life sentence as that inmate opens the Word of God for the first time. Yes, Jesus has left the building. Where did he go? Where he has always intended to be, with those who need Him most.

God is Knitting

By Teena Hughs

I have a friend going through a very difficult season of life. Sunday night, I was asking God to give her the ability to turn everything over to Him, and for her to have peace and a great night's sleep, so He could continue to knit her life together.

Please don't ask me where the "so You can continue to knit her life together" part came from, because I don't know. But, I did have a picture come to mind of a dark grey something being knitted. The color wasn't particularly pretty, and I don't know who was knitting or what was being knitted.

I did get to thinking about knitting. My mother was a master knitter. She could make anything with two needles, some yarn, and a pattern. But, every once in a while, she made a mistake; sometimes it was a simple mistake like a dropped stitch, sometimes it was a big mistake that required the project being taken off the needles and ripped out past the mistake. Sometimes she didn't understand the pattern and had to rip out multiple times. Sometimes she even had to go to the Yarn Barn in San Antonio and get help from someone who was an even better knitter than she was.

Life is a lot like God knitting a sweater. He continues to knit out the design of our lives, using different colors, different designs, different stitches. These are the beautiful things of our lives.

There are times when we make mistakes, bad selections, bad choices, and that is when we have to rip out (repent) and start over. And then, there are those dropped stitches of life; those bumps in the road that cause us to stumble, and sometimes fall.

Thankfully, we have a pattern to follow for our lives, and that is called the Bible; thankfully, we have someone to talk to, and that is Jesus; thankfully, we have Jesus, family, and friends to walk with us through our difficult seasons of life.

Right now, the color of my friend's life is a dull grey, and it isn't very pretty, but as God continues to knit everything together, He is going to turn her life into something beautiful. How do I know? She is a Christian seeking His help; she has friends and relatives praying for her; she knows God hears her prayers and that He knows the desires of her heart. Does that mean that everything will turn out the way she wants; it may or may not; that depends on God, and the choices she decides to make!

God doesn't like to see us go through difficult seasons of life, but He is right there beside us as we go through them, knitting the good and the bad together into one beautiful garment. I pray my friend is able to turn her season of life over to God; I pray she sleeps soundly at night with the peace that passes all understanding (Phillipians 4:7). And, when she comes through this season, and she will, I can't wait to hear about what all God did to knit her life together again!

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January Bible Verse

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Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV

5 Confía en el Señor de todo corazón y no te apoyes en tu propia inteligencia.
6 Reconócelo en todos tus caminos y él enderezará tus sendas.

Proverbios 3:5-6 NVI

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Gas Prices Edge Up

By GasBuddy

Average gasoline prices in Texas rose 1.1 cents last week, averaging $2.67 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 $2.04 while the most expensive was $3.49 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline fell 0.9 cents last week, averaging $3.08 per gallon. The national average price of diesel increased 4.4 cents last week and stands at $3.65 per gallon.

"Oil prices have declined over the last week following President Trump's speech at the World Economic Forum, where he urged Saudi Arabia to lower oil prices by restoring production. The downturn in oil has caused gas prices to stabilize for the time being, with crude now more than $5 per barrel below where it was a couple of weeks ago," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

"As we approach the February 1 deadline for potential U.S. tariffs on Canada and Mexico— key sources of crude oil imports— we'll be monitoring for any potential impact, including the possibility of retaliatory tariffs. For now, I remain hopeful that tariffs won't materialize, and gas prices could stay relatively stable over the next few weeks, at least until the seasonal rise in prices begins in mid-to-late February." 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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Naturalist Training Begins February 15th

By Jim Steiert

Seeking new members for 2025, the Texas Master Naturalist Panhandle Chapter will launch its next round of training on February 15th.

If you're interested in putting some Nature back into your weekends, or perhaps have an interest in flora, fauna, and all things outdoors, like to hang out with people who share your interests, or perhaps might get a kick out of helping out with nature-related educational efforts in state parks in the region, TMN could well be for you.

The purpose of the Texas Master Naturalist program is to develop a corps of well-informed volunteers to provide education, outreach, and service dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within their communities for the State of Texas.

The Texas Master Naturalist Program is sponsored by Texas A&M Agri-Life Extension Service and Texas Parks and Wildlife. Training includes 40 hours of combined classroom and field studies taught by experts in their field. Topics will include all aspects of the natural environment of the Panhandle eco-region.

Register to enroll in the new round of classes at the Panhandle Texas Master Naturalist website at https://tpwd.samaritan.com/recruiter/1450/OppDetails/213713/Panhandle-Master-Naturalist-Application/ or the Panhandle Master Naturalist Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/TMNPanhandleChapter/ before the opportunity gets away.

The first training session on February 15th will be a full-day event from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Potter County Agri-Life building and will include orientation,VMS, Citizen Science, and Texas Insects, Arachnids and Myriapods. with instructors include Bernice Blasingame, Misty Pierce, Susan Burgoon, and Kathleen Guerrero. Six hours of class credit will be awarded.

On March 22 training from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. will be at the West Texas A&M University Science Department and will include Mammalogy by Dr. Ray Matlack and Herpetology by Dr. Dylan Maag.

Dr. Ray Matlack will return for another round of training on Ornithology on May 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at WTAMU.

Palo Duro Canyon will be the setting for Geology training on May 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. by Dr. Rick Hobbs.

Talented Panhandle Chapter plant expert Joanne Toler will be doing training on Native Plants at a site to be announced.

On July 12 a full day of training will occur at Southwest Library in Amarillo with Joanne Culin covering Weather and Joanne Toler doubling up on Water Resources and Ecological Regions.

Rangeland and Wildlife Management will be the topic presented by Matthew Poole and Haley Richardson on August 16 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Palo Duro Canyon State Park.

On September 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tammy Scarborough will lead a training session at the Goodnight Historical House and Playa.

Fall will be in the air as training wraps up on October 18 with a session from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Alibates Flint Quarries led by Dr. Paul Katz.

Overall, some 48 hours of instruction will be presented.

Dates, times, locations, and instructors could change due to unforeseen circumstances.

For additional information on training contact Bernice Blasingame at bblasingame46@gmail.com or Susan Burgoon at burwhat@gmail.com.

Additional information about the Texas Master Naturalist program is available at the State TMN Website at www.txmn.org or at www.txmn.org/pc/ for the Panhandle Chapter.

Participants in the Panhandle Chapter of Texas Master Naturalists will find an organization that includes an array of gifted outdoor and nature enthusiasts willing to share their knowledge. Members possess skills in widely varied fields such as wildflowers and native plants, arachnids and insects, state park trail maintenance, bird watching, playas, wetlands, and aquifers, and nature journaling, among others.

Jim Steiert is an award-winning member of the Texas Outdoor Writers Association and a Certified Texas Master Naturalist.

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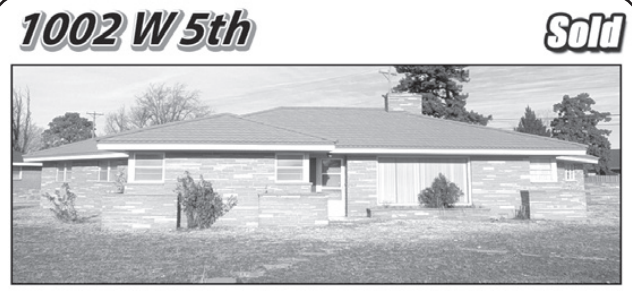


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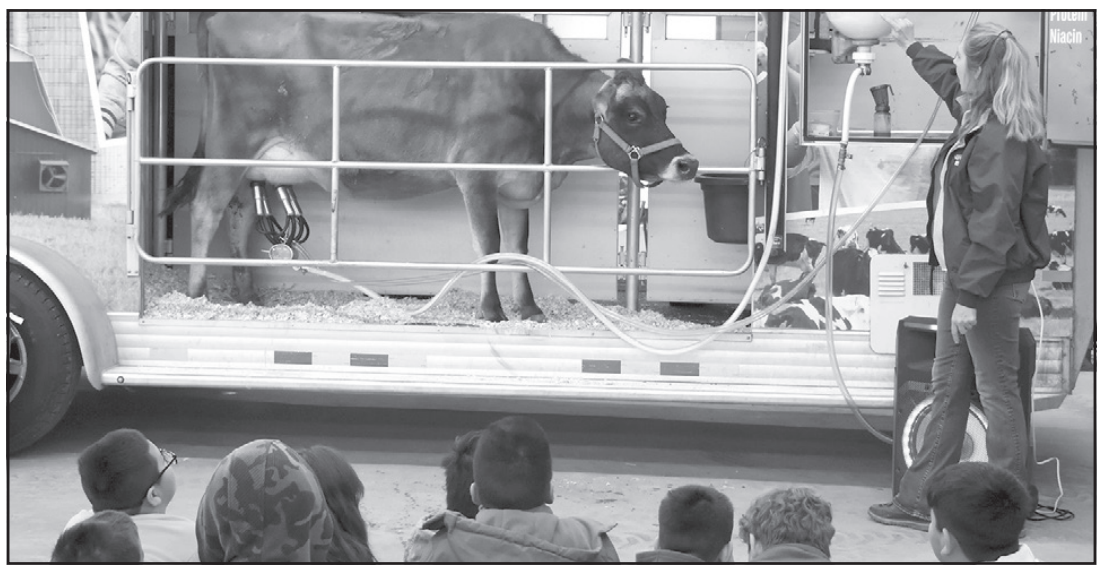
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High School Boys Basketball

Tuesday 1/21:

Idalou 86 Friona 29

David Maldonado 9 pts, Justen Trevino 7 pts, Brice Jeter 6 pts, Mason Ramos 3 pts, Damian Sanchez 2 pts, Tony Diaz 2 pts, Mason Ramos 4 rebounds, Damian Sanchez 4 assists

Friday 1/24:

Slaton 79 Friona 21

David Maldonado 11 pts, Juste Trevino 6 pts, Brice Jeter 2 pts, Bryer Stanberry 2 pts, David Maldonado 5 rebounds, Justen Trevino 5 rebounds, Maddox Ashlock 4 rebounds

Standings

Girls Basketball

Team	District	Overall
Shallowater	11-0	19-6
Idalou	10-2	24-8
Littlefield	8-4	18-12
Slaton	8-4	15-10
Friona	4-8	16-15
Roosevelt	2-8	13-16
Dimmitt	1-9	9-15
Muleshoe	1-11	5-21

Boys Basketball

Team	District	Overall
Slaton	9-1	22-5
Idalou	8-2	18-10
Shallowater	8-2	12-4
Littlefield	6-4	17-8
Roosevelt	3-4	11-11
Dimmitt	2-6	8-14
Friona	1-9	4-21
Muleshoe	0-10	1-14

Powerlifting Results

Dalhart Invitational - Dalhart High School - 1/25/2025 - THSPA Boys

Team Results: Amarillo Highland Park - 1st Place, 46 points; **Friona - 2nd Place**, 35 points; Vega - 3rd Place, 33 points; Dalhart - 4th Place, 23 points; Borger - 5th Place, 17 points

Wt.	Place	Athlete	BWT	Squat	Bench	Dead	Total
132	2	Ortiz, Izaac	132	340	205	365	910
132	3	Tafoya, Angel	132	325	230	345	900
132	7	Stowers, Cade	130	250	155	250	655
148	4	Tafoya, David	145	275	200	335	810
148	5	Avalos, Colt	146	270	155	330	755
165	3	Estrada, Erik	161	415	235	430	1080
181	4	Molina, Mario	181	315	205	340	860
198	1	Garcia, Mario	198	575	375	545	1495
198	BO	Mills, Eden	198	475	285	0	0
242	1	Flores, Ishmael	241	605	440	530	1575
275	2	Jerden, Jett	271	335	200	310	845
UNC	SC	Cecena, Bryan	0	0	0	0	0

Dalhart Invitational - Dalhart High School - 1/25/2025 - THSWPA Girls

Team Results: Friona - 1st Place, 53 points; Amarillo Highland Park - 2nd Place, 39 points; Borger - 3rd Place, 34 points; Dalhart - 4th Place, 15 points; Vega - 5th Place, 12 points; Amarillo Ascension Academy - 6th Place, 7 points

Wt.	Place	Athlete	BWT	Squat	Bench	Dead	Total
97	1	Hernandez, Kalie	90	165	80	185	430
105	1	Carranza, Anaesha	104	190	95	235	520
114	2	Carrillo, Ivette	113	185	90	210	485
114	3	Flores, Bella	113	180	65	200	445
123	1	Gomez, Hailey	119	190	105	210	505
132	2	Hernandez, Evelyn	124	250	130	240	620
165	1	Rodriguez, Kaylani	155	250	125	200	575
165	4	Phillips, Christa	152	170	95	180	445
220	2	Abarca, Lilly	208	250	145	235	630
242	2	Phillips, Marie	236	320	210	295	825



Friona School Calendar for February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 -San Angelo Stock Show Begins
2	**3** -JH B Basketball vs. Dimmitt -Ft. Worth Stock Show Begins	**4** -HS Basketball vs. Lubbock Roosevelt -Senior Night -Hosting District CX Debate	**5**	**6**	**7** -JH UIL Solo & Ensemble @ Palo Duro HS -HS B Basketball vs. Muleshoe	**8** -Powerlifting @ Dumas -HS UIL Solo & Ensemble
9	**10** ***No School** -Baseball Scrimmage @ Fritch -San Antonio Stock Show Begins	**11** -HS B Basketball @ Littlefield	**12**	**13**	**14** ***Last Day to File for Place on FISD Election Ballot By 5:00 p.m.**	**15** -Friona Powerlifting Meet
16	**17** -Girls Golf @ Tulia ***FISD Board Meeting**	**18** -Boys Golf @ Tulia	**19**	**20** -Powerlifting @ Denver City -Baseball @Tulia -JH Track @ Dimmitt	**21** ***Prim/Elem Parent Teacher Conferences** -HS Track @ Plainview	**22** -Baseball @Tulia
23	**24** -Tennis @ SPCHEA	**25** -Baseball @ Olton -Girls Golf @ HP Comanche Trail Amarillo	**26** -Boys Golf @ HP Comanche Trail Amarillo	**27** -Baseball @ Seminole -Friona JH Track Meet	**28** ***Early Release** -Friona Track Meet	

FHS FASFA Event

Hosted by the Friona Public Library
Clarence Monroe Community Center
Pizza provided by Friends of the Friona Library

What is FASFA? — The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the form students complete and submit to become eligible for federal student aid such as federal grants, work-study funds, and loans to help pay for college, career school, or graduate school.

















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Lazbuddie Wind Farm Update

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A request by Friona Independent School District for the release of its portion of the Permanent School Funds in the amount of $364,800 was approved. The money will be used for the renovation of the tennis court complex on the northwest corner of the high school campus. FISD will fund the rest of the $397,000 project.

A request by Adriana Stowers, Regional Representative for the Economic Development Tourism Office, for use of a small office space to list as a physical address only, was approved. The county will incur no expenses.

Sheriff Geske reported that he was currently housing 11 inmates which includes 2 from Lamb County. He also reported that Ramon Ortiz-Carillo has been hired as a corrections officer. The 2024 Asset Forfeiture Report was presented and approved. Geske also made a request to purchase a new vehicle for the Sheriff's Department. Price quotes for four different vehicles were presented and Commissioners approved the purchase of a 2024 Ford F-150 for $51,258.50 to be paid out of funds from Senate Bill 22 which was passed by the Texas legislature to aid rural law enforcement agencies.

In other business, the Minutes of the January 13th regular meeting were reviewed and approved. Commissioners approved the payment of accounts payables and the Treasurer's Payroll Report was approved. County Treasurer Sharon May also presented the Quarterly Report which was reviewed and approved. This report can be found on page 3.

The next Commissioner's meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 10th. All meetings are open to the public. Information in this article is only a summary.



Test Drive — Sheriff Geske demonstrates all the "bells & whistles" on the new Kubota Sidekick RTV XG850 donated by Invenergy. The ATV was purchased from LoneStar Ag, the Kubota dealership located in Friona.



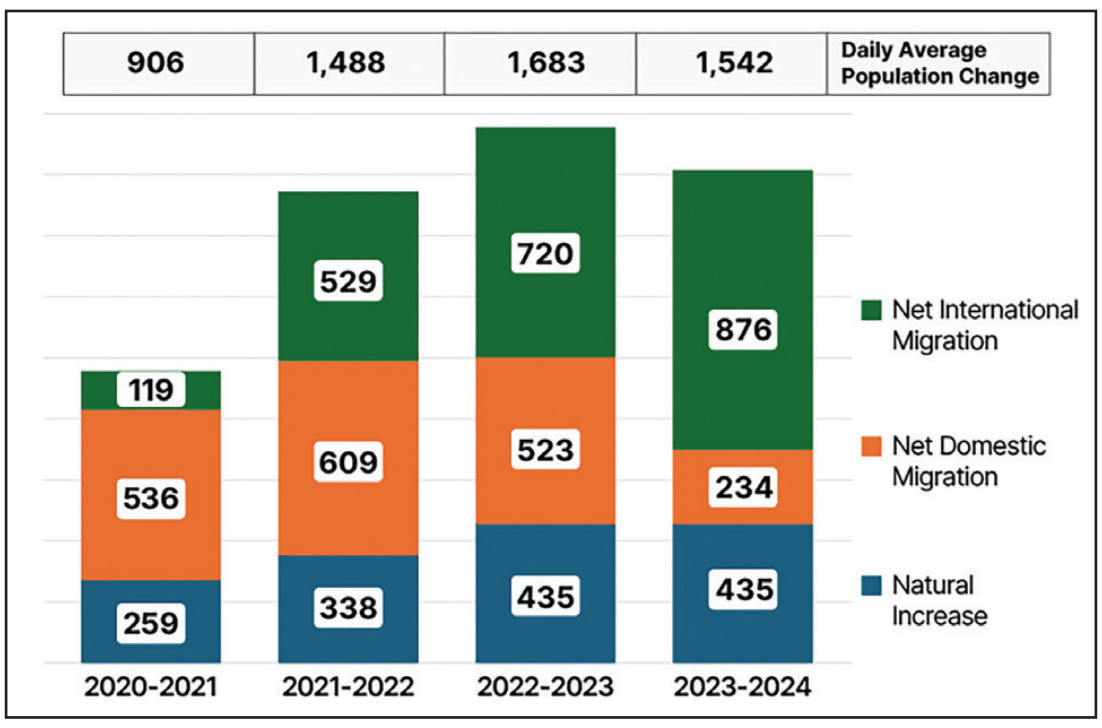
Tumbling Tumbleweeds — These wind-blown nomads formed their own congregation on the northeast side of the Congregational Church last week. Four pickup loads later, they found their new home in the city's brush pile just south of center field at the old baseball park.

Texas Demographic Center

MONTHLY DATA UPDATE

Texas Population Growth

According to the latest Vintage 2024 Population Estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau, Texas's population surpassed 31 million in 2024, driven largely by net international migration, which accounted for over half of the state's growth between 2023 and 2024.



Note: Components of change may not add to the total population change due to the minor residual components in the Census Bureau's Population Estimates.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Vintage 2024 Population Estimates.

On average, Texas gained 1,542 new residents each day between 2023 and 2024: 876 from international migration, 234 from domestic migration, and 435 from natural increase, which reflects births exceeding deaths. These figures highlight the state's position as a key destination for global migrants, as well as its continued appeal to those relocating from other parts of the United States. With new data available on immigration, the Census Bureau has also made significant revisions to their previous years' population estimates.



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PARMER COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW

Final Results
January 14-18, 2025
Clarence Monroe Community Center

Ag Mechanic
Jonah Rose
Johan Neufeld
Leelynn Davis
Justen Trevino
Emery Rangel
Dylan Black
Erick Carrasco
Hunter Ruthardt
Karson Allen
Dylan Haseloff
Kaleb Nunley
Carson Davis
Jaxen Morris
Jantsen Morris

Barrows
Class 01 Prospect
(1) Nate Garcia
(2) Yandel Salas
(3) William Husted
(4) Nyah Cano
(5) Attaleigh Connor
(6) Davyn Glover

Class 02 Berkshire
(1) Adelyn Zamudio
Breed Champion
(2) Kylie McFarland
(3) Justen Trevino
(4) Tel Smith
(5) Sophie Lewellen
(6) William Husted
(7) Peyton Schueler

Class 03 Berkshire
(1) Elizabeth Hill
Breed Reserve
(2) Kolton Thompson
(3) Darren Thompson
(4) Daniel Silva
(5) Leslie Rodriguez
(6) Colter Pittman

Class 04 Chester White
(1) Abbey Urbantke
Breed Champion
(2) Aleta Kube
Breed Reserve
(3) Paisley Osborn
(4) Kaizlea Stancell
(5) Gentry McDaniel
(6) Sam Lawrence

Class 05 Duroc
(1) Creed Russell
Breed Champion
(2) Paisley Osborn
(3) William Husted
(4) Christopher Antillon
(5) Stevie Herring

Class 06 Duroc
(1) Catelyn Schilling
Breed Reserve
(2) Trig Smith
(3) Shelby Lewellen
(4) Sophie Lewellen
(5) Paisley Duffield

Class 07 Duroc
(1) Kolson Allen
(2) Daniel Silva
(3) Kenlee Klinger
(4) Luke Carthel
(5) Alayhlee Villarreal

Class 08 Hampshire
(1) Nikki Hill
Breed Reserve
(2) Ivy Schueler
(3) Abbey Urbantke
(4) Shelby Lewellen
(5) Sam Lawrence
(6) Avram Hernandez
(7) Colt Carthel
(8) Yandel Salas
(9) Dylan Carpenter

Class 09 Hampshire
(1) Aubree Bunker
Breed Champion
(2) Dustin Potts
(3) Karleigh Rangel
(4) Hunter Thompson
(5) Nate Garcia
(6) Alli McFarland
(7) Camila Morales
(8) Gentry McDaniel
(9) Paisley Duffield

Class 10 Landrace
(1) Alexis Carpenter
Breed Champion
(2) Erick Carrasco
Breed Reserve
(3) Kutter Bradshaw
(4) Nancy Silva

Class 11 Poland China
(1) Kutter Bradshaw
Breed Champion
(2) Stevie Herring
(3) Daniel Silva

Class 12 Poland China
(1) Karson Allen
Breed Reserve
(2) Erick Carrasco
(3) Dylan Carpenter
(4) Bella Flores

Class 13 Spotted
(1) Dustin Potts
Breed Champion
(2) Nyah Cano
Breed Reserve
(3) Abbey Urbantke
(4) Leslie Rodriguez
(5) Katarina Rose
(6) Tel Smith
(7) Colt Carthel

Class 14 Spotted
(1) Avram Hernandez
(2) Ryker Mason
(3) Hunter Thompson
(4) Nancy Silva
(5) Alexis Carpenter

Class 15 Yorkshire
(1) Creed Russell
(2) Aubree Bunker
(3) Aleta Kube
(4) Karen Morales
(5) Jonah Rose
(6) Nyah Cano

Class 16 Yorkshire
(1) Kutter Bradshaw
Reserve Champion
Breed Champion
(2) Kraeson Allen
Breed Reserve
(3) Kayleigh Juarez
(4) Sawyer McFarland
(5) Colt Carthel
(6) Avery Schueler

Class 17 Crossbred
(1) Ryker Mason
(2) Averie Rangel
(3) Paisley Osborn
(4) Kaizlea Stancell
(5) Darren Thompson
(6) Adelyn Zamudio
(7) Jolee Smith
(8) Melissa Vazquez

Class 18 Crossbred
(1) Creed Russell
(2) Aubrey Schueler
(3) Justen Trevino
(4) Abbey Urbantke
(5) Nancy Silva
(6) Andy Olmos
(7) Kenlee Klinger
(8) Attaleigh Connor
(9) Alayhlee Villarreal

Class 19 Crossbred
(1) Creed Russell
(2) Kolson Allen
(3) Melline Hill
(4) James Douglas
(5) Ryker Mason
(6) Daniel Silva
(7) Aubrey Schueler
(8) Aubrey Schueler
(9) Alayhlee Villarreal

Class 20 Crossbred
(1) Aubree Bunker
Grand Champion
Breed Champion
(2) Aleta Kube
(3) Luke Carthel
(4) Ivy Schueler
(5) Aleta Kube
(6) Kaizlea Stancell
(7) Kaizlea Stancell
(8) Erick Carrasco
(9) Dustin Potts
(10) Arianna Antillon

Class 21 Crossbred
(1) Sam Lawrence
Breed Reserve
(2) Kutter Bradshaw
(3) Aubree Bunker
(4) Catelyn Schilling
(5) Kylie McFarland
(6) Gentry McDaniel
(7) Paisley Osborn
(8) Catelyn Schilling
(9) Harley London
(10) Catelyn Schilling

Beef Heifers
Class 03
(1) Aubrey Schueler
Grand Champion
(2) Kobi Kirby
Reserve Champion

Class 07
(1) Kenadee Ramage

Class 09
(1) Ivy Schueler

Class 10
(1) Aubrey Schueler
(2) Aubrey Schueler

Dairy Heifers
Class 02
(1) Ellie Kirby
(2) Ally Brooks Carpenter

Class 03
(1) Libby Carpenter

Class 04
(1) Ally Brooks Carpenter
Reserve Champion

Class 05
(1) Libby Carpenter
Grand Champion
(2) Sam Lawrence

Goats
Class 01
(1) Alayhlee Villarreal
(2) Isael Olmos
(3) Alayhlee Villarreal
(4) Dannelle Arguelles
(5) Attaleigh Connor
(6) Joaquin Guzman
(7) Audrey Damron
(8) Kailey Jaramillo
(9) Porter Gilley
(10) Arribelle Hernandez

Class 02
(1) Paxton Schueler
(2) Bryer Stanberry
(3) Paisley Osborn
(4) Isael Olmos
(5) William Husted
(6) Jonah Aguilar
(7) Joaquin Guzman
(8) Isael Olmos
(9) Audrey Damron
(10) Kylee Sneller

Class 03
(1) Sena Dannelley
Grand Champion
(2) Kannon Blakey
(3) Kaysen Stanberry
(4) Elizabeth Hill
(5) Nikki Hill
(6) Dannelle Arguelles
(7) Avery Schueler
(8) Attaleigh Connor
(9) Mason Schueler
(10) Porter Gilley

Class 04
(1) Kaysen Stanberry
(2) Karen Morales
(3) Cali Dannelley
(4) Mason Schueler
(5) Randi Hughes Prather
(6) Ryker Mason
(7) Elizabeth Hill
(8) Nikki Hill
(9) Londyn Murray
(10) Jonathon Vasquez
(11) Dannelle Arguelles

Class 05
(1) Kollins Blakey
(2) Kannon Blakey
(3) Nyah Cano
(4) Londyn Murray
(5) Griffin Hughes Prather
(6) Ryker Mason
(7) Beatrice Lorraine Bishop
(8) Nai'a Gunter
(9) Beatrice Lorraine Bishop

Class 06
(1) Bryer Stanberry
Reserve Champion
(2) Erick Carrasco
(3) Alexis Carpenter
(4) Melline Hill
(5) Kayl Schueler
(6) Sebastian Cano
(7) Kenlee Klinger
(8) Kayl Schueler
(9) Jonah Aguilar

Class 07
(1) Cati Dannelley
(2) Sena Dannelley
(3) Peyton Schueler
(4) Cali Dannelley
(5) Paisley Osborn
(6) Randi Hughes Prather
(7) Ryker Mason
(8) Nyah Cano
(9) Griffin Hughes Prather
(10) William Husted
(11) Sebastian Cano

Class 08
(1) Cati Dannelley
(2) Oceana Gunter
(3) Kannon Blakey
(4) Alexis Carpenter
(5) Peyton Schueler
(6) Oceana Gunter
(7) Sebastian Cano
(8) Nai'a Gunter
(9) Kollins Blakey

Lambs
Class 01 Fine Wool
(1) Carter Lewellen
Breed Champion
(2) Kayl Schueler
(3) Ben Stimson

Class 02 Fine Wool
(1) Erick Carrasco
Reserve Breed
(2) Emmanuel Rodriguez
(3) Peyton Schueler
(4) Alexis Carpenter

Class 03 Fine Wool Cross
(1) Peyton Schueler
(2) Slayde Schlabs
(3) Avery Schueler

Class 04 Fine Wool Cross
(1) Carter Lewellen
Breed Champion
(2) Kayl Schueler
Breed Reserve
(3) Paxton Schueler
(4) Avery Schueler
(5) Paxton Schueler
(6) Nikki Hill

Class 05 Southdown
(1) Avery Schueler
Breed Reserve
(2) Nyah Cano

Class 06 Southdown
(1) McKyla Swierc
Breed Champion
(2) Erick Carrasco
(3) Alexis Carpenter
(4) Melline Hill
(5) Attaleigh Connor

Class 07 Dorper
(1) Daniel Silva
(2) Kylee Sneller
(3) Kylee Sneller
(4) Audrey Damron
(5) Carlee Roush

Class 08 Dorper
(1) Slayde Schlabs
Breed Champion
(2) Nikki Hill
Breed Reserve
(3) Daniel Silva
(4) Karen Morales
(5) Camila Morales
(6) Alayhlee Villarreal

Class 09 Medium Wool
(1) Dannelle Arguelles
(2) Mason Schueler
(3) Emery Rangel
(4) Londyn Murray
(5) Camila Morales

Class 10 Medium Wool
(1) McKyla Swierc
Reserve Champion
Breed Reserve
(2) Kayl Schueler
(3) Peyton Schueler
(4) Ivy Schueler
(5) Karen Morales
(6) Melline Hill
(7) Mason Schueler

Class 11 Medium Wool
(1) Carter Lewellen
Grand Champion
Breed Champion
(2) Peyton Schueler
(3) Paisley Osborn
(4) Aubrey Schueler
(5) Nikki Hill
(6) Nai'a Gunter

Class 12 Medium Wool
(1) McKyla Swierc
(2) Kayl Schueler
(3) Carter Lewellen
(4) Paxton Schueler
(5) Erick Carrasco
(6) Oceana Gunter

Rabbits
Class 01
(1) Rhiannon Pomper
3rd Overall
(2) Kaiden Perez
(3) Rowan Pomper
(4) Kaiden Perez
(5) Bruno Castro Ibarra
(6) Paisley Branscum
(7) Angel Ontiveros
(8) Angel Ontiveros

Class 02
(1) Alexis Pharis
Grand Champion
(2) Brynlie Cleavinger
Reserve Champion
(3) Rhiannon Pomper
4th Overall
(4) Alexis Pharis
5th Overall
(5) Rhiannon Pomper
(6) Rowan Pomper
(7) Alexis Pharis
(8) Alexis Pharis
(9) Johanna Garcia
(10) Naomi Cleavinger
(11) Brynlie Cleavinger
(12) Blaykin Branscum

Steers
Class 01 British
(1) Naomi Cleavinger
Breed Reserve
(2) Kenadee Ramage
(3) Jantsen Morris

Class 02 British
(1) Paisley Branscum
Breed Champion
(2) Berkley Cleavinger

Class 03 American
(1) Ellie Kirby
Breed Reserve
(2) Braxton Cleavinger
(3) Jantsen Morris
(4) Jaxen Morris

Class 04 American
(1) Kenadee Ramage
Breed Champion
(2) Brynlie Cleavinger
(3) Kobi Kirby

Class 05 Crossbred
(1) Steeley Branscum
(2) Blaykin Branscum
(3) Reagan Kirby
(4) Berkley Cleavinger

Class 06 Crossbred
(1) Kenadee Ramage
(2) Paisley Branscum
(3) Reagan Kirby
(4) Kobi Kirby
(5) Naomi Cleavinger
(6) Melline Hill

Class 07 Crossbred
(1) Kobi Kirby
Grand Champion
Breed Champion
(2) Steeley Branscum
Reserve Champion
Breed Reserve
(3) Blaykin Branscum
(4) Kenadee Ramage
(5) Ellie Kirby

Judges
Ag Mechanic
Jody Rowand
Barrows
Brad Bevel
Beef Cattle
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Dustin Warren
Lambs
Dustin Warren
Rabbits
Jennifer Barton

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In Memory — This year, Gallman Family Scholarships were awarded to Kobi Kirby, left, and Peyton Schueler, right. The $2,500 scholarships were given in memory of JeDon Gallman and were presented by his daughter, Melanie Gallman Braun, and his wife, Kitty Gallman.



Thank You — Two retiring volunteers were recognized for their contribution to Parmer County 4-H. Jaelyn Smith recognized Misty Henderson (center left) for her 10 years of service and Aubrey Schueler and Peyton Schueler recognized Jeri Lynn White (center right) for her 15 years of service.



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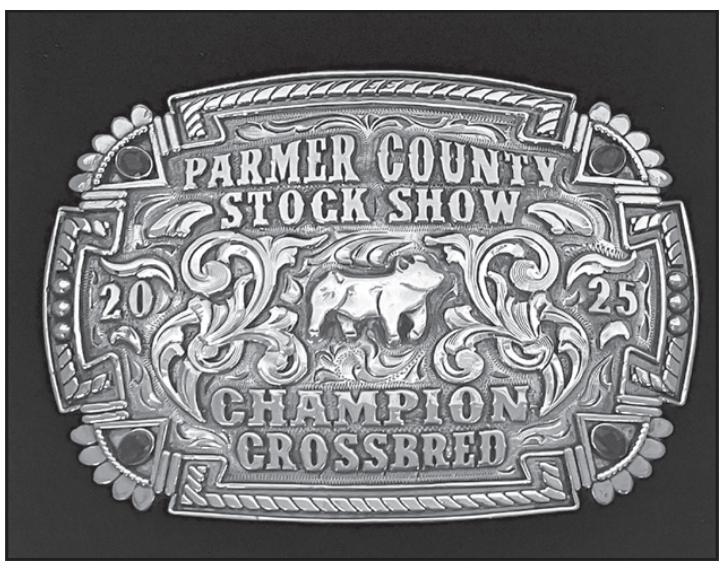






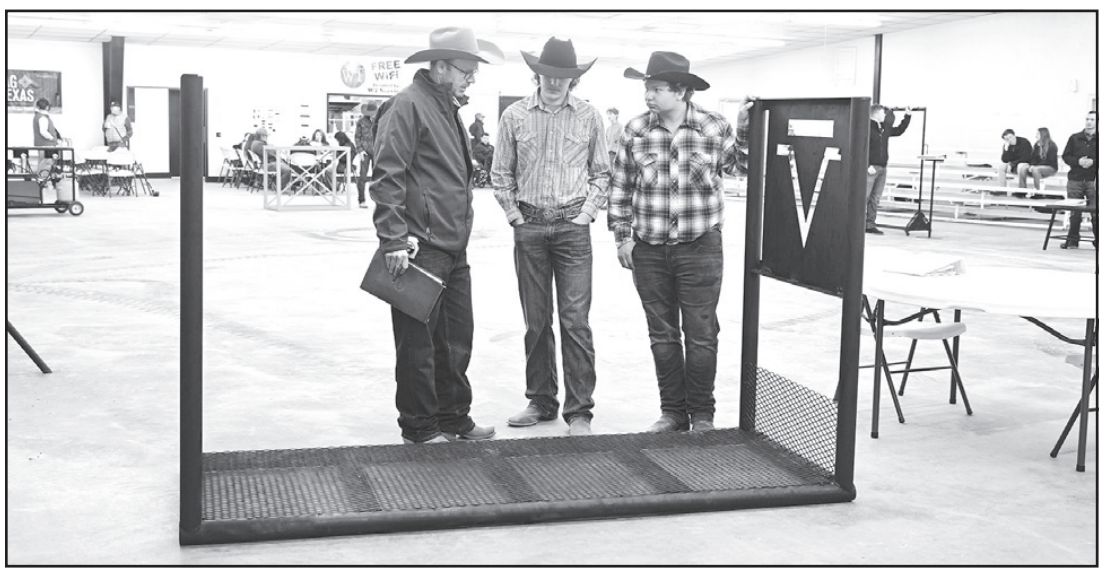


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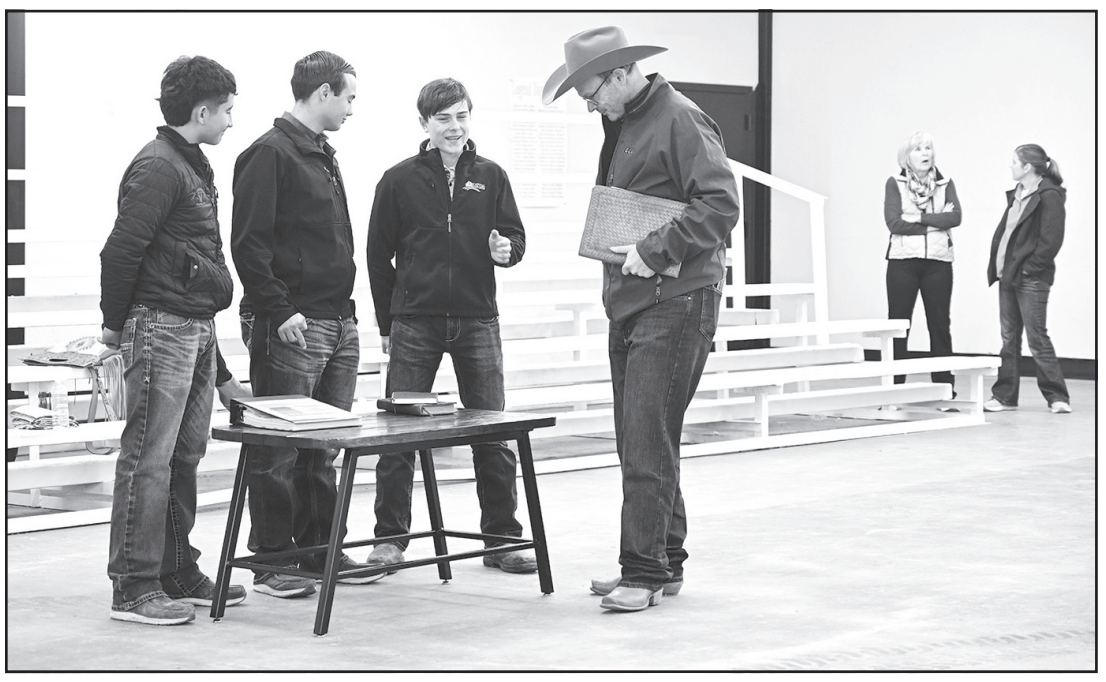


Dylan Haseloff and Kaleb Nunley | Firewood Rack





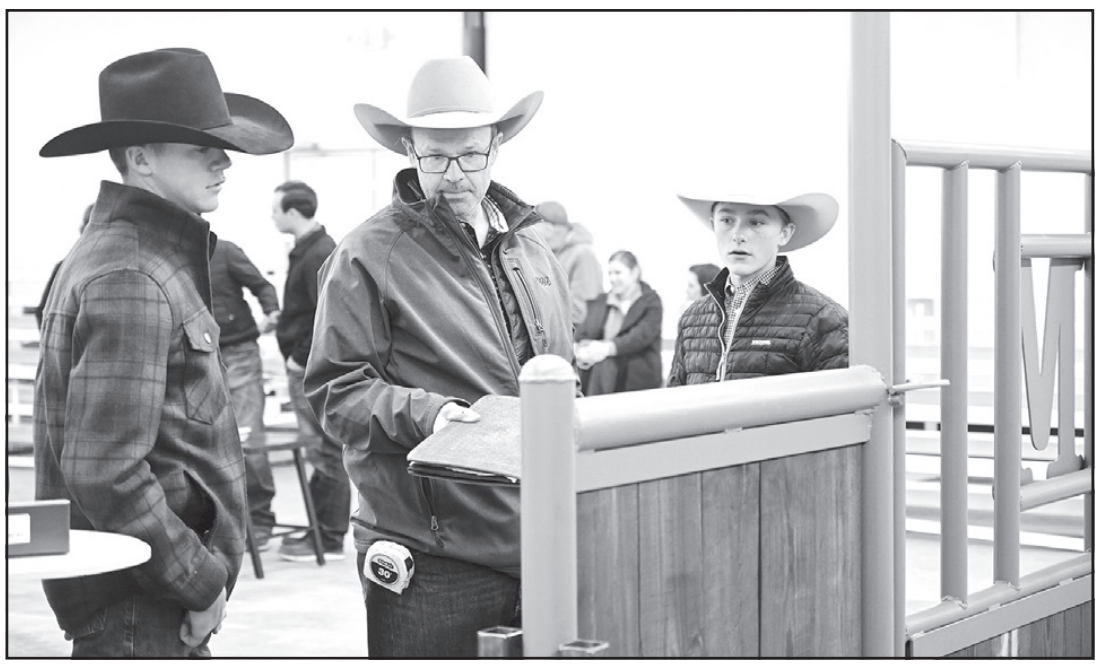
Justen Trevino and Emery Rangel | Hanging Fire Pit



Erick Carrasco, Dylan Black, and Hunter Ruthardt | Coffee Table
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Carson Davis | Trailer
Grand Champion



Jantsen Morris and Jaxen Morris | Overhead Gate with Wings
Reserve Grand Champion



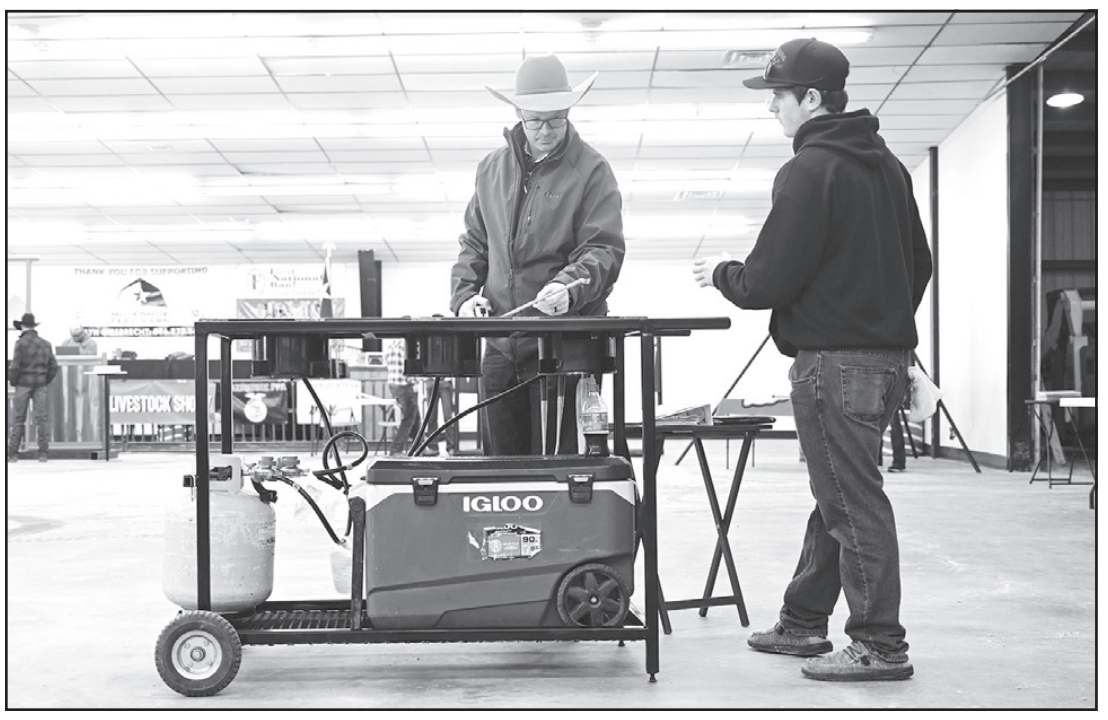
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3rd Overall | Grand Champion Showmanship



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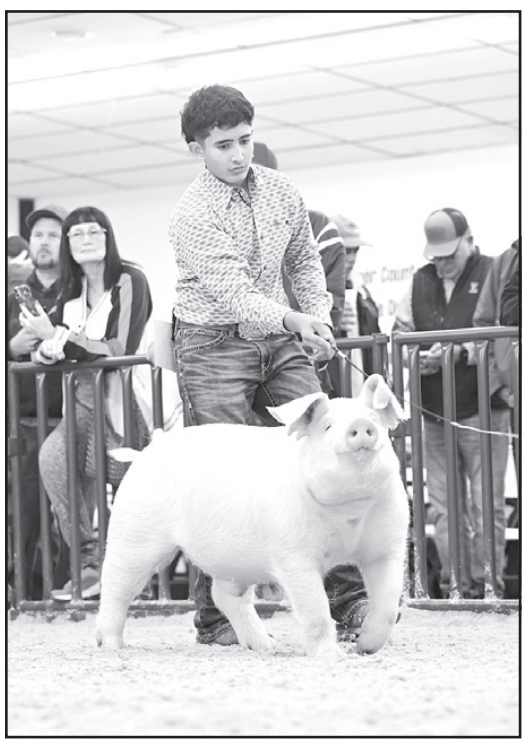
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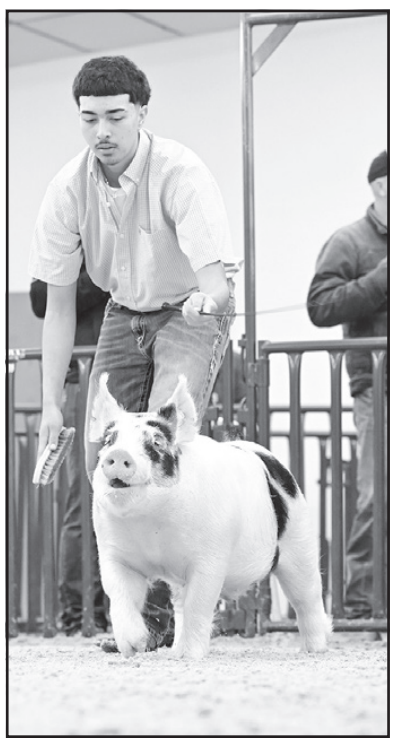
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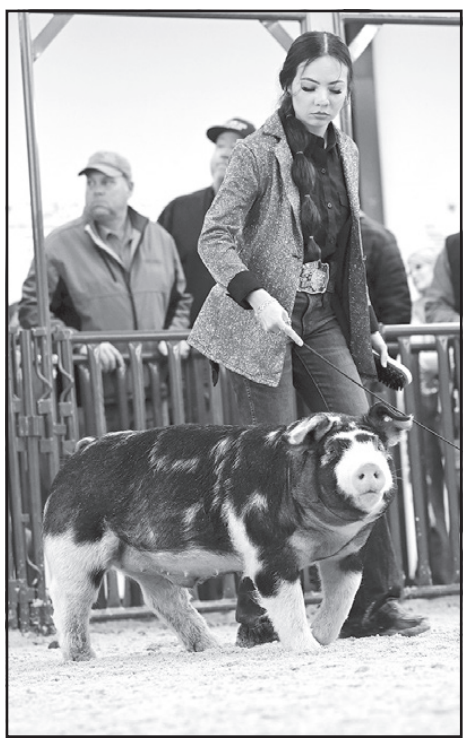
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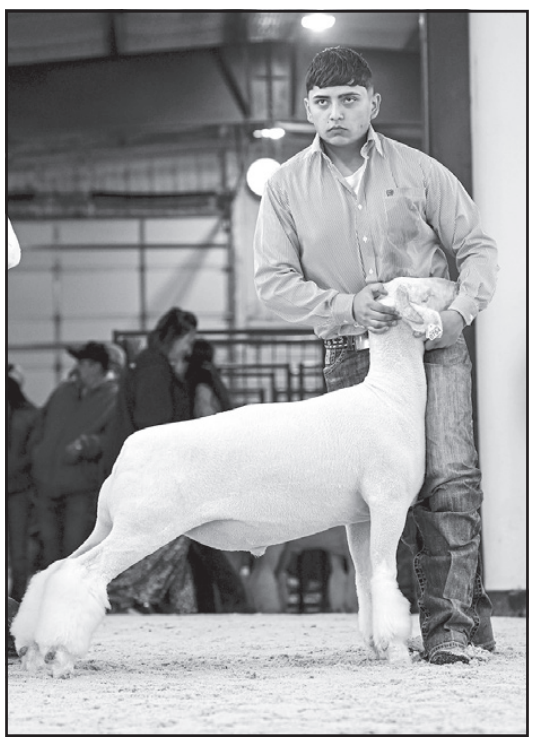
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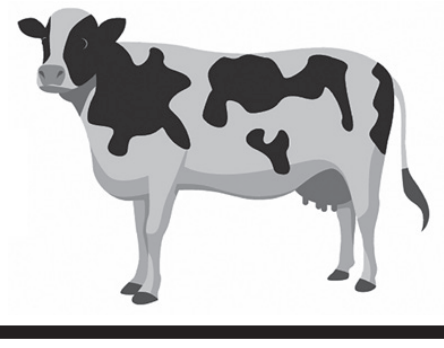
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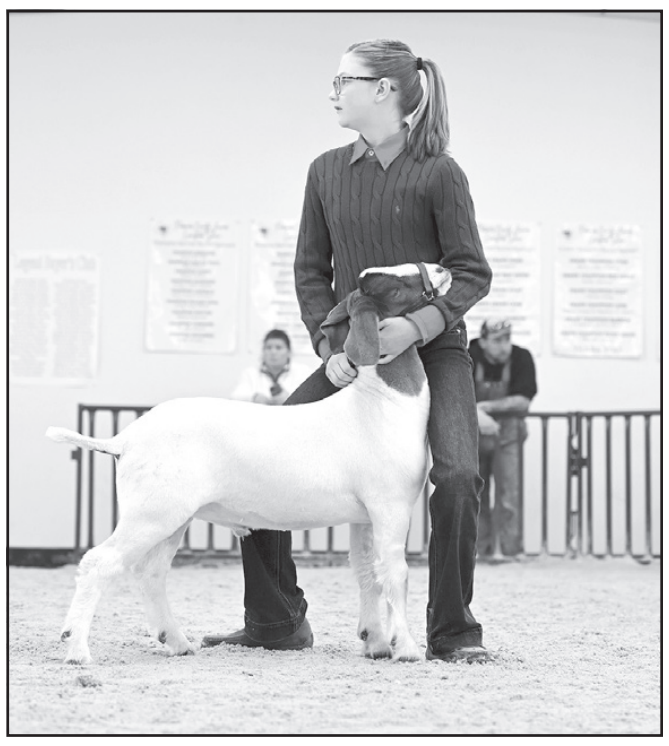
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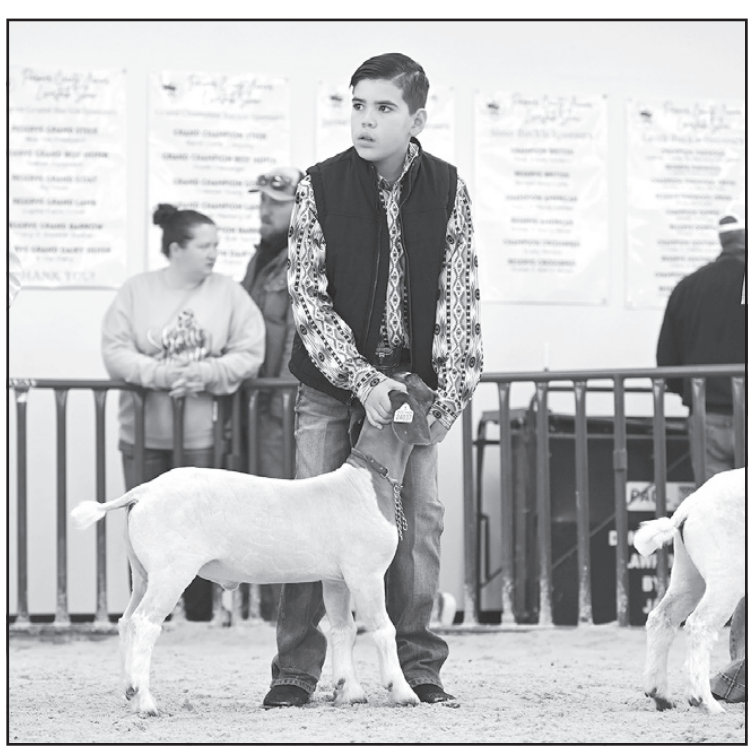
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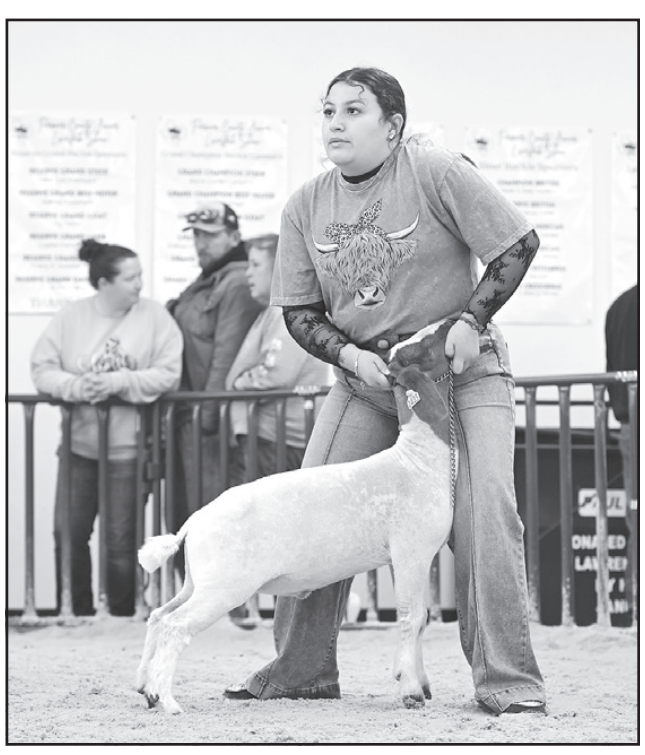
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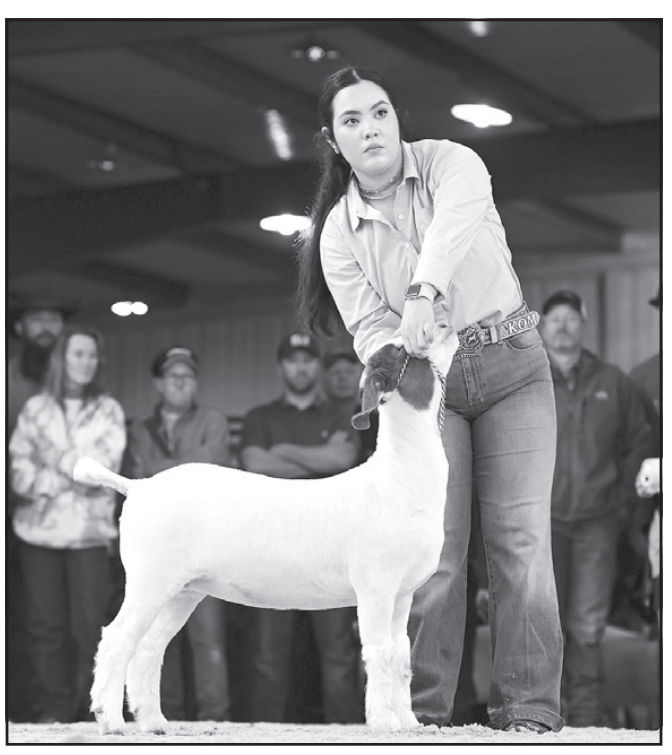












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Junior Grand | Melline Hill
Buckle Sponsor; Justin Jeter

Senior Reserve | Kaysen Stanberry
Buckle Sponsor; CHS Service Center

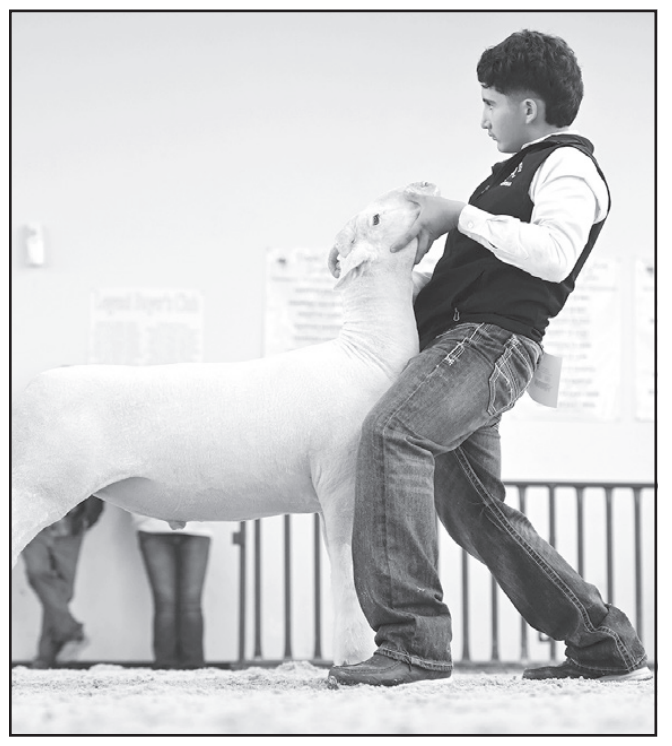
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