



Monday, August 28

## Meet the Chiefs

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

## Miss Friona Pageant is September 17th

The Miss Friona scholarship pageant is just around the corner. The date of the 2023 pageant is Sunday, September 17th. Little Miss event will begin at 2 p.m. with the Miss Friona event following at 6 p.m. The theme is "No Place Like Home" and there truly is no place like Friona.

The scholarship pageant gives young ladies the chance to become Miss Friona and represent Friona in the best way possible. Contestants will have the opportunity to gain a meaningful experience by participating. Miss Friona not only showcases what each lady brings to the table individually but it also gives them a safe space to step out of their com-

fort zone, work on public speaking skills, and interact with other girls in an atmosphere of friendly competition.

Each contestant will receive \$100 for participating. Winners of Miss Congeniality, Best Interview, Best Talent, Best Evening Gown, and Best On-Stage Question will receive \$200 each. 3rd Runner-Up wins \$200, 2nd Runner-Up wins \$500, 1st Runner-up wins \$700, and \$1,000 will go to the newly crowned Miss Friona.

Each contestant will be seeking sponsorship from businesses in Friona. If your business might be interested in sponsoring a young lady, please contact Emma Rector at fedc@wtrt.net.

## Where the Chiefs and Buffaloes roam free



New West Texas A&M Head Football Coach Josh Lynn (center) was the guest speaker at the Noon Lions Club meeting on Monday. Other guests included (l-r) Friona coaches Derreck Hernandez and Jimmy Arias as well as Chieftain football players Carson Seaman and Jose Alvidrez. Go Chiefs and Buffs!

## Commissioners eliminate county vehicle tax

Parmer County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, August 21, 2023 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.

A motion to set the 2023 Proposed Tax Rate at 0.3990 per \$100 was approved unanimously. A motion to eliminate Parmer County's portion of the vehicle tax also passed

unanimously. Commissioners are also proposing a 4% salary increase for elected officials and county employees for the year 2024.

Commissioners approved a motion to order a Constitutional Amendment Special Election to be held on Tuesday, November 7th. Governor Abbott sent a notice on August 9th to all county judges ordering a Special Election to be held throughout the State Of Texas. The election would be held for the purpose of adopting or rejecting the

fourteen constitutional amendments proposed by fourteen joint resolutions, as submitted by the 88th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, and the 88th Texas Legislature, Second Called Session, of the State of Texas.

There were no comments from the public during the open forum. The next regular meeting is Monday, August 28th.

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

Friona Chamber of Commerce & Ag  
Invites You To The

### 67th Annual Miss & Little Miss Friona Pageant

September 17th, 2023

*There's No Place Like Home*

Wednesday, August 30th

## Back to School FFA Cookout

- Open to the public -  
Come meet your Ag instructors  
and students for 2023-24  
Starting @ 5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, August 30th  
FHS Ag Building (east side)

### Meet Your New Principals




Mario Moreno (left) is the new Elementary Principal. He has worked for Fisd for the past nine years and has served as the Assistant Principal for the Junior High and Elementary School the past three years.










Ortensia Mendez (right) is the new Junior High Principal. This is her first year with Fisd and she believes empowerment is the key to success. Best wishes for a great year.




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**Community Calendar**

Send Calendar information to:  
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**August 24**

- Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

**August 28**

- Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center
- Meet The Chiefs at 7 p.m. at Chieftain Field

**August 30**

- Library Book Shop at 618 Euclid is open from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
- FFA Back to School Cookout at 5:30 p.m. at FHS Ag Building

**August 31**

- Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center
- Border Bash Volleyball Tournament at FHS Activities Center

**September 2**

- Border Bash Volleyball Tournament at FHS Activities Center

**September 4**

- Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

**ON YOUR PAYROLL**

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**J. Bruce Bugg, Jr.**  
Chairman,  
Texas Transportation Commission

The star on the Texas flag somehow seems to shine a little brighter every year as more and more people move to Texas to find a thriving economy and a better quality of life. While that growth is wonderful to see, it does bring challenges to our transportation system.

Thanks to the leadership of Governor Greg Abbott and the Texas Legislature, the Texas Transportation Commission is up to the task with the adoption on August 16, 2023 of a historic \$142.3 billion investment in building Texas roads and bridges, including a \$100.6 billion 10-year Unified Transportation Program (UTP), \$34.2 billion in development costs and \$7.5 billion in routine maintenance contracts. This plan supports a world-class trans-

portation system focused on safety and congestion relief. With projects across the state, this plan is dedicated to improving safety, addressing congestion and connectivity, and preserving roadways for Texas drivers.

Texans have shown overwhelming support for “turning dirt” on new and better roadways and bridges, and thanks in large part to voter-approved legislation (Proposition 1 in 2014, Proposition 7 in 2015), this total transportation plan is \$26 billion more than last year. It provides a significant investment in congestion relief bringing over \$67 billion of funding for projects completed, under construction, or planned for construction as part of the Texas Clear Lanes initiative, dedicating funding for projects on Texas’ 100 Most Congested Roadways list.

To help connect the rural parts of our state, the plan also includes an unprecedented \$19.2 billion rural investment. That’s a major increase over the past few years compared to \$2.2 billion in the 2016 UTP.

For businesses relocating to Texas, a reliable transportation system is crucial in helping to consistently move products to markets across the country and the world. TxDOT has planned, and will continue to plan, for the challenges of a fast-growing population and complex freight movements, and the 2024 UTP will play a critical role in providing the needed infrastructure to efficiently

move people and products.

With historic levels of funding, TxDOT stands ready to fulfill my policy as Chairman to “execute, execute, execute,” which means build the roads and bridges Texans need and want as soon as possible. Responding to new Texas taxpayer approved sources of funding, we have put this money to work by improving our project delivery efforts for greater flexibility and it has been paying off. In fiscal year 2023, we had our largest award of construction contracts ever, with more than \$12 billion in new highway improvement contracts, which is double the amount of contract awards just eight years ago. TxDOT is meeting the moment to deliver the safety, mobility and connectivity improvements that Texans expect and deserve.

Of course, safety is TxDOT’s top priority, and we are staying vigilant in the effort to increase safety to help the people who work and drive on our roadways get home safe to their families. The UTP includes billions of dollars for safety projects, but every project we build has a safety component. Adding all that up, TxDOT is investing \$17 billion for new safety initiatives.

Texans deserve the best transportation system in the world, and they can rest assured that Governor Abbott and Texas transportation leaders are fulfilling our promise to provide them with a safe and reliable transportation system.

**State Capital Highlights**

By Gary Borders



**STAAR scores show continued struggles in math, reading**

Texas public student scores in standardized testing continue to improve since the pandemic, but more than half of those taking the test still struggle with math and just under half read below grade-level, the Texas Tribune reported.

Students in grades three through eight took the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness tests in math and reading last spring. The results were released last week by the Texas Education Agency.

Math scores have improved since the pandemic low of just 35% meeting grade level or above in math in 2021, up to 43% in the latest STAAR scores. The percentage of students reading at grade level or above was essentially flat at 52%, but still above pre-pandemic

levels, which were 47% in 2019.

Teachers across Texas continue to work with passion and skill to help students learn,” said Mike Morath, Texas Education Commissioner. “This year’s results show the efforts of our educators continue to deliver improved results for students.”

**Employment records set in the state**

Texas has more jobs and more people employed than ever before, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. The state has recorded 29 consecutive months of growth and again leads the nation in the number of jobs added over the past year — 441,700 new positions since July 2022.

“Texas leads the nation in sustainable job growth with more than 2.7 million positions added

in the past decade,” said TWC Chairman Bryan Daniel. “The Texas economy remains strong, and TWC will continue to provide support through tools and resources for job seekers and employers alike.”

The leisure and hospitality sector led job growth with 9,800 jobs, while manufacturing added 6,600 positions, closely followed by private education and health service with 6,400 jobs. Of the 26,300 new jobs added in July, all but 400 were in the private sector.

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**ACROSS**

- TXism: “he’s still got some snap in his garters”
- squeezin’ snakes
- TXism: “it’s near \_\_\_\_\_” (approximate)
- Texas veggie: fried \_\_\_\_\_
- golf or football prop
- TXism: “bone \_\_\_\_\_” (cemetery)
- TXism: “got a mind like a steel \_\_\_\_\_”
- Hawaiian dance attire (2 wds.)
- TX Don Henley’s “All She Wants \_\_\_\_\_ Do Is Dance”
- TXism: “working between \_\_\_\_\_” (night work)
- once a brand of GMC cars
- Crowell High School football (2 wds.)
- TXism: “behind the \_\_\_\_\_” (predicament)
- TX Chandra Wilson was \_\_\_\_\_ Miranda Bailey on “Grey’s Anatomy”
- small, narrow river
- Gulf canvas
- Amarillo’s “Big Texan” features a 72-\_\_\_\_\_ steak
- TX George H.W.’s NASA director (2 wds.)
- cowboys \_\_\_\_\_ buckle on their belt
- party inflatable
- sodium symbol
- TXism: “just a \_\_\_\_\_ in the bucket”
- UT has original manuscript of E.M. Forster’s “Passage \_\_\_\_\_”
- former Texas honky tonk used in “Urban Cowboy”
- Ranger Eovaldi stat.
- UT’s Benton directed “Kramer \_\_\_\_\_ Kramer”
- honky tonk, e.g.
- Dallas’ Rosewood developed Hawaii’s \_\_\_\_\_ Maui Resort
- TXism: “\_\_\_\_\_ as a sluggish turtle”
- founder of famous TX King Ranch (init.)
- TXism: “shin \_\_\_\_\_” (big dance)
- “rash” vine? (2 wds.)
- disaster relief organization (2 wds.)
- you’re apt \_\_\_\_\_ what you sow
- 35th governor, Coke (init.)
- former Ford model
- semitic person

**DOWN**

- Texas birth town of Willie Nelson
- northernmost Texas town
- Grace Noll Crowell was a Texas poet \_\_\_\_\_
- TXism: “como \_\_\_\_\_” (how are ya?)
- TX Holly’s “\_\_\_\_, Boy”
- stealing cattle
- \_\_\_\_\_ Chaney is a San Antonio street
- Lee Greenwood hit: “\_\_\_\_\_ Bless the USA”
- spread near Albany (2 wds.)
- “\_\_\_\_\_ in the tub”
- West Texas animal: mountain \_\_\_\_\_
- Luling Watermelon Thump once had a melon that weighed 88 of these (abbr.)
- extreme adjective
- TXism for old, senile men

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# COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

## Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from August 10, 2023 to August 17, 2023

(8/10/23) Patricia Highsmith — Rosa Salazar Guaderrama, Eduardo Guaderrama — All of Lot 12, Block 2 of the McMillen Fergus Addition to the Town of Friona, Parmer County, Texas

(8/10/23) Desiree Bell, Carla Bell Galanos — John Mark Gurley, Kathryn Horton Gurley — The South 85 Acres of the North 150 Acres of West 1/2 of Survey No. 17, Block A, Rhea Brothers Subdivision in Parmer County, Texas

(8/14/23) Jayson Grimsley — Robert Scott Rawding, Deborah Ruth Rawding — All of Lot 4, West End Group Subdivision to the City of Friona, Parmer County, Texas

(8/15/23) Vernon Strange — Ricardo Monreal, Eva Monreal — All of Lot 4, Block 7, Staley Addition to the City of Friona, Parmer County, Texas

# SHERIFF'S REPORT

Reported by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office:  
Eric Geske, Sheriff

(8/7/23) Jaysin Munoz, 32, of Bovina was arrested by the Bovina Police Department on charges of Criminal Mischief ≥ \$100 < \$750 and Criminal Mischief ≥ \$750 < \$2,500

(8/8/23) Pablo Galvan, 28, of Bovina was arrested by the Bovina Police Department on a charge of Criminal Mischief ≥ \$750 < \$2,500

(8/11/23) Daniel Romero Marrufo, 41, of Bovina was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's office for Fail to ID Fugitive Intent give false info and Fugitive from Justice

(8/18/23) Jacob Michael Reyna, 27, of Bovina was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on an Out of County Warrant for Possession of Child Pornography and an Out of County Warrant for Invasive Visual Recording

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

**August 26:** 3 yard quilt class "Make it Christmas"  
**September 9:** Free Motion Quilting on Domestic Machines  
**September 23:** Binding Class  
**October 21:** 10-4 - Working with Cork Fabrics and Projects

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# TOWN TALK



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**Border Bash** — Friona will host the annual Border Bash Volleyball Tournament which features 7th, 8th, C, and JV teams from area towns. The event will be held on Thursday, August 31st and Saturday, September 2nd at the FHS Activities Center. Go to [https://hs.frionaisd.com/558533\\_3](https://hs.frionaisd.com/558533_3) to find the schedule of events.

★★★  
**Save The Date** — "National Night Out" is scheduled this year for Tuesday, October 3rd at 300 4th St. in Farwell, Texas. This is a great chance to meet and greet your Parmer County first responders. There will be a meal served plus all kinds of activities, booths, prizes, and

snacks. If you would like to participate, donate, or know anyone who would, please contact Ross Brailiff or Michelle Hill at 806-481-3303.

★★★  
**Save The Date** — Created With Purpose of West Texas will host its 4th Annual Night of Purpose Fundraising Banquet on Tuesday, October 10th. The event will run from 7-9 p.m. at the XIT Recreation Center located at 205 North St. in Bovina, Texas.

★★★  
**National Park Service Founders Day** — On this day in 1916, President Woodrow Wilson signed what is now called the Organic Act. It established the National Park Ser-

vice. As part of the Department of Interior, the National Park Service protects 400 areas in 50 states, U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia, totaling 84 million acres.

★★★  
**Pun Fun** — Waking up this morning was a real eye-opening experience. Source: [www.pun.me](http://www.pun.me)

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**National Days**  
August 24: Waffle Day  
August 25: National Park Service Founders Day  
August 26: Dog Day  
August 27: Rock Paper Scissors Day  
August 28: Cherry Turnover Day  
August 29: Lemon Juice Day

# PARMER COUNTY FSA NEWS

## Fall Application Deadlines

USDA Parmer County Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds producers of approaching application deadlines for purchasing risk coverage for some crops through the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP).

NAP provides financial assistance to producers of non-insurable crops impacted by natural disasters that result in lower yields, crop losses, or prevented crop planting. NAP covers losses from natural disasters on crops for which no permanent federal crop insurance program is available, including forage and grazing crops,

fruits, vegetables, floriculture, ornamental nursery, aquaculture, turf grass and more.

Upcoming application deadlines for NAP coverage in Parmer County for the 2024 production season include: Wheat: September 1, 2023 and Grass: December 1, 2023.

## Parmer County Drought Recovery Assistance

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) PTIC Lety Olmos in Parmer County announced that FSA is now accepting applications for the Livestock Forage Disaster Pro-

gram (LFP) for grazing losses due to drought. The deadline to apply for 2023 LFP assistance is January 30, 2024.

LFP provides compensation to eligible livestock producers who suffered grazing losses for covered livestock due to drought on privately owned or cash leased land or fire on federally managed land. For LFP, qualifying drought intensity levels are determined using the U.S. Drought Monitor. Producers in Parmer County are eligible to apply for 2023 LFP benefits for grazing losses on small grains, native pasture, improved pasture, mixed forage, and annual ryegrass.

We did some digging for small... pieces of ruby, turquoise and quartz crystals!  
**Newspaper Fun!**  
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Kids: color stuff in!

## Animals Dig It!

I dig to bury bones. I have plenty of food, but I think it's still a way for dogs to keep other dogs from taking their food. Have you ever watched animals to see what they do? Have you noticed a squirrel digging to stash acorns? Or a bird pecking the ground, pulling out a worm and carrying it away to a nest to feed baby birds? **Animals dig to:**

- find food
- make a shelter
- hibernate or sleep during the cold months
- hide from other animals
- travel
- hide food to keep for later
- have their young

**Read the clues to fill in the puzzle with names of animals that dig:**

1. have long slinky bodies, dig burrows for homes
2. scaled reptiles, burrow underground for shelter, dig to hibernate
3. mammals, dig with feet, claws, go underground to get roots, plants
4. related to kangaroos, slightly larger than mice, dig for food
5. mammals, leathery armored shells, dig to uncover grubs
6. spineless animals, live underground, come out when it rains because it is hard to breathe
7. have shells with hinges, burrow into the sand to keep from being eaten
8. found in deserts in Africa, 20-30 live in large underground networks
9. mammals that tunnel, making bumps in the soil (hills named after them)
10. mammals with long snouts, dig up insects to eat, especially ants
11. dig holes for shelter (hole that soldiers dig for protection is named after this)
12. very large mammals, dig dens and drag in leaves and branches for bedding
13. toothy mammals, dig shelters, called lodges, that are partly underwater
14. like small squirrels, stripes on backs, burrow to hibernate and store nuts, seeds
15. insects, dig lots of connecting pathways underground to join nests into colony

Labels: armadillos, meerkats, snakes, foxes, bears, clams, moles, meerkats stand watch. We bark a warning if we see danger and others run to hide in one of many holes we have dug.

## Wanted: Thief

This water-loving robber steals other animals' tunnels and homes instead of digging his own.

His name is OSCAR the \_ T \_ \_

He may take your hard-earned clams!

## Wanted: Bandit

Goes by the name: RICKY the \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_

May shelter under a porch or deck.

Follow the dots to see him.

This masked scoundrel was last seen breaking into a local trash can. He digs singing by the light of the moon. He may feast upon your dog's food if it is left outside.

## Song of the Cicadas

Cicadas are insects that dig under the ground to have their babies. But, unlike other animals, it can take 13-17 years for the babies to grow into adults. They stay buried underground that entire time! Some years the cicadas rise up from the dirt to "sing" or chirp very loudly! If you miss it, you will only have to wait about 17 more years!

Follow the color key to see a cicada:

- B = Brown
- G = Green
- K = Black
- O = Orange
- R = Red
- W = White
- Y = Gray

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# Small Town Cookin' By Jeri Lynn White

## Air Fryer Salmon Bites with Dipping Sauce

This looked like a fun and different way to prepare salmon. I think cutting the salmon into small bite sized pieces will give each bite lots of crusty edges that are delicious. Plus the sriracha dip will add a spicy zing to your meal.

**Air Fryer Salmon Bites with Dipping Sauce**  
www.everydayfamilycooking.com

**INGREDIENTS**

- 1 pound skinless salmon filet
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- ½ teaspoon kosher salt
- ½ teaspoon smoked paprika
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper

**SRIRACHA DIP**

- ¼ cup mayonnaise
- ½-1 tablespoon sriracha (or ketchup)
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- ¼ teaspoon garlic powder

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Cut the salmon into even 1-1.5-inch cubes and place them in a large mixing bowl. Preheat the air fryer to 390oF. Drizzle the oil and lemon juice over the salmon and sprinkle with the seasoning. Use your hands or a wooden spoon to toss everything together, coating the bites completely. Then place the seasoned salmon bites in a single layer in the basket. Air fry for 7-10 minutes, flipping once until fully cooked. While the fish is cooking, combine the dipping sauce ingredients in a small mixing bowl and whisk until fully combined. Serve fish immediately with dipping sauce.



Semi truck fire on August 14th on HWY 2013 and CR 15 at 3:50 p.m.



Wreck in front of East Allsup's on August 14th at 6:53 p.m.

### City of Friona By the Numbers July 2023

**Public Library**  
19 days open  
576 e-visits  
582 in-house visits  
11 new patrons  
585 items circulated  
33 new items added  
\$103.50 copy fees  
\$65.00 fax fees  
Book Shop open 6 times  
\$63.00 in sales

**Police Department**  
120 calls  
1 arrest  
31 citations  
39 warnings  
69 stops  
2,101 miles driven

**EMS**  
14 transports (911)  
4 Prairie Acres (911)  
21 transfers  
10 non-transports (911)  
0 no patient or disregard  
12 standby  
61 total service calls

**Volunteer Fire Department**  
July 5 Grass Fire - 1 truck, 9 firefighters  
July 6 Wreck - 2 trucks, 9 firefighters  
July 6 Grass Fire - 1 truck, 10 firefighters  
July 7 Wreck - 3 trucks, 9 firefighters  
July 19 Wreck - 4 trucks, 12 firefighters  
July 20 EMS Asst. - 1 truck, 4 firefighters  
July 21 Controlled Burn - 4 trucks, 7 firefighters  
July 31 Wreck - 5 trucks, 11 firefighters

**Friona★Star**  
is online at [frionaonline.com](http://frionaonline.com)

## Happy Birthday

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| <p><b>August 24</b><br/>John Blackwell<br/>Leslie Rushing<br/>Gonzalo Blanco<br/>Byron Brewer<br/>Virginia Armstrong</p>  | <p><b>August 28</b><br/>Monica Perez<br/>Logan Tyler<br/>Julie (Landrum) Baughman<br/>Aaliyah Herrera</p>   |
| <p><b>August 25</b><br/>Mike Maynard<br/>Edwina Davenport<br/>Trey Ellis<br/>Mary Ford<br/>Caleb Huckins<br/>Nolan Neill<br/>Hope Ferguson</p>                              | <p><b>August 29</b><br/>Ty White<br/>Colby Carthel<br/>Eileen Rainey</p>  |
| <p><b>August 26</b><br/>John Schlenker<br/>Clint Mears<br/>Madyson Madrigal<br/>Riley Fury<br/>Tiffany Blackburn<br/>Rufina Salinas<br/>Jean Botello</p>                    | <p><b>August 30</b><br/>Stephen Campbell<br/>Jiselle Hand<br/>Kyra Davis<br/>Judy Rhodes<br/>Jerry Butman<br/>Bobby Broyles<br/>Mary Frances (Cass)<br/>Weatherly<br/>Truman Hough<br/>Brooke Stover<br/>John Kirk Banfield<br/>Zubin Bhakta<br/>Charee Drachenberg</p> |
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## Storms could raise prices

By GasBuddy

Average gasoline prices in Texas rose 4.0 cents last week, averaging \$3.45 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Prices in Texas are 22.6 cents higher than a month ago and stand 5.2 cents higher than a year ago. According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas was priced at \$2.99 while the most expensive was \$4.39 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline was unchanged last week, averaging \$3.82 per gallon. The national average is up 26.0 cents from a month ago and stands 4.5 cents lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel rose 2.1 cents last week and stands at \$4.297 per gallon.

"The national average price of gasoline eked out a small decline over the last week, with some states seeing a drop of 5-10 cents per gallon, while new issues in some states, like Arizona, have caused prices to jump notably in others," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

De Haan added, "With California facing a deluge of water from Tropical Storm Hilary, some level of refinery problems that could impact gasoline prices could arise, and with eyes on a more active Atlantic, the next few weeks will bring additional volatility to what motorists can expect at the pump."

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

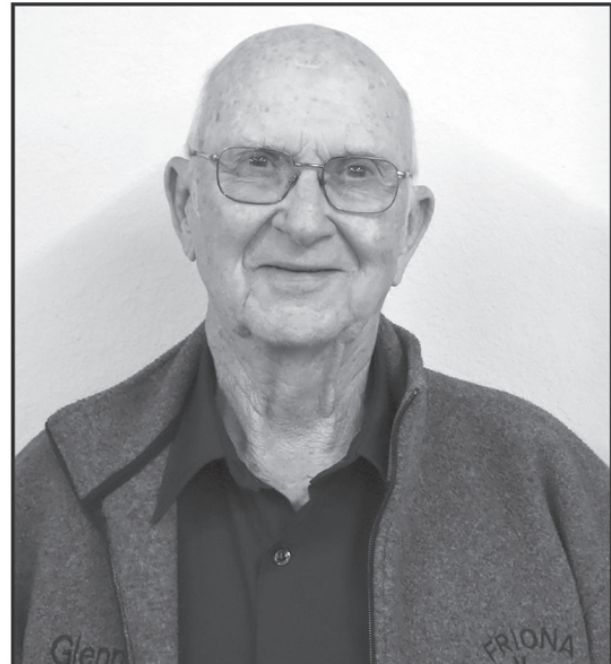
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# School

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

There are a handful of words that cause a plethora of usually strong reactions from the populus because of the perceived impact, for better or worse, on those affected. "Taxes," "diet," and "Trump," are just a few such words, but around this time of year they all pale in comparison to the reaction brought about by the word "school." Yes, it is that time of year. Students and teachers alike are back to the grind, some are thrilled to be back in the classroom, around friends and classmates, while others begrudgingly attend with their sights already set on the end of May..

Whatever your thoughts on "school" let's take a few minutes to go back to a few basics of learning and education. First, never forget the One who gives the capacity, ability and opportunity to learn and be educated. God gave you a life to live, a brain to think, a purpose to fulfill and being able to learn is a huge gift from God. Second, being wise is better than being educated, but being both is best. Some of the wisest people I have met are those with minimal for-

mal education, but they were wise because they knew how to live life well, solve problems, help others and honor Christ with their lives. A quick glance at the educational credentials in Washington D.C. is a reminder that you can be a highly educated fool, who does not know how to live wisely, or direct the lives of a nation toward peace and prosperity. Third, seek wisdom as you learn and grow in your life. Proverbs 1:7 says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction." Notice that growing in knowledge and wisdom begins with a posture of reverence toward God. Pride says, 'I know it all' or 'I got this,' but humility seeks to wisely learn so that one will grow in knowledge and grow in Christlikeness. Finally, continue learning. Just because you may have graduated school decades ago, continue learning. This could be learning a new skill, a new interest, or a number of other things, but especially continue striving to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus (2 Peter 3:18).

## Panhandle Parables

# What Do You See?

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

What do you see? I remember reading a similar sign in the mall one day several years ago. Underneath the sign was a basically blank picture that looked like grainy sand. I thought that's an odd question and was just about to dismiss it when a salesclerk standing near the picture asked me the same question. I smiled thinking I was probably fixing to be a Candid camera victim and said, "I see blue sand." He smiled and said keep looking at that sand. Now I was sure either something wet was about to fall on my head or this guy was nuts. Yet, I did as I was told and stood there looking at a picture of blue sand for what seemed an eternity, but it was more like two minutes, when out of the sand appeared a dolphin breaching the ocean on top of a wave IN 3D!!! I blinked and it was back to blue sand, then there it was again the same dolphin. The look on my face must have shown amazement to the scene because the salesman asked the question again. This time I answered a dolphin. He smiled and said, "Sometimes to really see something you have to take a

longer look."

I smiled and agreed and went on my way. It was impressive and I wondered how they did that, but wasn't going to ask, but appreciated the comment.

When you look at our world, what do you see? Do you see greatness or despair? When you look at your neighbor do you see a friend or just someone else taking up space on the planet. We are often so quick to judge things based on what we think we can see, yet what we see may be far more than a canvass of blue sand. Usually, we are too busy to notice much beyond the screen we keep in our face. People no longer see people. People no longer see friends and friends are lost as casualties of our technology.

I want to encourage you to see. See the world again, see the people again. There may just be someone out there needing to be noticed. Needing hope, needing life. If you claim to be a follower of Christ, I pray you see not only people, but what they need. Jesus did and it made a tremendous impact on the ones He saw.

# We Are God's Masterpiece

By Teena Hughs

One of Feller's favorite things is helping with the Spicer Gripp Roping in Hereford the first weekend of August. It is convenient, since that is the weekend of my Community Bible Study retreat at Sacramento.

Feller has a horse, a spoiled rotten horse, named Bill, he takes to ride. On Tuesday before we left on Wednesday, Feller put Bill in our yard so he would be easy to catch when we needed to leave. The last two horses my dad bought are Bill's buddies, and they stayed outside the yard fence all day and night with Bill until we left.

We were about a mile from the house when I realized I didn't have my purse, so we turned around. Less than a quarter of a mile from the house, we met the two buddies. When they saw us, they turned around and followed us to the house.

At Hereford, Feller rode Bill for four days. You would have thought he was being tortured. In all honesty, Bill hadn't done hardly any work since Feller last worked Spicer Gripp two years ago.

We got home about 1:15 Monday morning, and we let Bill out at a water trough where we often see Bill and his buddies. After getting a drink, Bill took off running, so we thought his buddies were somewhere close by.

We got home and were unloading our things when I heard something. Sure enough, it was Bill's buddies. I don't know if they stayed close to the house while we were gone, or if they saw us and thought Bill was with us.

Feller went down early that morning to see how everyone was doing. The three were together again, and Blue was

friendly to Feller. After that day, it took him nearly two weeks to really be friendly to Feller.

All of God's Creation is connected. Animals and people have a lot in common. Both are created by God; both can be spoiled rotten and act like babies at times; both prove that true friends really do stick together; both get mad at others and don't speak to them until they decide to; both have good and bad habits; both inherit traits from their parents, but God creates each human and each animal as its own individual being.

Feller and I have laughed at how Bill has acted since the day he was put in the yard. Seriously though, fear of the unknown can be scary. We like being in community with one another, so we don't like being taken from our familiar surroundings and our friends or relatives, unless it is by choice. We don't like having to do something that makes us tired and worn out, especially when we haven't done it in two years. I have certain habits, and I don't like my habits or my routine messed with; the same was true of Bill.

Sometimes when my kids do things I don't understand or like, I have to remind myself God created them to be the people they are. Just like the cats I can't tame, or the horse that doesn't like to work, or the child that we can't figure out, God created them all!

Ephesians 2:10 says we are God's Masterpiece. Sometimes that is hard to believe, but that is what the Word says. Hopefully, when my kids or animals do things I don't like, I will remember that, just like me, they were created by God and we are all God's Masterpiece!

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# FHS Class of '59 reunites

On August 18th, twelve members of the Class of 1959 and many of their spouses met at the Holiday Inn West in Amarillo to renew friendships and swap stories. There were 48 class members who finished high school in May 1959. Many are now residing in assisted living facilities and others who simply can't travel anymore

but all were there in spirit. We also still pay tribute to our 12 deceased class members.

Those attending were Larry Moyer and wife Virginia, O'Neil Greeson, Gary McLaughlin and wife Mikie, Wayne Rhodes and wife Judy, Gene Pope and wife Linda, Chauncy Woody, Elaine Holcomb White, Janiece Bock

Baxter, Billy Gene Zachery, Johnny Tomlin Douglas and husband JB, Pat Cranfill Liston, and Keith Taylor and wife Treva. We ended the affair with a sit down meal. By that time we were pretty much out of words so we adjourned and went to bed. A good time was had and we set August 2024 for another reunion



**In the photo** — Front Row (l-r) Elaine Holcomb White, Janiece Bock Baxter, Billy Gene Zachery, Johnny Tomlin Douglas, Pat Cranfill Liston, Keith Taylor. Back Row (l-r) Larry Moyer, O'Neil Greeson, Gary McLaughlin, Wayne Rhodes, Gene Pope, and Chauncy Woody.

## Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

The Friona ISD (Primary, Elementary, Jr. High announced today it will operate the Community Eligibility Program (CEP) under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program for the 2023-2024 school year. Schools qualifying to operate CEP serve breakfast and lunch to all children at no charge and eliminate the collection of meal applications for free, reduced-price, and paid student meals. This approach reduces burdens for both families and school administrators and helps ensure that students receive nutritious meals.

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## Lions Club News



Davy Carthel (left) and son Andy (right) reunited with WTAMU Head Football Coach Josh Lynn at the Lions Club meeting last Monday. Coach Lynn and the "Carthel Crew" attended the Dallas Cowboys playoff game in Green Bay against the Packers back in 2015.

## Xcel Energy Bulb Finder site locates low-priced LEDs

Xcel Energy is offering discounts on energy-efficient LED bulbs as well as an easy way to locate where to get them through the new Bulb Finder webpage. Customers enter their ZIP code to find stores located nearby that offer LED bulbs at discounted prices as low as 8 cents per bulb in New Mexico and 16 cents in Texas.

**Find discounted bulbs at [xcelenergy.com/LightingDeals](https://www.xcelenergy.com/LightingDeals).**

"Swapping out old incandescent bulbs with LEDs is the cheapest and easiest way to save energy and money at home," said Sherryl Volkert, lighting program manager. "And now you can locate them easily by using the website tool, locating a local hardware store or big box retailer, and look for the Xcel Energy sticker. It's never been easier to get started on energy efficiency at home."

LEDs are the new nationwide standard since it is now illegal to manufacture and sell most traditional incandescent and halogen light bulbs. An Energy Star LED bulb saves about \$55 in electricity costs over its lifetime and lasts at least 13 years. Energy Star LEDs are independently certified to deliver efficiency and performance.

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Palo Duro Canyon State Park will host Prairie Pooza on Saturday, September 16th to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Texas State Parks. The event, organized by the Partners in Palo Duro Canyon Foundation in collaboration with Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, features a variety of activities celebrating the park's rich heritage.

The festivities kick off at 7:30 a.m. with the Sad Monkey Mercantile 5K Race, benefiting the Amarillo VA's suicide prevention program. At 1 p.m., attendees can enjoy an authentic chuckwagon lunch prepared by fifteen participating wagons, showcasing flavors from across the region.

From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., the Pioneer Amphitheater parking lot will host over 15 organizations offering booths and demonstrations. The day concludes with a special performance by TEXAS Outdoor Musical at 6 p.m.

Admission to the state park is free the day of the event, with convenient parking at the Sad Monkey Mercantile lot and a shuttle service to the canyon. For more information and real-time updates, visit [palodurocanyon.com](http://palodurocanyon.com).

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Friona will host the annual Border Bash Volleyball Tournament which features 7th, 8th, C, and JV teams from area towns. The event will be held on Thursday, August 31st and Saturday, September 2nd at the FHS Activities Center. Go to [https://hs.frionaisd.com/558533\\_3](https://hs.frionaisd.com/558533_3) to find the schedule of events.



## Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum: Our History

By Walter V. Wendler, WTAMU President



Native Americans inhabited the Texas Panhandle and the high plains 11,000 years ago. For context, Holy Writ establishes Moses' birthdate as the 13th century BCE just over 3,300 years ago, according to Jerome in the Chronicon. The Native Americans that populated our region, and Moses, have been around a long time, no matter how one reckons. In 1920, Hattie Anderson, a person of foresight, came to Canyon to join and energize the history department at the then West Texas State Normal College. Her energy gave birth to the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society and, in 1933, the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum (PPHM or museum).

The PPHM is a unique and truly remarkable resource for the Texas Panhandle, the state and the nation. And, now more than ever, PPHM is important to the people it serves. Anderson, WT President J.A. Hill, Professor L. F. Sheffy, a handful of faculty and about three dozen students joined forces. He gave birth to what we now call the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society (PPHS), which, since 1921 and continuing today, promotes the stories of this region to build community, enhance learning and nurture creativity. And because of the unique nature of the Texas Panhandle and its deeply embedded values, the museum and its collections significantly impact the future generations of this region. However, continued stewardship of our facilities and collections is critical and a priority for West Texas A&M University and PPHS. Our work towards understanding our people and place in a way that informs positive and forward progress in articulating the American dream is invaluable.

The PPHS Board has recently approved a 10-year strategic plan to see the museum building reach its 100th year. In that plan is the recom-



mitment, as a university museum, to serve the public through renovated exhibit spaces, expanded educational programs, and the continued care of the items in the collection.

In 1933, the first portion of the museum, Pioneer Hall, was built. Once completed, it stood as the first university museum in the State of Texas and the first in the tri-state region. Over the years, investments were made in the PPHM and the collection to promulgate the importance of the Panhandle to the state and the nation. Frederick J. Turner, in "The Significance of The Frontier in American History 1893," most appropriately cataloged the importance of the Panhandle to the future of Texas. He wrote,

"That coarseness and strength combined with acuteness and inquisitiveness; that practical, inventive turn of mind, quick to find expedients; that masterful grasp of material things,

lacking in the artistic but powerful to effect great ends; that restless, nervous energy; that dominant individualism, working for good and for evil, and withal that buoyancy and exuberance which comes with freedom—these are traits of the frontier, or traits called out elsewhere because of the existence of the frontier."

Today, as I walk the WT campus and visit with faculty, staff, students and their families, I find Turner's identified "spit" evidenced in many places by many people. The notion of entrepreneurialism and freedom of thought cataloged through the museum's holdings are invaluable to our region and state.

Hattie Anderson's vision and prophetic wisp regarding the remarkable Panhandle region's power is essential to our future, a recognition felt through the architectural grandeur of Pioneer Hall and the collec-

tion housed within. An expansion was necessary just a decade after the museum opened. On three other occasions, the physical facilities of the museum grew yet again. PPHM was declared a Texas Centennial Museum in 1936. PPHM was also part of the Works Progress Administration, leading to murals by Ben Carlton Mead and H.D. Bugbee.

So many items and artifacts—totaling some 2.4 million glimpses into our region's heart through stone, paper, paint, bone and technology—move and guide us forward. A positive trajectory.

But PPHM is not merely a place to store items on a shelf. Its importance is felt not only in the artifacts but also in its proactive service to Canyon, Amarillo, the Panhandle community at large and indeed our state and nation. This is evidenced in the fact that every ISD in the Texas Panhandle is served by PPHM, both in school groups coming to the museum or museum educational staff going to all corners of the region.

Is this too much about too little? Not at all. Instead, on the West Texas A&M University campus, in the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum are the artifacts retelling a story from history and plotting a path into the future that no one should miss. As the staff at the museum say: "We are concerned not only with history makers but also the future history makers of this region." If you haven't been to the museum lately, come to the WT campus and visit again to read, see and experience our past and be inspired to see our future. It's a moving experience for young and old alike.

Walter V. Wendler is the President of West Texas A&M University. His weekly columns, with hyperlinks, are available at <https://walterwendler.com/>.



# The Right to Learn

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 “was one of the most important pieces of legislation in American history, but it did not single-handedly put a stop to discrimination in public education,” according to History.com. “Aside from the famous ‘Massive Resistance’ campaign against desegregation in the South, schools continued to fail racial minorities and students for whom English was not their first language.”

Because of that gap, the Equal Educational Opportunities Act (EEOA) was consummated on August 21, 1974. It categorically barred states



from discriminating against students because of gender, race, color, or nationality and it obliged public schools to provide for students who did not speak English.

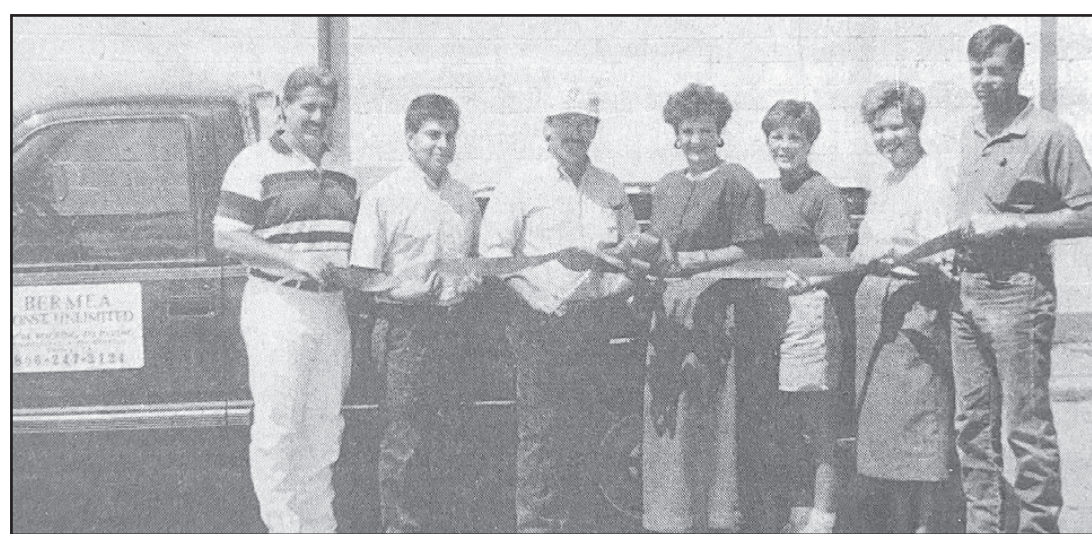
The Grateful American Book Prize recommends **We Are Not Yet Equal:**

**Understanding Our Racial Divide** by Carol Anderson and Tonya Bolden.

Source: History Matters: Showing our children that their past is prelude to their future at the gratefulamericanbookprize.com website.

## FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



**RIBBON CUTTING WELCOME . . .** Friona’s Chamber of Commerce would like to welcome Bermea Construction Unlimited to Friona. Bermea Construction Unlimited is one of Friona’s newest Chamber members. Pictured above (left to right) are: Tony Wiltgen, Hugo Benavides, Richard Bermea, Teresa Buske, Karen Harrelson, Marca Herring, and Bill McCoy. Richard Bermea is a lifetime resident of Friona. Bermea Construction Unlimited specializes in roofing, paving, and remodeling and was recently chosen to repave the post office parking lot. (Friona Star, Saturday, August 28, 1993)



# Obituary



## Clarence Monroe



Clarence Ray Monroe, 87, of Friona, passed away on Monday, August 21, 2023. Funeral Services will be at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, August 26, 2023 at First Baptist Church with Pastor Brett Hoyle officiating. The family will receive guests for visitation from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Friday, August 25, 2023 at Hansard Family Funeral Home.

Clarence was born on September 2, 1935 in Henrietta, Texas to H.R. and Bess Monroe. He graduated from Olton High School in 1953 before enlisting in the United States Army. There, he faithfully served in France in the motor pool until his honorable discharge in 1957. Upon his return, he married Peggy Bethel on July 9, 1957 in Littlefield. Clarence worked as a farmer in Friona most of his life, farming cotton, wheat and corn. He served on the Farmer County Farm Bureau for 28 years, the Friona Farmers Co-Op Gin for 7 years, the Friona Livestock Show Board and even won the Texas

Farm Bureau Pioneer Award in 2019.

Clarence was a devoted member of his community, serving as the Mayor for 19 years as well as on the City Council, on the board of the Panhandle Regional Planning Committee for 6 years and served on the Friona Baseball board for many years. Above all, Clarence loved his family. He enjoyed nothing more than watching his grandchildren play sports. He always had tootsie rolls and candy ready to hand out after their games. He was an avid coin collector, a hobby he shared with his son, Alan as well as a collector of antiques, many of which decorated his barn. His family will always cherish the many gifts he made for them out of license plates and many other creative things. He will be remembered for his kind heart, strong-will and many stories and sometimes appropriate

sayings.

Clarence is survived by his wife Peggy Monroe of Friona; son, Alan Monroe and wife Debbie of Friona; daughter, Renae Barnett and husband Chris of Lubbock; brother, Wayne Monroe and wife Nelda of Amarillo; 5 grandchildren, Morgan Lane of Midland, Kelby Monroe and wife Krystal of Austin, Jordan Jarecki and husband J’Lond of Friona, Macy Williams and husband Harvey of Austin and Caleb Monroe of Eugene, OR; 7 great grandchildren, Jace Jarecki, Jesalyn Jarecki, Jett Jarecki, Claire Lane, Emma Lane, Remy Williams and Zoe Williams and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Lila Ruth Burmingham.

Clarence’s family would like to express a special thank you to the staff, nurses and caregivers of Raider Ranch for the devotion, kindness and care shown to their entire family. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to The Parkinson’s Foundation.



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## Ballot Order for the Nov. 7th Election

On August 4th, the Deputy Secretary of State Joe Esparza drew the ballot order for the 14 proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution. Below is the ballot order as drawn.

**Proposition 1** - HJR 126 “The constitutional amendment protecting the right to engage in farming, ranching, timber production, horticulture, and wildlife management.”

**Proposition 2** - SJR 64 “The constitutional amendment authorizing a local option exemption from ad valorem taxation by a county or municipality of all or part of the appraised value of real property used to operate a child-care facility.”

**Proposition 3** - HJR 132 “The constitutional amendment prohibiting the imposition of an individual wealth or net worth tax, including a tax on the difference between the assets and liabilities of an individual or family.”

**Proposition 4** - HJR 2 from the second special session “The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to establish a temporary limit on the maximum appraised value of real property other than a residence homestead for ad valorem tax purposes; to increase the amount of the exemption from ad valorem taxation by a school district applicable to residence homesteads from \$40,000 to \$100,000; to adjust the amount of the limitation on school district ad valorem taxes imposed on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect increases in certain exemption amounts; to except certain appropriations to pay for ad valorem tax relief from the constitutional limitation on the rate of growth of appropriations; and to authorize the legislature to provide for a four-year term of office for a member of the board of directors of certain appraisal districts.”

**Proposition 5** - HJR 3 “The constitutional amendment relating to the Texas University Fund, which provides funding to certain institutions of higher education to achieve national prominence as major research universities and drive

the state economy.”

**Proposition 6** - SJR 75 “The constitutional amendment creating the Texas water fund to assist in financing water projects in this state.”

**Proposition 7** - SJR 93 “The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the Texas energy fund to support the construction, maintenance, modernization, and operation of electric generating facilities.”

**Proposition 8** - HJR 125 “The constitutional amendment creating the broadband infrastructure fund to expand high-speed broadband access and assist in the financing of connectivity projects.”

**Proposition 9** - HJR 2, regular session “The constitutional amendment authorizing the 88th Legislature to provide a cost-of-living adjustment to certain annuitants of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.”

**Proposition 10** - SJR 87 “The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation equipment or inventory held by a manufacturer of medical or biomedical products to protect the Texas healthcare network and strengthen our medical supply chain.”

**Proposition 11** - SJR 32 “The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities.”

**Proposition 12** - HJR 134 “The constitutional amendment providing for the abolition of the office of county treasurer in Galveston County.”

**Proposition 13** - HJR 107 “The constitutional amendment to increase the mandatory age of retirement for state justices and judges.”

**Proposition 14** - SJR 74 “The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the centennial parks conservation fund to be used for the creation and improvement of state parks.”

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**In the photo** — Friona Squaw volleyball team members for 2023 are (l-r) Saraya Luna, Aubree Bunker, Reese Stowers, Pam Cardona, Jacee Burney, Kitzly Welch, Yeslie Faudoa, Ivory Shelby, Angelica Reyes, Anna Jo London. Volleyball team manager Reagan Daniels is pictured at far left.



A crew has been working the past couple of weeks installing upgrades on the cell tower at Reeve Lake. Unfortunately, some AT&T and other phone customers were without service for a couple of days. The work crew had their meals delivered via a "rope elevator" each day.

## Texas citrus bounces back from freeze

By Adam Russell

Texas citrus growers appear to be back on track after Winter Storm Uri caused significant setbacks to many growers two seasons ago, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

Before Winter Storm Uri delivered week-long ice and sub-freezing temperatures to much of the state in February 2021, Texas citrus growers had around 27,000 acres of grapefruit and orange trees in production. Citrus trees' lack of cold hardiness limits their production to the mildest parts of the southern U.S. like South Texas, Florida, Arizona and California.

Despite citrus produc-

tion losses to the storm, Juan Anciso, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension horticulturist, Weslaco, said he was pleasantly surprised that the industry was faring much better than he expected. Weeks and months after the storm, he worried growers might face losses similar to a freeze in 1989 when 12,000 acres of the state's 36,000 acres, 67% of production, was lost.

Anciso estimates Winter Storm Uri killed or damaged around 10% of the trees, and around 24,000 acres remain in production.

"We do know from grower input that 3,000-4,000 acres were lost or damaged, and I feel like that is a surprisingly low number because temperatures were down to 19 degrees in many areas," he said. "Maybe it wasn't that cold long enough to do the damage I expected, but I was delighted to be wrong."

### Texas citrus shows signs of recovery

Anciso said there are still signs of limb damage and trees that have struggled to recover, but fruit sets have gotten progressively better from those trees. He was surprised some trees fruited in fall 2021, and that 2022 was even better.

"Have they totally recovered? No," he said. "But we are getting surprisingly good production from survivors, and fruit growth in some areas seem to be back on track with pre-storm production."

The 2023 crop looks very good, he said, but pest and disease pressure were heavier in some locations. Growers have been proactively treating rust mites, which can hurt tree productivity, as well as the fungal disease melanose, which forms on dead limbs.

Much of the post-storm tree rehabilitation involved removing dead wood to reduce the risk of melanose infestations, which can cause severe damage for commercial citrus crops, Anciso said. Melanose is a fungal disease that can spread throughout a tree from



As Texas citrus producers continue to recover from the major freeze event in 2021, growers are finding that grapefruit like these and Texas-grown oranges are in high demand. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo by Laura McKenzie)

young or dead twigs. It is especially common following freezes and fueled by humid conditions.

Water is one concern for producers as fruit continues to mature on trees, Anciso said. All commercial citrus acres are irrigated, mostly via flooding with a canal system from the Rio Grande River and some drip irrigation from other sources.

However, the water allotments for agriculture from Lake Amistad and Falcon Lake are nearing a stopping point unless the watershed that feeds those lakes receives rainfall soon. Both lakes are at around 25% capacity, and water is cut off to agriculture when levels reach 17%.

Most water districts constantly reevaluate allotments, and Anciso said farmers are hoping for late-August and September rains to feed both reservoirs. Most orchards are flooded with 4-6 inches of water from the canals, which would be enough water to fuel tree productivity for a month under current conditions.

Without rain or irrigation into October, fruit sizes are likely to be impacted by the lack of water, he said.

"We're getting closer to the point that if it gets severe, the fruit will be on the smaller side," he said.

### Hoping for a strong finish

Anciso hopes the citrus season finishes strong because the market has been good for growers in recent years. Supplies of Texas grapefruit and oranges have been low, and demand has been high.

About 70% of citrus acres are dedicated to grapefruits, with the remaining 30% producing oranges, he said. There are also a limited num-

ber of acres dedicated to Persian limes and Meyer lemons, but they only amount to around 100 acres total.

Texas grapefruits are known for their redder flesh and milder taste compared to grapefruit from Florida and Arizona.

"It's still a grapefruit, but it's a noticeable difference in color and taste," he said. "Texas has the premium grapefruit in the U.S., and buyers know that it is important to have them on their shelves."

Texas oranges are similarly in demand, he said. They tend to be wind-scarred, which makes them less aesthetically pleasing compared to California or Florida oranges, but they are known for their thinner rinds and juicier flesh.

Anciso said a continuation of good prices would help citrus growers continue their recovery and cover the higher input costs related to production. He estimates input costs for everything from chemicals and diesel to parts for equipment were up 30% compared to last year.

Labor continues to be a higher cost as well, but labor shortages can be even costlier. Most citrus is still hand-harvested, and growers are now increasingly turning to H2A temporary agriculture workers from Mexico to bring in their crops.

"H2A workers are very costly to growers, and it's a complex system, but they are finding that it is more efficient and a reliable way to avoid labor shortages at the most critical time," he said. "I think growers want to maintain this positive momentum. Some of those acres lost may never return to citrus, but I am pleasantly surprised by how fast we've rebounded."

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