



Monday, August 19, 2019

Meet The Chiefs

Introduction of Chieftains & Squaws
7:00 p.m.
Chieftain Field

Band boosters plan for new year

The Friona Band Boosters held its first meeting at the end of July. They served the band students hot dogs to kick off their summer band practices and began planning for the 2019-2020 school year. The officers this year are Jeri Lynn White, president, Erika Carrillo, vice president, Yvette Garcia, secretary, and Kathy Sandoval, treasurer.



Each year the band booster club provides a hot dog kick-off for summer band, helps provide snacks for the band during third quarter of football games, decorates the band hall, and makes goody bags for the students for marching contest. The club also helps raise money for the band trip, recognizes seniors during the spring concert, and has many other ways to show support for the band.

This year the fundraisers will include the annual brisket dinner, a Krispy Kreme doughnut sale, and several 50/50 raffles during home football games. They also have t-shirts for pre-order.

The front of the shirt is seen in the picture except that the year will not be printed on the shirt. The back of the shirt reads, "We've Got What It Takes, But It Will Take Everything We've Got."

The t-shirts are \$20.00 each. Orders are due by August 21st. Please call or text Chayci Dominquez at (806) 315-2440 with your first and last name and the size(s) you need. We would like to say a special thank you to Bi-Wize for donating the water to our band this year. We appreciate their support as well as all the support we receive from our community. Go Band!!!



Photo by Lauren Feldman

First Place: Wilson Cattle/Haystack Cattle
Tanner Allen (3rd from left) and Tyler Rice (4th from left) are from Friona, Texas

Local Ranch Wins Top Team Award

Wilson Cattle/Haystack Cattle of Canyon, Texas, captured the top team award at the Ride for the Brand Ranch Rodeo on August 3rd in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The Wilson/Haystack team included Rodey Wilson, Clay Paige, Tyler Rice, Jed Middleton, and Tanner Allen. They

represent the cities of Canyon, Amarillo, Friona, and Blackwell, Texas. At the Ride for the Brand Ranch Rodeo, twelve teams competed for top team, top hand, top horse, and event awards.

"Horse power is important and a big deal," says team captain Rodey Wilson. "I like the stray gathering. It's real and everyone participates. I like the branding, too. You have to set the calves up and can't run wide open. Everyone is so good it means a lot to get the win and qualify for

the World."

About WRCA

In March of 1995, a group of people from across the western United States created the Working Ranch Cowboys Association. WRCA produces the World Championship Ranch Rodeo as a means to showcase the skills of the working ranch cowboy and to raise funds for the WRCA Foundation. The WRCA works to promote ranching on a National and International level and to preserve the lifestyle of the working ranch cowboy.

For more information about the Ride for the Brand Ranch Rodeo, contact Elly Durham at elly.durham@thestockmensbank.com. For more news from WRCA or the World Championship Ranch Rodeo, visit www.wrca.org.



The large pile of tree limbs that was originally meant for a homecoming bonfire in 2018 was burned last week by city employees. City Manger Lee Davila said that there will be a sign posted that prohibits any more dumping at that location. Any and all tree limbs should be taken to the city dump site.



The Friona Chieftains will scrimmage at Sundown on Friday, August 16th and then host a scrimmage against Bushland on Thursday, August 22nd. Go Big Red!!!

Commissioners propose tax rate

The Parmer County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, August 12, 2019 at 10 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.

The meeting began with an open forum for public comments and there were none. County Clerk Susie Spring presented the Minutes from the previous meeting and they were read and approved. Approval was also given for the payment of the Accounts Payable. County Treasurer Sharon May presented the treasurer's report and it was approved.

In considering the 2020 Budget, Commissioners approved a proposed tax rate of \$0.5492 per \$100. This is the same tax rate that was used for tax year 2018. By keeping the same tax rate, the County will see a .95% increase in revenue for the next year. Also, a proposed 5% salary increase for certain elected officials was also approved. The salary increase does not include the County Judge, County

Attorney, or the four County Commissioners. Notices for both of these proposals can be found in this issue of the Friona Star.

In other action, the Court approved continuing support for the Parmer County Ag Extension Agent office, gave approval to Gladys Spring to set a date for a plaque dedication for the Courthouse, and renewed an inter-local agreement with Lubbock County to provide a regional public defender for capital cases.

The Court also approved a water line under County Road DD and 13A in Precinct 3, approved renewal of bonds for Teresa Carey (Tax Office) and Rose Longley (Dist. Clerk's Office), and reappointed Robert White of Farwell to serve on the Board of Directors at Central Plains MHMR in Plainview.

County Clerk Susie Spring gave a report on the Elections Seminar that she attended. More information will be forthcoming when the new voting machines are operational.

Farwell ISD requested funds from the Permanent School Fund for construction and renovations re-

lated to their \$10.5 million bond that recently passed. The Court approved the \$850,000 request.

The Court decided not to reinstate a Burn Ban at this time due to the recent rains. Medical insurance for Parmer County elected officials and employees was also discussed. Jerry Killian of the Texas Association of Counties informed the Court that there would be a 2.6% increase in premiums for 2020. The monthly premium would be \$905.60 per covered individual.

Sheriff Randy Geries reported that he was currently housing 25 inmates at the Law Enforcement Center. He also gave the Court an update on the homicide that occurred in Bovina the week before.

All meetings are open to the public. The Commissioner's Court reserves the right to go into Executive Session at any time. The agenda may be found on the Parmer County website. Information in this article is only a summary. Any questions concerning specific actions should be directed to the Commissioners Court.

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Emergency Siren System: Alternating tone • Firefighters only | Weather Warning: 1 long tone • take cover — 3 short blasts • all clear

Friona Weather August 15-21	T ☀️ 95 66 SSW 10-20	F ☁️ 97 67 SSW 10-20	S ☀️ 101 67 SW 10-20	S ☀️ 101 68 WSW 10-15	M ☀️ 100 69 SSW 10-15	T ☀️ 98 68 SSW 10-15	W ☀️ 96 66 SSW 10-15	Precipitation August 0.61 Year 11.52	Burn Ban: No
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Community Calendar

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 call (806) 250-2211 or fax (806) 250-5127

August 15

- Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at noon at Los Arcos
- Snack Pak 4 Kids Friona United Methodist Church 4:30 p.m.
- Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.

August 19

- "Meet the Chieftains" at 7:00 p.m. at the football field

August 22

- Snack Pak 4 Kids Friona United Methodist Church 4:30 p.m.
- Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.
- Community Blood Drive at the Calvary Baptist Fellowship Hall from Noon until 7:00 p.m.

August 29

- Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.
- Snack Pak 4 Kids Friona United Methodist Church 4:30 p.m.

September 2

- Labor Day

September 5

- Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at noon at Los Arcos
- Snack Pak 4 Kids Friona United Methodist Church 4:30 p.m.
- Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.

September 6

- Caregivers Coffee Break at First National Bank

September 7

- Little Miss & Miss Friona Pageant

September 12

- Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.
- Snack Pak 4 Kids Friona United Methodist Church 4:30 p.m.



Mayor's Minutes by Ricky White

Greetings!!!

Quick comment on last month's Cheeseburger Festival. Chris Alexander, Lee Davila, and all Chamber members did a great job planning and executing the change in venue of the festival. Lots of people attended and enjoyed many different flavors of cheeseburgers. Approximately 3,300 cheeseburgers were cooked at this year's festival compared to 2,700 that were cooked at the 2018 event. Congratulations to the coaches' team that won "best cheeseburger" for the 2nd year in a row. Thanks to all competitors and vendors that helped make this festival successful. It was also great to have Congressman Jodey Arrington attending this event. He had a great time visiting with the public and wanted to thank the City of Friona for the hospitality he and his representatives received.

The police officers (while patrolling the city at night) have identified many street lights across the city that are not working. Excel Energy will begin replacing these lights. The plan is to complete the work by the end of this month.

Last May, I talked about an issue at our police department. The dispatching console is outdated and system failures that occur frequently leave our community vulnerable to crime and the lowering of officers' response time. Also, inability to sound the sirens off when needed especially during inclement

weather. The cost to update the system with more advanced technology would run around \$40,000. On August 6, Omega Electronics began installing the new system. Installation should be completed within 10 days.

The city employees, along with Republic Service, donated approximately \$800 dollars for the "Build a Backpack" for kids. The city advertised on facebook to sign up and enter into a drawing for a backpack filled with school supplies. There were seven names drawn. This is the second year that the city employees took the initiative to support this program. Thanks to all city employees for their caring and compassion to implement and support this program. (See photo below.)

Chief Jimenez and the police department responded to 290 calls in July. There were 257 stops, 148 warnings, 109 citations, and 7 arrests (1-warrant, 2-no drivers license, 1-falsifying drug test, 1-theft, 1-assault and 1-assault on a family member). The officers drove a total of 3,465 miles in July patrolling and protecting our city.

Friona Volunteer Fire Department responded to 10 emergency calls in July. There were three dumpster fires, two vehicle accidents, false alarm (fire), gas leak, two grass fires and a trash fire.

Judge Campbell had 108 new cases in July. There were 86 total dispositions.

The court collected \$13,680.58 in fines and court cost equaled \$6,951.13. I want to thank Judge Campbell for her service (10 years). She is doing a great job and I appreciate everything she does.

Emergency Medical Service responded to 32 calls in July. There were nine calls for 911, 18 transfers and five calls ended in a "no transport". Billing equaled \$43,177.10 and \$10,284.21 was collected.

Accounts Payable equaled \$197,846.92 for the month of July.

The city pumped 25,689,500 gallons of water and sold 18,384,00 gallons of water. Billing totaled \$87,120.57 on 1449 accounts. Last month the city sold approximately 12,000,000 gallons of water, considerably lower compared to this month. Do to the extremely hot weather and shortage of rain, residents use more water. We need to continue to save water where we can and use water only when we need to.

Friona Public Library had a total of 904 patron visits (includes electronic contacts) for an average of 49 per day and the library was open 21 days in July. There were 1,038 items circulated and 60 new items added to inventory. Lee Davila and members from the Friends of the Library interviewed 5 applicants this past week for the Library Director position.

Your Mayor



Build-a-Backpack 2019

Front Row (l-r): Joshua Guevara (3rd grade), Azzie Alvarado (4th grade), Jaylee Alvarado (5th grade), Avril Soltero (2nd grade), Iram Gonzales (5th grade), Denzel Gonzales (4th grade), [not pictured] Leonardo Centro (2nd grade) **Back Row (l-r):** Mayor Ricky White, City Secretary Rosa Mendez, Edwin Morales, Briana Padilla, HR/Finance Manager Pamela Mercado, Water Utility Clerk Maria Gonzales, City Manager Leander Davila

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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- ACROSS**
- 1 sensitivity
 - 5 TXism: "fun as feeding monkeys in ___"
 - 6 Google ___
 - 7 Europe mountains
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 - 10 cowboy ballad: "Streets ___"
 - 11 ___ "Bum" Phillips
 - 12 Brady AM station
 - 13 deliberate cruelty
 - 14 ___ Campo, TX
 - 15 ___ Mott, TX
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 - 28 hens, e.g.
 - 29 TXism: "old ___"
 - 31 young child
 - 32 "___ the season"

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ON YOUR PAYROLL

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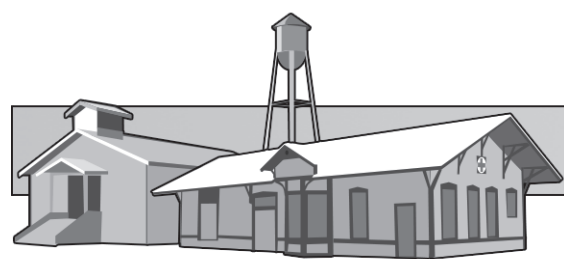
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The Parmer County Steak Dinner is set for Saturday, September 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the XIT community center in Bovina. The steak dinner is a fund raiser to support the students who show at the Parmer County Stock show. The money raised is distributed to all the kids who show an animal at the stock show. Last year each participant received \$122.46. One of the highlights of the dinner is the ticket drawing that gives you the chance to win cash. The last ticket left in the hopper is the big winner for the night. This year, in addition to the ticket drawing, Dan Patterson will perform during the meal. Tickets are \$100.00 each for two people. The meal includes steak, potatoes, corn, green beans, a roll, and banana pudding. To purchase tickets contact Chris Timms, 265-5039, Tracy Bunker, 683-1319, or Greg O'Brian, 265-5775.

Maize Days- Friona Fiesta Theme is just around the corner! If you'd like to compete for Miss Friona or Little Miss, set up as a vendor, or enter the parade, entry forms are available online @ www.friona-chamber.com

The Friona Volunteer Fire Department is selling tickets for their annual Maize Days Drawing. The prize this year is a UTV and Trailer. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased from any fire department member. The drawing will be held at 1:00 p.m. on September 14.

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also have t-shirts for preorder. The shirts are \$20.00 each. Orders are due by August 21st. Please call or text Chayci Dominquez at (806)315-2440 with your first and last name and the size(s) you need.

"Meet the Chieftains" will be on Monday August 19th at 7 p.m. at Chieftain Field. Football, Volleyball, Cross Country and Cheerleaders will be introduced. The first scrimmage for the Friona Chieftains will be at 6:30 p.m. on August 16th at Sundown. The event is sponsored by Chieftain/Squaws Booster Club.

The Football Contest will be starting soon!

DVD copies of the 2019 Summer Drama Workshop are now available at Intheden Graphics at 1215 Elm Avenue. The DVD costs \$10 and includes all four performances.

The Friona Noon Lions will host a Community Blood Drive on Thursday, August 22nd. It will take place at the Calvary Baptist Fellowship Hall from 12 noon until 7:00 p.m.

Dale & Donna Schueler are leading a 9-day bus trip in late October to the "Arc Encounter (Noah's Ark Replica) & Creation Museum" in Cincinnati Ohio. It should be a very enjoyable trip. If you have ever wanted to go but you don't want to plan and drive by yourself, this trip is for you. Call Dale Schueler at 806-265-7433 or Donna Schueler at 806-265-5960. Information can be picked up at the First Baptist Church office at 404 W. 5th in Friona.

Sheep and Goat Validation tag orders are due August 25th. The fee is \$17.00 and covers

county and major shows for the 2019-2020 show season.

The Friends of the Library Book Shoppe, located at 119 West 6th, is open from 10 a.m. until 12 noon every Thursday morning until the month of September.

If you are interested in a booth at the Castro County Fair/Harvest Days on Saturday, September 7th, 2019 in Dimmitt, TX please contact Cathy at 806-869-7550 or Maegan at 806-647-2524. It's always first come, first served, and booths inside the Expo go fast. Booths range from \$35 to \$45 depending on where they are, and if you need electricity.

National Days!

August 14: National Cream-
sicle Day

August 15: National Leather-
craft Day, National Relaxation
Day

August 16: National Tell
a Joke Day, National Roller
Coaster Day, National Air-
borne Day, National Rum Day

August 17: National Thrift
Shop Day, National Nonprofit
Day

August 18: National Fajita
Day

August 19: National Soft Ice
Cream Day, International Bow
Day

August 20: National Radio
Day, National Chocolate Pe-
can Pie Day

August 21: National Senior
Citizens Day, National Brazil-
ian Blowout Day

Congratulations to Carniceria Hernandez for their re-opening! Carniceria Hernandez is open Mondays - Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and Sundays 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Congratulations to Marcelo and Francisca Hernandez as they became the new owners of Tasty Cream! Best of wishes

on the new journey!

The Friona Noon Lions Club will now be meeting at Los Arcos every first and third Thurs-

day.

- Use your smile to change the world but don't let the world change your smile!

FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives

August 23, 2018

Tommie's memories of nursing in Parmer County Community Hospital began Labor Day Weekend in 1953. She and Sue Smith stepped off a bus in down town Friona to begin their nursing careers. They were recent graduates of the Methodist Hospital School of Nursing in Dallas, Texas. They read about the hospital in the "American Journal of Nursing," and James M. Baxter, administrator, sent a letter to the nursing school advertising for nurses. The Parmer County Community Hospital was paying a top wage of \$250, which was more than the Dallas hospital paid. Tommie and Sue left Dallas with three other nursing graduates one of whom was Helen Enochs Lowe, a cousin of Deke Kendrick. (Helen's home was in Amarillo.) After catching the bus to Friona, they found their way to lodging and then to the hospital which was made from barracks purchased from the prisoner of war camp at Hereford, Texas. The hospital was located at the northwest corner of highway 60 and Cleveland Avenue. Tommie remembers nurses Thelma Jones and Mable Hartwell who "taught them everything". The chair in the photo, donated to the Parmer County Museum by the Parmer County Community Hospital, is one used by Dr. Shackelford, a dentist whose office was also in the hospital. Tommie remembers Dr. Lee told her many tonsils were removed as patients sat in the chair, so obviously the chair had many uses.

August 17, 2001

It may have been too late for some crops, but a good percentage of the area's farmers got some good, soaking rain last weekend, from three-quarters of an inch to approaching three inches, just depending upon "which cloud you were under." Regardless of the timing, it appears that the rain should be a blessing to most of the cotton farmers, and still be in time to help the maize for the most part. "In our business, we like to say 'Rain makes gain,'" said Randy Thomas, manager of the Attebury Grain outlet at Black. That area, to the east and southeast of Friona was where the most rainfall was received. "The rain really boosted everyone's spirits. We have heard reports of 1.8 to 2.5 inches from our area. This rain was more general than what we've seen this summer, stretching from Clovis to Canyon, and south toward Lubbock," Thomas said. The elevator spokesman said the rain should help yields and tonnage of the maize, as well as hay grazer and sorghum ensilage. The good rain was too late to do much for the corn crop. Harvest of corn ensilage was underway, and interrupted by the showers. The city of Friona measured 2.1 inches for the week, and folks with lawns and/or gardens were also grateful for the help. July and August have been so dry, that sprinklers have had to run on a steady basis to keep up with the need for moisture. City Manager Paula Wilson said that the peak usage this summer has been just over two million gallons per day, back in July. As an example of how the rainfall helped city residents, the usage was 1.7 million gallons last Thursday, August 9. On Wednesday of this week (August 15), it had dropped down to 855,000 gallons. "On Monday, the controls that tells us that our pumps are running were hardly noticeable. For most of the summer, the pumps have practically been running nonstop," she said. Ms. Wilson added that Friona's city fathers of some years ago were far-sighted in increasing the city's "water fields," especially to those just north of town. "We probably need to be looking down the road again, for 20 years or so (in regard

to the city's water needs)," she concluded. Ron Smiley, manager of Friona Wheat Growers, said he had heard of rainfall totals all the way from .75 inch to three inches. "It seems that everybody got some rain. It may have been too late for some of the milo, but it's bound to have helped some, and those who had been irrigating can slack off, and save on their power bills," Smiley said. The longtime Friona elevator manager said the milo-maize acres may be somewhat higher this year, as acreage on both corn and cotton were off to some extent this year from the 2000 crops. Jerry Butman, manager of Friona Farmers Co-op Gin, said his farmers got some good rain for the most part, and that reports were from .8 inch north of town to over two inches. "This might be enough to 'lay the cotton by until harvest,' depending on what the weather does the rest of the way," he said. The week's moisture brings Friona's official total to 15.55 inches for the year.

August 21, 1993

Three Friona residents were killed Monday, August 16 when their vehicle was struck by a Santa Fe freight train about two and one half miles southwest of town. Killed were Gregorio Gutierrez, 41; Maria Cruz Gutierrez, 34, and Greg Gutierrez, 15. Gregorio Gutierrez and Greg Gutierrez were killed instantly, and Maria Gutierrez died at 8:55 at Parmer County Community Hospital. The three were traveling in a 1984 Mercury Cougar driven by Gregorio Gutierrez when the accident occurred, about 8:05 a.m. Monday. Texas Department of Public Safety spokesman Wayne Beighle said the car was southbound on a private dirt road that crosses the Santa Fe tracks. Beighle said the Mercury slowed as it neared the crossing as if looking for a train, then speeded up onto the track and then stopped. The car was hit on the driver's side by the westbound train. The vehicle rolled over completely after the impact, smashing in the top of the car and pinning the occupants. Members of the Friona E.M.S. crew and Friona Volunteer Fire Department worked using the Jaws of Life tool to get the accidents out of the vehicle. Gregorio Gutierrez was employed by Dee King at a truck wash located just south of the Santa Fe crossing. No one on the train was injured, and the 28-car train did not derail. This is the third fatal crash involving a train west of Friona in the past 10 months, with a total of five people having been killed. Law enforcement officers are at a loss to explain the rash of vehicle train wrecks. However, the early morning sun was a possible cause of Monday's crash, as the driver would have been looking into the sun as he might have checked for a train.

August 17, 1980

Friona Fertilizer's Women's softball team won second place in the second annual women's tournament held August 7-9. Four Friona teams, one Amarillo team and one Hereford team entered the round robin event. Each team played five games. The Kool-Kats of Amarillo took first place honors with a 5-0 record. Friona Fertilizer took second place with a 4-1 record. They were defeated only by the Kool-Kats. Parmer County Implement was defeated by both the Kool-Kats and Friona Fertilizer and were forced to settle for third place. Members of the Friona Fertilizer team were Randi Hamilton, Jayn Looper, Cynthia Smith, Vicki Smiley, Sharon Rector, Cindy Smiley, Donita Martin, Debbie Smith, Dian Anthony, Lisa Howell, Joy Morton, Brenda Montoya, Gay Clark and Patcine Bouldin. The team is coached by Ron Smiley and Charles Hamilton

The Coker Family / 5 Generations



(l-r): Gary Lynn Coker, 72; Scotty Lynn Coker, 51 - US Army Veteran; Colton Lynn Coker, 1 month; Grandma Ruth Miller, 95; and Specialist Shaina Lynn Coker, 20 - US Army MP.

NOTE: Scott attended grade school in Friona before moving to Lazbuddie while in junior high and high school.

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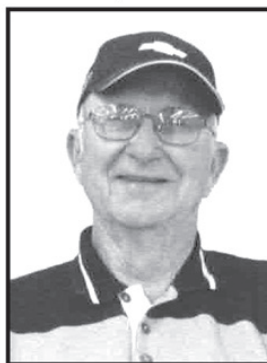
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August 15 Ryan Geries Velena Vazquez Sandra Bautista Karen Fabela Rosa Pineda Candice (Baca) Geske Stephanie (Downey) Chaney Vickey Jackson Laura Bracken Jonathan Romero

August 18 Jason Wright Becky Weatherly Vickie Samarron Anahis Marnelarena Vickie Turner Suzanne London Edward Burchett Kaylee Steiner

August 19 Dale Houlette Roddy Berend Veca White Masters Janice Stowers Kenndra Gail Downs Parker Jae Kuhlmeay Clyde Redwine Jessica Finley Romalee Armstrong Tyler Berry

August 16 Marta Reyes Christie Bauer Debbie Williams Lora Followill Donna Mullins

August 17 Kathy Terry Sylvia Rios Tommie Boeckman Kathy Sandoval Marisa Ramon Jeff Ray Jaelin Rainey Brenna Rushing Peggy Johnson Amy Cumpton Sandra Samarron

August 20 Katherine Gromowsky Meredith Stephens Keila Gabel J.B. Douglas

August 21 Steve Clark Joy Trimble Lucy Evans Lucretia Hayes Karley Lynn Keyes

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Texas Weekly Fuel Update and Outlook

Texas gas prices have fallen 6.0 cents in the past week, averaging \$2.38 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations. Gas prices in Texas are 10.4 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and 24.3 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$2.05 while the most expensive is \$3.49 per gallon. The cheapest price in the entire country stands at \$1.82 while the most expensive is \$5.49 per gallon. The national average price of gasoline has fallen 6.8 cents to an average of \$2.63 per gallon. The national average is down 15.9 cents per gallon from a month ago and 21.7 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

"The national average price of gasoline has now fallen to the lowest level of the summer, but even better, the lowest since March as gas stations pass along the recent drop in oil prices brought on by the U.S./China trade rift," said Patrick DeHaan, head of

petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "However, the drops in gas prices could slow in the weeks ahead as some OPEC members talk about cutting oil production to stem the recent drop in oil prices. That possibility pushed oil back up \$3 per barrel from the lows seen last week. However, a production cut from oil producers may be more akin to putting lipstick on a pig as oil markets have plenty of downside ahead as demand for fuels begins to move lower into the fall with summer driving season ending soon. The U.S. national average could fall an additional 35 cents per gallon by Thanksgiving even after this week's drop should the trade tensions and geopolitical risks remain the same."

GasBuddy is available on all mobile platforms. The app and website have the most accurate and real-time fuel prices at over 140,000 unique stations in the United States, and is the most comprehensive money-saving companion while on the road. For more information, visit www.gasbuddy.com

COURTHOUSE NOTES

Warranty deeds as reported by the County Clerk's Office from the week of August 1, 2019 through August 8, 2019.

Parmer County Holdings LLC - &M Cattle Feeders INC., A Tract Of Land Sec 25 Sec 24 Sub 473 Leagues 459,460 461, 472 and 474 Vol 6 Pg 164

George Aaron Frye amd Aundrea Frye- Norman Kip Frye and Misty Michelle Frye, 223.91 Ac Tract of Land Src 30 T-1-N-R-5-E Vol. 246 Pg 504 Commencing 1/2 inch Iron Rod In Pavement Vol 138 Pg 223 Sec 29, 31, and 32 T-1-N-R- 5-E 3/4 Inch

Anie Kimbrell, Sarah McIntyre, Laura Espino, Katie Abshire, and Josh Beddingfield- Norman Kip Frye and Misty Michelle Frye, 356.614 ac Being 361.119 Ac Sec No 19 Township 1 North Range 5 E

Oscar Vasquez, Patricia Vasquez, and Melissa Vasquez Monreal- Reyna Faudoa Morales and Uriel Morales, L2 Block 2 Staley Add Unit No 1

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Reported by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office: Randy Gerles, Sheriff

7/30/19- Christopher Tafoya, 40, was arrested by the Sheriffs Office for assault with previous conviction. Pending District Court. Deadly conduct, DWLI with previous. Pending County Court.

8/4/19- Robert Jackson, 58, of Friona was arrested by Friona Police Department for terroristic threat. Pending County Court.

8/5/19- Thomas Preston, 34, of Colorado was arrested by Friona Police Department for possession of a controlled substance pg2> 4g < 400g. Pending Grand Jury.

8/7/19- Michael Orozco, 40, of Muleshoe was arrested by the Sheriffs Office for murder. Pending Grand Jury.

8/7/19- Jesus Ornelas, 39, of Portales was arrested for possession of marijuana <2 oz. Pending County Court.

DOLLARS & SENSE

Defined Benefit vs Defined Contribution

In a paper published by the Georgetown University Law Center in 2010, 46% of private-sector workers were covered by some kind of pension plan in 1981. Since that time, the percentage of workers covered by pension plans has dwindled. Pension plans, also called "defined benefit plans" have largely been replaced by "defined contribution plans" including 401K, 403B, and IRA accounts.

The primary appeal of these plans is that contributions are tax-deductible and growth is tax-deferred. A slightly different model is the Roth IRA2 where contributions are made after tax and all contributions and growth are distributed tax free.

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1 A Timeline of the Evolution of Retirement in the United States, 2010. Retrieved from: https://scholarship.law.georgetown.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1049&context=legal
2 Contributions to a Roth IRA may generally be withdrawn at any time without tax consequences. Earnings may generally be withdrawn tax-free if the account is held at least 5 years and withdrawals are made after the account owner reaches age 59 1/2. If earnings withdrawals are made before the 5-year period or age 59 1/2, income taxes are due, and a 10% federal tax penalty may apply.

2019-2020 SHEEP AND GOAT TAG ORDERS DUE DEADLINE AUGUST 26TH! \$17.00 per tag.

Comptroller Glenn Hegar Distributes \$877 Million in Monthly Sales Tax Revenue to Local Governments

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced that he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$876.8 million in local sales tax allocations for August. The amount is 4 percent more than in August 2018. These allocations are based on sales made in June by businesses that report tax monthly and on sales made

in April, May and June by quarterly filers. Friona will receive \$37,363.65 which is down 6.84% from the \$40,107.46 received last August. For year-to-date 2019, Friona has received \$266,657.78 which is 2.24% below the \$272,794.87 received during the same time period last year.

Puzzle Solution crossword puzzle with words like TACT, AZOO, MAPS, ALPS, LEE, LOOKSEE, EARS, OFANALLEY, AT, LIED, MAE, IMPALA, SITTLIN, GA, POORAS, NOIR, SOBER, LLOYDBENTSEN, MOURN, YSEISDE, DO, NIL, ERR, STP, ONSADLY, ST, TR, LEMAT, OFHENRY, FRATS, ASHE, ITA, LOL

Ivy Cottage Bridal Registry. Matthew Teague & Aubrey Ibarra, Christian Haile & Maggie Parsons, Keith Hunt & Shelbi Cooper, Mariza Mendoza & Diego Licerio, Robyn Banks & David Schwab, Aspen Fleming & Michael Garner, Cole Stowers & Klair Weddige. Ivy Cottage • 250-8073

Milk House Market Wedding Registry. Maggie Parsons & Chris Haile, Mariza Mendoza & Diego Licerio, Cole Stowers & Klair Weddige, Shelbi Cooper & Keith Hunt, Blake & Katie Stowers, Maddie Murphree & Jarad Flores. Hours: Thursday - Friday 11-5, Saturday: 10-3. Call: 602-739-0813. Farmhouse to Your House.

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Report: Farmers Prevented from Planting Crops on More than 19 Million Acres

Agricultural producers reported they were not able to plant crops on more than 19.4 million acres in 2019, according to a new report released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). This marks the most prevented plant acres reported since USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) began releasing the report in 2007 and 17.49 million acres more than reported at this time last year.

Of those prevented plant acres, more than 73 percent were in 12 Midwestern states, where heavy rainfall and flooding this year has prevented many producers from planting mostly corn, soybeans and wheat.

USDA supported planting of cover crops on fields where farmers were not able to plant because of their benefits in preventing soil erosion, protecting water quality and boosting soil health. The report showed where producers planted 2.71 million acres of cover crops so far in 2019, compared with 2.14 million acres at this time in 2018 and 1.88 million at this time in 2017.

To help make cover crops a more viable option, USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) adjusted the haying and grazing date of cover crops, and USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service held signups in select states that offered producers assistance in planting cover crops. Meanwhile, USDA added other flexibilities to help impacted producers, including adjusting the deadline to file acreage reports in select states.

Castro County Fair booths available

If you are interested in a booth at the Castro County Fair/ Harvest Days on Saturday, September 7th, 2019 in Dimmitt, TX please contact Cathy at 806-869- 7550 or Maegan at 806-647-2524. It's always first come, first served, and booths inside the Expo go fast. Booths range from \$35 to \$45 depending on where they are, and if you need electricity.

Lazbuddie School

Menu for August 19 -23

Monday 19

Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Cereal &/or Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch: Hamburgers, Garnish, Veggie Cup, Oven Fries, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Tuesday 20

Breakfast: Sunrise Sandwich, Cereal &/or Toast, Fruit Juice, Milk

Lunch: Frito Pie, Beans, Salsa, Garnish, Veggie Cup, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Wednesday 21

Breakfast: Dutch Waffles & Bacon, Cereal &/or Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch: Hot Pockets, Tuscan Veggies, Salad, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Thursday 22

Breakfast: Breakfast Strudel, Yogurt, Cereal &/or Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch: Ranchero Wrap, Corn, Veggie Cup, Salad, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Friday 23

Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito, Yogurt, Cereal &/or Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch: Steak Patty, Mashed Potatoes, Rolls, Green Beans, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Psalm 134—Bless the Lord

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Have you ever been asked to do the impossible, improbably or unrealistic? Psalm 134 is a call to worship, and it begins by commanding the servants of the Lord to do the impossible, "bless the Lord." In our arrogance, one would assume that they can bless God, and help him out by adding to what he can do in size an scope, or one may assume they can bless God because God needs us. Realistically, though, there is no way you or I could add to God, or be an asset to God's work, because God is self-sufficient and fully complete in all that he is. The call to "bless the Lord" in Psalm 134 is such a mind-boggling command, because there is no practical way that you or I could bless the Lord in a way that helps him out.

This conundrum has puzzled theologians through the ages, because one doesn't add to God or help him out in any way, but God allows and invites us to bless his name through our words and our works. The phrase to "bless the Lord" is used 29 times in the ESV version of the Bible, and in these verses it is clear that the call to bless the Lord, is to worship him clearly by ascribing him the glory that is due his name. To bless the Lord with your words takes place in a worship gathering as you proclaim his works and goodness, but it also takes place in your home as you help your family understand how high and exalted God is, and how loving and gracious and personal he is as well.

Further, though, you also bless the Lord in your works. To speak highly of the Lord, without living worthy of the Lord is hypocrisy, and is a curse on the name of God. In your life, you also bless the Lord, because actions speak louder than words, and in blessing the Lord with your life, you live in full trust and surrender to him. The paradigm of blessing the Lord, though, is not that you gain merit by blessing the Lord in your words and works, but that in blessing the Lord, you glorify him and grow closer to him, which is the greatest blessings one can receive.

Llamados a Conocerle Friona Para Cristo

By Pastor Aurelio & Cynthia Silva

There are four scriptures that I want to share with you today. I believe that the bible is God breathed. In it you will find life, truth, healing, forgiveness, salvation, hope, mercy and a friend that sticks closer than a brother. Here is the first one. Psalms 1:1 Happy is the man who does not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path of sinners, or join a group of mockers! (man) The 2nd. Proverbs 31:30 Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting but a woman who fears the Lord will be praised!!(woman) . Third, Psalms 119:9 How can a young man, woman keep their ways pure? By keeping Your word.(youth) Last but not least Matthew 19:14 Then Jesus said; "Leave the children alone, and don't try to keep them from coming to Me, because the kingdom of heaven is made up of people like this. (Children). God is in Control he will take care of everyone and everything. We just have to believe and trust him.

Hoy quiero dejarles 4 versos de la biblia. Creo que la biblia Es la palabra de Dios. En ella, Encuentras, vida, la verdad, sanidad, perdon,salvacion, esperanza, misericordia, y un amigo fiel (Jesucristo). Este es el 1. Salmos 1:1 Bienaventurado el varon que no anduvo en consejo de malos, Ni estubo en camino de pecadores, ni en silla de escarneredores se ha sentado. (varon) 2. Proverbios 31:30 Enganosia es la gracia, y vana la hermosura; La mujer que teme a Jehova, esa sera alabada. (mujer) 3. Salmos 119:9 Con que limpiara el joven su camino?Con guardar tu palabra(jovenes). Y ultimo Mateo 19:14 Dejar a los ninos venir a mi, y no se lo impidais; porque de los tales es el reino de los cielos. Dios esta en control el cuidara a todos y a todo. Solamente creer y confiar en el.

God is Greater than Everything

By Teena Hughs

I just saw a Facebook post that said, "God is greater than highs and lows." I would also like to add that He is greater than our "I don't knows!"

My nearly 87-year-old mother has been in Methodist Hospital in San Antonio since July 25th. We have experienced highs and lows, but we (along with her doctors) have also experienced many "I don't knows." We know the doctors took care of her original problems, but we don't know why she has had follow-up problems, what those problems are, how the problems came about, etc.

The "I don't knows" sometimes cause frustration, disappointment, curiosity, and anger. But, thank-

fully God does know everything. Thankfully He is with Mother; thankfully He has provided absolutely wonderful doctors and nurses who are trying to find answers; thankfully He is with everyone who is concerned about her, including doctors, family, and friends.

God is greater than everything, and I am so glad He is. When we don't know the answers to how, when, why, where, who, what, it is comforting to know we can depend on our God and trust Him to give us answers when the timing is appropriate. He is a good, perfect, and loving God, and we should always praise Him for being greater than everything!

Panhandle Parables

Pray Often

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

Here we are at the beginning of another school year. It is full of promise for students, opportunities to educate for our teachers, but most of all a time to pray for all. Will you join me?

Dear Heavenly Father, Great is Your name in all Your creation. We want to take a moment to offer up our prayers on behalf of our students, faculty and staff. Lord, we pray for each child. We ask that You be with the nervous first timers. Give them courage to take this first step and help them to learn with eagerness their ABCs and 123s.

Be with the younger kids sorting out all the new things to learn, the friendships they will build and give them a love of education.

God, help the Jr. High students as they challenge the bounds of childhood and learn to navigate these adolescent years that You may be glorified in their efforts.

Be with the high school students as they begin to see life in more adult ways. Keep them safe in their athletic endeavors, give them discipline and strength to accomplish their goals. Also, be with the Senior class as they begin the end of their education here and look to futures that will be bright with opportunity.

We pray for the kids who struggle, who feel alone that they may find a friend be it teacher or peer that can help them connect and not fall into discouragement. Be with those tempted to bully that they may lack opportunity and refocus their energies with productivity.

Be with each teacher and let them know from us the community they are appreciated for their efforts in educating the future of our country. Give them purpose and resolve to meet the challenges of 21st century education.

Thank you for those behind the scenes that keep our buildings clean, buses maintained, and children fed. Help the aides who keep things moving along.

We thank you the Administrators and school board that make difficult decisions to help with educational opportunities.

God, help the parents to support and encourage their child in his/her efforts.

Finally, God be with us as a community to invest in our kids that they may know they are loved and that this is a great place to grow up and call home. Let us bring these things to You in prayer often.

We thank You for Your Son and it is in His name we pray, Amen

"We Live by Faith, Not by Sight." 2 Corinthians 5:7

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GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
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1601 Euclid

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Pastor Robert Kerby
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Friona Rural Health Clinic Offering Back To School Physicals and Vaccinations

The Friona Rural Health Clinic will be open Saturday August 10th and 17th from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. to offer physicals for your back to school needs, such as athletics, band, and any other extracurricular activity that requires a physical. These physicals will

be offered for \$20 on a walk in basis both Saturdays. If your child needs updated on their vaccinations, they will be available as well and charged separately. It will be required that the child's shot records be brought with them in order to get vacci-

nated on either Saturday. Medicaid Texas Health Step physicals will also be available during the above mentioned times and billed directly to Medicaid, these also require the child's shot record to be presented. If you are unable to make ei-

ther Saturday, you are welcome to call 806-250-2781 and make an appointment, physical

price will be honored at that appointment. In the crazy times trying to get ready to go

back to school, let Friona Rural Health Clinic help take one more thing off your list.

NOTICE OF 2019 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR CITY OF FRIONA

A tax rate of \$0.689400 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of CITY OF FRIONA. This rate exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback tax rate, and state law requires that two public hearings be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate.

The governing body of CITY OF FRIONA proposes to use revenue attributable to the tax rate increase for the purpose of Maintenance and Operation.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.689400 per \$100
PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	\$0.710000 per \$100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$0.669400 per \$100
ROLLBACK TAX RATE	\$0.759100 per \$100

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for CITY OF FRIONA from the same properties in both the 2018 tax year and the 2019 tax year.

The rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate that CITY OF FRIONA may adopt before voters are entitled to petition for an election to limit the rate that may be approved to the rollback rate.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:
 property tax amount = (rate) x (taxable value of your property) / 100

For assistance or detailed information about tax calculations, please contact:

JILL TIMMS-CHIEF APPRAISER
 PARMER CAD Tax Assessor-Collector
 305 3RD STREET/P O BOX 56
 8062511405
 pccad@parmercad.org
 parmercad.org

You are urged to attend and express your views at the following public hearings on proposed tax rate:
 First Hearing: 08/23/2019 8:00 AM at Friona Chamber Council Room
 Second Hearing: 08/30/2019 8:00 AM at Friona Chamber Council Room

PARMER COUNTY NOTICE OF PROPOSED SALARY INCREASES FOR CERTAIN ELECTED OFFICIALS 2020 BUDGET YEAR

The Parmer County Commissioners' Court proposes a five (5%) percent salary increase effective January 1, 2020, for the following elected officials:

Office	2019 Salary	2020 Salary	% Increase
County Clerk	44,115.84	46,321.56	5%
District Clerk	44,115.84	46,321.56	5%
Justice of the Peace, Pct1	27,423.72	28,794.84	5%
Justice of the Peace, Pct2	27,423.72	28,794.84	5%
Justice of the Peace, Pct3	27,423.72	28,794.84	5%
County Treasurer	44,115.84	46,321.56	5%
County Tax A/C	44,115.84	46,321.56	5%
County Sheriff	60,918.36	63,964.20	5%

NOTICE OF 2019 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR PARMER COUNTY

A tax rate of \$0.549200 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of PARMER COUNTY. This rate exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback tax rate, and state law requires that two public hearings be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate.

The governing body of PARMER COUNTY proposes to use revenue attributable to the tax rate increase for the purpose of Maintenance and Operation.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.549200 per \$100
PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	\$0.549200 per \$100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$0.523500 per \$100
ROLLBACK TAX RATE	\$0.560900 per \$100

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for PARMER COUNTY from the same properties in both the 2018 tax year and the 2019 tax year.

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You are urged to attend and express your views at the following public hearings on proposed tax rate:
 First Hearing: 08/26/2019 9:30 AM at County Courtroom- Parmer County Courthouse
 Second Hearing: 08/30/2019 9:30 AM at County Courtroom-Parmer County Courthouse

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The PARMER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 3.131524 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on August 26, 2018 at 6:00 PM at Parmer County Hospital Conference Room.

The second public hearing will be held on August 29, 2019 at 6:00 PM at Parmer County Hospital Conference Room.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR:	Danny Kendrick, Bret Whitten, Dale Schueler, Ricky Barnett, Dennis Anthony
AGAINST:	None
PRESENT and not voting:	None
ABSENT:	None

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in PARMER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT last year was \$68,952. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.254500 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$175.48.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in PARMER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT this year is \$75,629. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.239500 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$181.13.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.247000 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$186.80.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

- * "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
- ** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
- *** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Friona ISD will hold a public meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 in the Board Room at the Friona ISD Admin. Building

Friona, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$.97 / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$.334 / \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	5.9 % increase	or	_____ % (decrease)
Debt service	82.42 % increase	or	_____ % (decrease)
Total expenditures	88.32 % increase	or	_____ % (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 411,886,065	\$ 437,499,206
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 13,675,629	\$ 609,435
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 392,434,352	\$ 416,857,077
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 1,116,138	\$ 609,435

- * "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(8).
- ** "New property" is defined by Tax Code Section 26.012(17).
- *** "Taxable value" is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 21,522,975

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.04000	\$.05240 *	\$ 1.09240	\$ 4234	\$ 6,165
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$.94910	\$.31153 *	\$ 1.26063	\$ 5560	\$ 6,299
Proposed Rate	\$.97000	\$.33400 *	\$ 1.30400	\$ 5907	\$ 7218

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 88,647	\$ 94,152
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 54,959	\$ 61,924
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.0924	\$ 1.304
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 600.37	\$ 807.49
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 207.12

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.3040. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of 1.3040.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 5,369,111
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 42,932

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.

Council discusses contracts and tax rates

The Friona City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 619 Main in Friona, Texas. The meeting began with a roll call, an invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Council received public comments regarding James Street in north Friona and the possibility of installing a culvert to improve drainage and accessibility.

In regular session, the Minutes from the previous meeting on July 16th were read and approved. The Council then discussed and proposed a tax rate of \$0.6894 per \$100 for the tax year 2019. This rate is lower than the \$0.7100 rate for 2018 but is a 3% increase from the effective tax rate which would have generated the same tax income as in 2018.

A Notice for the proposed property tax rate can be found in this issue of the Friona Star.

Next, the Council approved Alan Monroe and Mitchell Smiley as members of the Board of Directors for the Parmer County Appraisal District. The Friona Police Department gave its report regarding budget, expenses, personnel, and upcoming events. The Friona Volunteer Fire Department reported that it did not receive a grant to purchase a new fire truck.

The Council approved a request from Occidental Petroleum Corporation to conduct a property survey regarding a carbon dioxide pipeline project scheduled for early Fall 2019. Also, an application from Southwestern Public Service for approval of its intent and authority to change rates was denied.

The Council approved the Accounts Payable and Financial Statement for July 2019. Approval was also given for the continuation of the contract with Republic Services for solid waste collections.

There will be a 2.5% rate increase for the upcoming year. Next, Thursday, September 5th at 6 p.m. was approved as the date and time to conduct the annual budget workshop. Council members were informed of a possible need to regulate "garage sales" by amending city ordinances. No action was taken.

The Council then met in closed session for the annual evaluation of the City Manager (as authorized by the Texas Government Code, Subchapter D, Sec. 551.074 Personnel). The Council also discussed the hiring of a Library Director.

All meetings are open to the public. The City Council reserves the right to go into Executive session at any time. Go to cityoffriona.com to find the agendas and minutes from previous meetings. Information in this article is only a summary. Any questions concerning specific actions should be directed to the City Council.



A large crowd turned out for the Friona Senior Health Fair last Thursday. In the photos above are: (l-r) Cordy Aguirre, Rhonda Wilkins, Jeff Procter, and Izzy Carrasco.



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EMT Class
City of Friona is hosting an EMT class to begin the end of August 2019. West Texas EMS Resources will be teaching this class in Friona.
Orientation is at 6:30pm on August 26th, the first night of class will be on September 5th from 6:30-9:30pm. The last class will be on Thursday, February 20th, 2020.
Classes will be held on Monday and Thursday evenings, from 6:30-9:30pm, and the 2nd Saturday of each month from 9am-3pm (except for the Saturday class in December, it will be on December 7th).
The cost per person is \$1300, this cost includes your tuition, fees, textbooks, CPR certification, and clinical uniform shirts.
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State Capital Highlights

By Ed Sterling



Officials meet to discuss public safety following deadly shooting

AUSTIN — Following the Aug. 3 shooting that claimed the lives of 22 people and injured 24 others at a popular El Paso shopping venue, Gov. Greg Abbott and a group of officials met in the border city to discuss ways to address violence.

Joined by Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, House Speaker Dennis Bonnen, state Sen. Jose Rodriguez, and area state Reps. Cesar Blanco, Art Fierro, Mary Gonzales, Joe Moody and Lina Ortega, Abbott and the group talked about how to improve public safety.

“The entire state of Texas continues to grieve the tragedy in El Paso,” Abbott said. “While our hearts remain broken, it is our responsibility to show the resolve that is needed to address this shooting and begin the process of working together to lay a groundwork of how we are going to respond. The people of Texas — including the people of El Paso — deserve to be safe and it is our responsibility to ensure that safety,” he added.

Sen. Rodríguez, in a statement on behalf of the El Paso legislative delegation, said: “State leaders pledged to work with the El Paso delegation to address gun violence driven by white nationalism. We all agreed that gun violence and white nationalism are pressing issues. Gov. Abbott, in his remarks, was frank about calling the shooter a white supremacist and his actions domestic terrorism. All leaders, from local to state to federal, must reject the ideology of white supremacy.”

Abbott announced the state would provide more than \$5 million in immediate financial assistance through the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor’s Public Safety Office for law enforcement agencies and the community of El Paso.

According to a governor’s office news release, the financial assistance will take these forms:

- Psychological first aid and crisis counseling;
- Behavioral health services, including needs assessments, strategic planning and care coordination with local service providers;
- County reimbursements for expert witness and juror fees, investigation, increased security and more;
- School-based mental health services to support students affected directly or indirectly and referrals for youths with certain behavioral health and psychological needs;
- Post-critical incident seminars, emphasizing peer support to assist first responders suffering from traumatic stress; and
- The establishment of a “family resiliency center” to be a focal point for community services including mental health needs, legal services, faith-based assistance and public information.

New accessibility rules set

House Bill 3163, establishing new rules for accessible parking spaces in Texas, will become law Sept. 1.

According to a governor’s office news release, the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation will draft rules that implement the legislation to amend Government Code Sec. 469.052, as follows:

- The international access symbol must be painted on the parking space;
- The words “NO PARKING” must be painted on access aisles next to accessible parking spaces;
- The signs marking accessible parking spaces must include the penalty for parking illegally in the space. Fines and towing are examples of possible penalties.

Notably, current signs and parking spaces do not need changes until the new rules go into effect. The new rules will be open to receive comment in the Texas Register after drafting and approval, and importantly, the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation anticipates the rules to take effect near mid-2020.

Tax revenue is distributed

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Aug. 7 announced he would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$876.8 million in local sales tax allocations for the month of August. That is 4 percent more than the amount distributed in August 2018.

Allocations are based on sales made in June by businesses that report tax monthly and on sales made in April, May and June by quarterly filers.

Details on sales tax allocations to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts can be found online in the comptroller’s monthly sales tax allocation comparison summary reports at comptroller.texas.gov.

Battleship visits to stop

The Battleship Texas State Historic Site in La Porte will close to the public Aug. 26, allowing staff and contractors full accessibility to the ship to safely perform necessary preparation work ahead of a repair project.

The last day the public may explore the 573-foot dreadnought-class vessel will be Aug. 25, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department announced Aug. 7.

During the closure, thousands of artifacts on board the Texas will be catalogued and secured and exhibit collections removed before it is towed to another site for repair.

Visitors will continue to have access to the nearby San Jacinto Monument, the San Jacinto Battleground and the park’s nature trails during the closure.



Fajitas

Although many foods I have researched for this article have long histories, the fajita, as we know it today, really began around the 1930’s in the ranch lands of South and West Texas. During the cattle roundups, the beef was often butchered on site. The throwaway pieces of meat such as the head, tripe, and skirt were given to the vaqueros. From these cuts came dishes such as barbacoa de cabeza, menudo, and fajitas. The name fajita comes from the Spanish word for belt, faja. The derivation, fajita, translates exactly to mean, “little belt.” This makes sense because the skirt steak on a beef is a strip that wraps beneath the heart and lungs, like a belt. There are four skirt steaks on each beef, two inside strips and two outside strips.

Fajitas remained a mainly regional recipe for many years because skirt steak was not available to consumers. However, in 1969 Sonny Falcon, an Austin meat market manager,

began operating the first commercial fajita taco concession. He traveled with his concession across Texas serving at fairs and rodeos. That same year, fajitas debuted on the menu at Otilia Garza’s Round-Up Restaurant in Pharr, Texas. One of the most famous fajita recipes began in Houston in 1973 at Ninfa’s restaurant. Her recipe has only been handed down to her sons as they continue her legacy. The popularity of the fajita skyrocketed when George Weidmann, a German born chef added “sizzling fajitas” to the menu at the Hyatt’s LaVista restaurant in Austin in 1982.

Fajita purists will argue that a true fajita is made only from beef skirt steak. Chef Weidmann began to change this perception when he began making fajitas using a higher quality sirloin in his “sizzling fajitas.” Our idea of a fajita has evolved to mean anything that has Tex-Mex flavorings or marinade, is seared on a grill or skillet, and

then wrapped in a tortilla. I also think fajitas are usually left for the consumer to construct at the table, otherwise it is just a burrito. Recipes today include chicken, shrimp, fish, and even just vegetables. I am going to agree with Chef Weidmann, my favorite fajitas are made from a more prime cut of meat. Often, our family will use leftover steak that we have thinly sliced, seasoned with fajita seasoning, and warmed in a skillet with sautéed onions, peppers, and mushrooms.

I suspect you may not even need a beef fajita recipe, but just in case you would like something written down, I included one. I think the chicken sheet pan fajitas are a nice twist to keep down on the number of pans to clean up, and I was intrigued by the salmon fajita recipe. I haven’t tried this one, so let me know what you think.

The information for this article was researched at www.austinchronicle.com and <http://www.culinaryhouston.com>.

Beef Fajita

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- 1 whole Beef Flank Steak
- 1/2 cup Olive Oil
- 3 Tablespoons Worcestershire Sauce
- 1/3 cup Lime Juice, Fresh Squeezed
- 3 cloves Garlic, Minced
- 1 Tablespoon Cumin
- 1 Tablespoon Chili Powder
- 1/2 teaspoon Red Pepper Flakes
- 1 teaspoon Salt
- 1/2 teaspoon Black Pepper
- 1 Tablespoon Sugar

- 2 whole Medium Onions, Halved and Sliced
- 1 whole Red Bell Pepper, Sliced
- 1 whole Orange Bell Pepper, Sliced
- 1 whole Green Bell Pepper, Sliced
- 1 whole Yellow Bell Pepper, Sliced
- Oil, For Frying
- Flour Tortillas, Warmed
- Cheese (grated Cheddar/jack Or Crumbled Queso Fresco), Salsa, Sour Cream, Cilantro Leaves

In a dish, mix together olive oil, Worcestershire, lime juice, garlic, cumin, chili powder, red pepper flakes, salt, pepper, and sugar until combined. Pour half of the marinade into a separate dish. In one dish, place the flank steak, turning it over to coat. In the second dish, place all the veggies, turning to coat. Cover the dishes with plastic wrap and place in the fridge for at least 2 hours. Prepare tortillas, salsa, sour cream, and cilantro. Heat a heavy skillet over medium-high heat and drizzle in some oil. Add the veggies and cook them for a few minutes, until they’re cooked but still slightly firm and have nice black/brown pieces. Remove to a plate and set aside. Heat the same skillet (or a grill pan if you have it) over high heat and drizzle some oil. Cook the meat for about 2 minutes per side until medium rare. Remove and allow to rest on a cutting board for 5 minutes. Slice the meat right before serving and serve with all the fixins’. Delicious!

Sheet Pan Chicken Fajitas

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Seasoning

- 2 tsp chili powder (preferably 1 tsp ancho chili powder 1 tsp regular)
- 1 1/2 tsp ground cumin
- 1 tsp ground paprika
- 1/2 tsp ground coriander
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

- cored and sliced into strips (3 whole total)
- 1 medium yellow onion, halved and sliced from top to root
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 Tbsp fresh lime juice
- 3 Tbsp chopped cilantro

Fajita filling

- 1 1/2 lbs. boneless skinless chicken breasts, sliced into 1/2-inch thick strips (slice extra wide strips in half)
- 1 of each red, green and yellow bell peppers,

For serving

- 8 taco size flour tortillas
- Sour cream, avocado slices or guacamole, diced tomatoes, Mexican cheese blend (toppings are optional)

Instructions

Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C). Spray a 17x12-inch rimmed baking sheet with non-stick cooking spray. For the seasoning: In a small mixing bowl whisk together chili powders, cumin, paprika, coriander, 1 1/2 tsp salt and 1/2 tsp pepper, set aside. For the fajitas filling: Spread bell peppers and yellow onion onto baking sheet. Top with chicken strips then sprinkle garlic and seasoning evenly over chicken strips. Drizzle olive oil over top then toss everything to evenly coat. Spread into an even layer working to keep chicken from overlapping. Roast in preheated oven, tossing once halfway through cooking, until veggies are tender, and chicken has cooked through, about 18 - 25 minutes (test a few of the larger pieces to make sure they are 165 in the center). Wrap tortillas tightly in foil and warm in oven during last 5 minutes of fajita filling cooking. Drizzle lime juice evenly over top of the chicken fajita filling, sprinkle with cilantro and more salt to taste and toss to coat. Serve filling warm in warm tortillas with desired toppings.

Sheet Pan Salmon and Avocado Fajitas

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Ingredients

- 1 1/2 lbs salmon, skin on
- 1 (1.12 oz) pkg. McCormick Fajitas Seasoning Mix, divided
- 1 each red, yellow and green bell pepper, cored and sliced into strips
- 1 medium yellow onion, peeled and sliced
- 2 Tbsp olive oil, divided

- 1 lime (about 1 1/2 Tbsp juice)
- Salt
- 1/3 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 2 medium avocados, sliced
- 12 corn or flour tortillas, warmed
- 3/4 cup crumbled Cotija cheese
- Sour cream and Mexican hot sauce, for serving (optional)

Instructions

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Line an 18 by 13-inch baking sheet with a sheet of parchment paper.

Place salmon on one side of the baking sheet, skin side down (mine was a small side of salmon, if using a wider salmon portion, you could place in the upper 1/3 of the baking sheet).

Place peppers and onions next to salmon. Brush salmon

with 1 Tbsp of the olive oil. Drizzle and toss peppers with remaining 1 Tbsp oil. Sprinkle half of the seasoning mix evenly over salmon (2 Tbsp) then sprinkle remaining half (2 Tbsp) over veggies and toss.

Roast in preheated oven until salmon has cooked through and flakes easily with a fork and veggies are tender, tossing veggies once halfway through cooking, about 20

minutes total.

Spritz salmon and peppers with juice from the lime, season with salt as desired and sprinkle with cilantro. Flake salmon with a fork.

To assemble, layer avocado slices over warmed tortillas. Top with flaked salmon, peppers and onions. Sprinkle with cotija cheese and serve with sour cream and hot sauce if desired.



To all 4-H current and future members, even though we do not have an Ag agent we are still able to provide what you need to show livestock or participate in contests. We have volunteers that will help if you need animals purchased or feeding advise. We have an active agent that can sign up for all shows. We will have an agent in the future, but no timetable at this time. As they say “the show must go

on”. Please call the office at 806-251-5120 or email parmer_atg.tamu.edu if you have any questions or concerns.

Sign up for 4-H will begin August 15th! texas.4honline.com If you are new to 4-H please call the office and I can help walk you through the process. Adult Leaders again this year will be paying for the membership fees if you sign up between August 15- Oct 15th. Thank you

to all Parmer Adult Leader members you are such a blessing to our 4-H families.

Goat and Sheep Tags are due to your FFA teacher or the 4-H office no later than Friday August 23rd they are \$17.00 each.

All third graders can show at local, county, and major shows! If you are entering the third grade and would like to show livestock, please contact 4-H or your FFA teacher immediately.

County Steak Dinner slated for September 7th

The Parmer County Steak Dinner is set for Saturday, September 7, 2019 at the XIT Community Center in Bovina. The annual event begins at 7:00 p.m. and is a fundraiser to support students who participate in the Parmer County Stock Show.

The money raised is distributed to all the kids who show an animal at the stock show. Last year, each youngster received \$122.46. One of the highlights of the dinner is the ticket drawing that gives you the chance to win cash. The last ticket left in the hopper is the big winner for the night.

This year, in addition to the ticket drawing, Dan Patterson will provide entertainment during the meal. Tickets are \$100.00 each and include admission for two people. The meal includes steak, pota-



toes, corn, green beans, a roll, and banana pudding.

To purchase tickets contact


Chris Timms at 265-5039, Tracy Bunker at 683-1319, or Greg O’Brian at 265-5775.



Backpack Giveaway

On Saturday, August 3rd, Victory Family Worship Center passed out over 150 backpacks to kids in the Friena Community. All extra school supplies from the backpack giveaway were then donated to the primary school (Pastor Robert Kirby and Principal Deirdre Osborn in photo at right) and the elementary school (Administrative Assistant Tasha Stanberry, Robert, and Principal M'Kell Jeter in photo below).

VFWC also partnered with the General Manager of the Clovis, NM Walmart, Jimmy Kirven, to donate over \$1,000 worth of school supplies to the Friena ISD. Thanks Walmart for helping our kids!!!

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