



## Ready, Set, Play!

Children at the Cottonwood Town Homes received a big surprise recently when new playground equipment, courtesy of local donors, was installed in the courtyard of the apartment complex. The multi-level structure features a slide, three tube slides, a ladder, and ramp. Also, new picnic tables will soon be added to the courtyard.

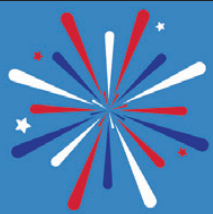


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### Picnic Tables

Cargill of Friona



## Mega Fireworks Show

Thursday, July 4th | Starting at Dusk | Reeve Lake



Cheeseburger Festival Countdown:

23 DAYS



**New Officers** — (l-r) Cheryl Procter, Kim Smiley, Sharon White, Melissa Randolph, Connie Slagle, Leslie Wright, and Amelia Wright. Not in the photo were Glenda Procter and Annette Frye.

## New Officers Elected

Parmer County Retired Teachers and School Personnel met at the Legacy Pointe fellowship room for an ice cream social welcoming new retirees on June 25, 2024. About twenty-six members and guests attended. Sharon White conducted a brief business meeting, and new officers and chairmen were installed. Serv-

ing for the 2024-2025 school year are Sharon White, president; Kim Smiley, first vice president; Cheryl Procter, second vice president; Connie Slagle, secretary; Leslie Wright, treasurer; Melissa Randolph, social chair; Glenda Procter, volunteer chair; Amelia Wright, legislative chair; and Annette Frye, health chair. A special thanks goes

to Clint Mears of the Friona Star taking the photo.

The next PCRTSP meeting will be a luncheon on September 17 at 12:00 noon at the Sixth Street Church of Christ. All Parmer County retired school employees are invited to join TRTA and the local unit PCRTSP. Contact any of the officers for more information.

## Friona City Manager Shares Community Engagement Strategies at TCMA Conference

Friona City Manager Lee Davila took the stage at the annual Texas City Manager's Association (TCMA) conference at South Padre Island this past weekend to discuss community engagement during a panel titled "How Is Your City Embracing Community and Providing a Place of Belonging?"

Davila outlined several initiatives that have

fostered a sense of belonging and enhanced community life in Friona. He emphasized the importance of inclusive community events, strategic local partnerships, and public spaces that encourage social interaction.

"Creating a place where everyone feels welcome and connected is essential for community well-being,"

Davila remarked. His insights were particularly focused on successful programs that involve diverse groups in decision-making processes and public discourse. The session provided valuable takeaways for other Texas city managers looking to strengthen community ties and promote inclusivity in their areas.



**Front Row:** Plano's Director of Policy & Government Relations Andrew Fortune, Friona City Manager Lee Davila, and Taylor City Manager Brian LaBorde. **Back Row:** Ransom Canyon City Manager Elena Quintanilla and Kirby City Manager Monique Vernon.



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**Community Calendar**

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- June 27**  
• Enchilada Casserole at Noon Meal @ Senior Center
- July 1**  
• Pile-On at Noon Meal @ Senior Center
- July 3**  
• Library Book Shop at 618 Euclid is open from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
- July 4**  
• Independence Day Holiday  
• No Noon Meal @ Senior Center
- July 6**  
• Roll-Off boxes open for trash disposal at East 8th & South Jackson Ave.
- July 8**  
• Drinking Water Quality Report Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall at 619 Main Street

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**Mayor's Minutes**

By Greg Lewellen



**Bruce Fleming**  
City Council Member

Summer has come on strong in Friona, and the City Pool is in full operation from 1pm to 5pm every day. The City had a good response to lifeguard and other positions at the pool this year, with 11 applicants filling the lifeguard, cashier, and manager/assistant manager positions. The pool crew came to the City Council meeting at the beginning of this month and manager Reese Stowers introduced several of the lifeguards to us. Visit the City's social media accounts or refer to the paper for various activities and to book a party during the summer. The pool will close come the first part of August as people leave for college and return to school. Next year, we should have the Splash Pad constructed to add to the pool that is being built through a grant from Texas Parks & Wildlife.

This month I wanted to highlight City Council Member Bruce Fleming. Bruce has been on the council for 11 years this past May and is currently in the last year of his last term as a council member. He has brought a keen financial eye to the city and leant his expertise in agriculture and water issues to the council over the years. Below is Mr. Fleming's article

describing his background and vision for Friona.

My name is Bruce Fleming, and I was born and raised in Friona. My wife is Shana (Gibson) Fleming of Friona, and our adult children are Cotton, Aspen and Mason. I graduated from Friona High School, then received dual bachelor's degrees in business finance and business management, followed by a master's degree in accounting. I'm a licensed Certified Public Accountant (CPA).

I was originally approached and

asked to run for a City Council position in 2013 by citizens who wanted me to focus on the issue of water in Friona. In my tenure, the City has purchased additional water rights and has concentrated those water rights in areas with the deepest saturated thickness of water. The City has previously constructed, and is continuing to finish work on, the city water loop, which will help balance water availability and pressure throughout Friona and allow us to pump water to areas of the City that would otherwise be without in the face of mechanical issues. During the Pandemic the City used Federal funds to prepare a long-range water model that can be used to guide the City for the next 40 years into the future. This model allows for many "what-if" scenarios such as population growth, water use, and other factors that revolve around our water resources, allowing the City to plan ahead. Friona is also currently implementing a water resource conservation program that will pay residents for household water efficiency improvements. I'm excited for this program, as these household improvements will help conserve water for future generations.



**Chamber Business Spotlight**

Presented by the Friona Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture



Nikao Athletix empowers the youth in our community by combining expert athletic training with a strong foundation in biblical principles. Gabriel Chico the owner and trainer for Nikao Athletix began this journey because of his passion for God and athletics. He aims to cultivate not only exceptional athletes but also

confident, compassionate individuals who know Jesus Christ. Nikao Athletix's approach for youth development by instilling biblical values alongside physical fitness helps these athletes reach their full potential both on and off the field or court. To get connected follow Nikao Athletix on Facebook.



**Notice of Public Hearing**

The City Council of the City of Friona will hold a public hearing on the Consumer Confidence Report 2023 at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 8, 2024.

The hearing will be held in the City Council Chambers at City Hall at 619 Main Street in Friona, Texas.

Everyone is invited to attend to voice comments and ask questions regarding the drinking water quality report mailed to all water customers in the City of Friona.

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**ACROSS**

1 "\_\_\_ Texas" by Jimmie Rogers

5 \_\_\_smith drummer Joey Kramer has lived in Texas

6 ABC affiliate in San Antonio

7 tall Italian volcano

8 TXism: "never \_\_\_ in the glow of a neon light"

17 Greenville road in Dallas, e.g. (abbr.)

18 actor/comedian in Texas-based 1992 "Sidekicks" (2 wds.)

21 TX Buddy Holly's "That'll \_\_\_ the Day"

22 Astros & Rangers get three an inning

23 TXism: "too lazy to \_\_\_ flies"

24 "\_\_\_ Lake in Martin County in Jasper County on U.S. 96"

30 Texas-based insur. co. for the military

31 TX-born actress, Robin (init.)

32 a type of Texas tycoon (2 wds.)

34 TX Jordan Spieth won 2015 U.S. \_\_\_

35 dir. from Elgin to Yoakum

36 some RVs

37 "It's \_\_\_!"

38 "gotta \_\_\_ with the punches"

39 fix a mistake? (3 wds.)

41 defamation

42 OJ's judge, Lance

43 TXism: "wipe the \_\_\_ clean" (erase)

44 this TX-born Alvin was a noted dancer

45 Mavericks rival, the Pelicans (abbr.)

46 TXism: "windy"

47 stomach issue caused by stress

48 TXism: "she \_\_\_ him like a hot horseshoe"

50 window shelves

51 TXism: "fits like scales \_\_\_ fish"

52 TXism: "\_\_\_ it be"

53 TXism: "red \_\_\_" (liquor)

**DOWN**

1 TXism: "\_\_\_ to rope him" (large man)

2 cheerful and jolly

3 easternmost city in Fisher County on highway 70

9 TXism: "dainty as \_\_\_ bride"

10 TXism: "\_\_\_ \_ lick" (none)

11 TXism: "does a wet dog stink?"

12 this Tom was a Traveling Wilbury with TX Roy (init.)

13 TXism: "she threw a \_\_\_ fit"

14 TXism for "I declare" (2 wds.)

15 UT was 2015 \_\_\_ football champ

16 TXism: "\_\_\_ half a mind to" (inclined)

19 "\_\_\_, sage, rosemary & thyme"

20 TX "\_\_\_ Twins" sang on Lawrence Welk show

22 TX Larry McMurtry was able to \_\_\_ many other authors

24 init. of Houston's Olajuwon before he was Hakeem

25 TXism: "\_\_\_ out" (left quickly)

26 Austin PBS station

27 upcoming series for TX William Jackson Harper: "\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Full" (Netflix)

28 "\_\_\_ rest" (buried)

29 big farm buildings

30 "put \_\_\_ shut up"

33 teacher labor union

34 instrument in the Dallas Symphony

35 TXism: "\_\_\_ as a judge in court"

37 branch of an artery

38 TXism: "\_\_\_ up" (very angry)

40 early Texas attacks: Indian \_\_\_

41 TXism: "walking dandruff"

44 Europe mountains

47 "night owl" (2 wds.)

49 in Young County on highway 79

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## COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

### Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from June 13, 2024 to June 20, 2024

(6/14/24) Brandon Hyland Foster, Jalaina Renay Foster — Jared Hettinga, McKenzie Hettinga — Tract on the NE 1/4 of Section 49, Block A, Capitol Syndicate Subdivision, Parmer County, Texas

(6/14/24) Brandon Hyland Foster, Jalaina Renay Foster — Tate Nichols, Elizabeth Nichols — Tract in NE 1/4 of Section 49, Block A, Capitol Syndicate Subdivision, Parmer County, Texas

(6/14/24) Betsy Clark — Manuel Toledo — Lots 20, 21, 22, of Block 3 of the Western Addition, City of Friona, Parmer County, Texas

(6/18/24) Nelda Jean Finley, Estate of James E. Finley, James E. Finley Estate QTIP Trust, James E. Finley Estate FCS Trust — Nelda Jean Finley — The NE 1/4th of Section 22, T1M, R4E, of a Capital Syndicate Subdivision in Parmer County; More Tracts on Exhibit "A"

(6/18/24) Friona Wheat Growers — RSR Facilities — NW 1/4 of Section 19, T5S, R4E of a Capitol Syndicate Subdivision, Parmer County, Texas

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

Reported by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office

May 24, 2024 to June 23, 2024

Eric Geske, Sheriff

(5/24/24) Christopher Steven Muzik, 43, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on Parmer County Warrants/VOP/MTR on charges of Possession CS PG 1 ≥ 1g < 4g and Burglary of Building

(5/24/24) Raymundo Vazquez, 35, of Friona was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a Parmer County Warrant/VOP/MTR on a charge of Possession CS PG 1 < 1g

(5/31/24) Kayden James Kinman, 20, of Farwell was arrested by the Farwell Police Department on a Kenedy County Indictment on a charge Smuggling of Persons Pecuniary Benefit

(6/3/24) Richard Carl Phillips, 51, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on a Out-of-State Bench Warrant on charges of Fugitive From Justice and Possession CS PG 2 ≥ 4g < 400g

(6/3/24) Quala Dee Schattschneider, 53, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on a charge of Possession CS PG 1 ≥ 1g < 4g

(6/5/24) Michael D. Williams, 37, of Hobart, Oklahoma was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on charges of Possession CS PG 1 < 1g and Possession CS PG 2 < 1g

(6/6/24) Domingo Ortiz Grave, 28, of Friona was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Public Intoxication

(6/6/24) Miguel Grave Zacaria, 25, of Friona was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on charges of Driving While Intoxicated and License Carried/Exhibited on Demand 3rd

(6/9/24) Mychaela Rae Ulibarri, 20, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Farwell Police Department on charges of Resisting Arrest Search of Transport and Possession Marijuana < 2oz

(6/11/24) Alfredo Audel Rosales, 24, of Amarillo was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Possession CS PG 1 < 1g

(6/13/24) Victor Gonzalez, 47, of Friona was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a Parmer County Warrant/VOP/MTR on a charge of Possession CS PG 1 < 1g

(6/13/24) Alejandro Ibarra, 30, of Dimmitt was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on a charge of Driving w/Lic Inv w/Prev Conv/Susp/W/O Fin Res

(6/15/24) Concepcion Camila Davila, 23, of Friona was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a Parmer County Warrant/VOP/MTR on a charge of Aggravated Assault w/Deadly Weapon

(6/15/24) Jose Fernando Perez Hernandez, 24, of Friona was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on charges of Assault Causes Bodily Injury Family Member, Evading Arrest Detention, and Resisting Arrest Search or Transport

(6/19/24) Alberto Angel Nicolas, 29, of Dimmitt was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a Parmer County Parole Violation on a charge of Possession CS PG 1 ≥ 1g < 4g

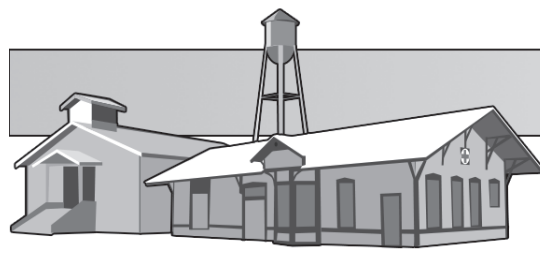
(6/21/24) Alfredo Timmie Alonzo, 62, of Bovina was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a Parmer County Warrant/Other on a charge of Criminal Mischief ≥ \$100 < \$750

(6/21/24) Monica Lynn Garcia, 45, of Friona was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Possession CS PG 1 ≥ 1g < 4g

(6/22/24) Richard Dionisio Mireles, 22, of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of Possession Marijuana < 2oz

(6/23/24) Nathaniel Jordan Maestas Vega, 25, of Amarillo was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on charges of Possession CS PG 2 ≥ 4g < 400g and Possession Marijuana < 2oz

(6/23/24) Albert Ernest Wentz, 49, of Muleshoe was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Assault Causes Bodily Injury Family Member



## TOWN TALK

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**Happy Anniversary** — July 1st will mark the 10th Anniversary of Lt. Isidro Jimenez being sworn in as Chief of Police for the City of Friona. Jimenez replaced Frank Mooney who retired at the end of June in 2014. Chief Jimenez began his career with the police department as a patrol officer in October 2004. Congratulations on 10 years as police chief and 20 years as a police officer serving our community!

**Patriotic Parade** — A Fourth of July Parade will be held in the Western Addition and will start at 1609 W. 10th Street. Line-up is at 9:15 a.m. and the parade will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will go around the block. Free snowcones will be served by Fire & Ice.

**Attention Caregivers** — A Caregiver Meeting will be held on Friday, July 5th at Legacy Pointe located at 1500 N. Main in Friona. Refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting will start at 10:00 a.m. and will be an open conversation on caregiving. All family and private-paid caregivers are invited to attend. This free educational event is sponsored by Bluebonnet Home Health and Hospice.

**You're Invited** — Vendors are invited to participate in the "Summer Celebration" with News-Channel 10 in the city park on Tuesday, July 16th. This exciting event will celebrate and showcase Friona and will feature various activities and attractions for the whole community. There will be a designated area for vendors booths at the celebration. The vendor spots are free of charge. Vendors must supply their own setup and must be ready by 4:30 p.m. the day of the event. For more information contact the Chamber of Commerce at 806-250-3491.

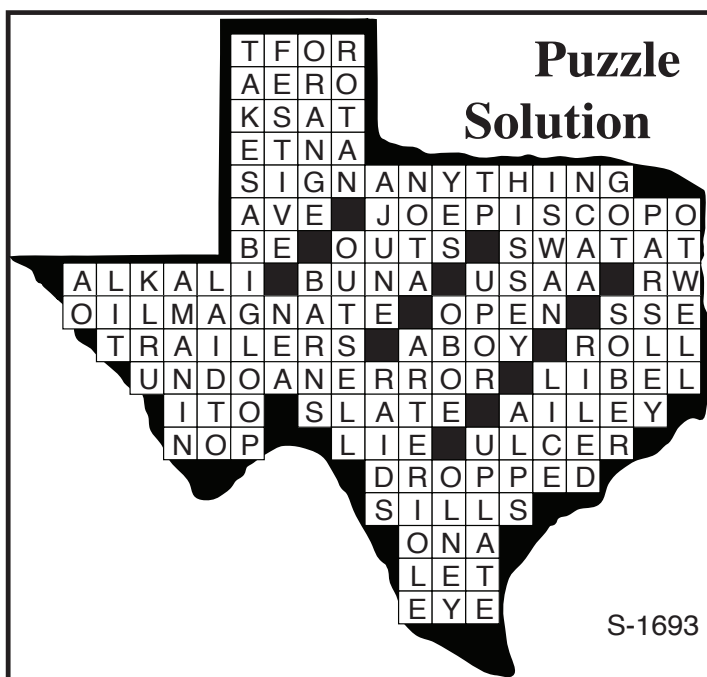
**Texas Facts** — The Bugs Bunny phrase "What's up, Doc?" originated in Texas. Looney Tunes animator Tex Avery, who introduced it, said it was commonly heard when he was growing up there. Source: funworldfacts.com

**Meter Made** — Xcel Energy technicians and/or authorized contractors have been working around town replacing old meters (and apparently dumb) with new smart meters. The new meters are said to enhance your electric service and provide you with more info about your energy usage. Visit [xcelenergy.com/SmartMeter](http://xcelenergy.com/SmartMeter) to learn more. You can also sign up at [xcelenergy.com/MyAccount](http://xcelenergy.com/MyAccount) to see your billing history and learn more about the new features and tools available.

**Next Week** — Next week's Friona Star will be delivered a day early (Wednesday) due to the July 4th holiday on Thursday. One of the features will be a look back at the highlights of the first six months of the year.

**Water Tower Update** — Completion of the Water Tower Repair Project is still about 2-3 weeks away. Work on the inside is still underway and another coat of paint will be applied to the exterior. See artwork on back page.

**National Days**  
June 27 — Sunglasses Day  
June 28 — Logistics Day  
June 29 — Waffle Iron Day  
June 30 — Meteor Watch Day  
July 1 — Gingersnap Day  
July 2 — Wildland Firefighter Day  
July 3 — Eat Your Beans Day



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## Smalltown Cookin'

# National Ginger Snap Day is July 1st

This is a day for celebrating a sweet and savory cookie treat containing molasses, cloves, ginger, cinnamon, and brown sugar. Written records indicate the ginger snap was invented by German monks around 1296, using the word "snappen" as the description of the delicious treat. Interestingly, there doesn't seem to be very much "gingersnap" history available again until the early 1800s, where records indicate Dutch colonists were making them regularly.

Ginger Snaps are a healthy version to a cookie because of the ingredients they contain. Ginger, cinnamon, and clove all are considered anti-inflammatory spices. In addition, these ingredients are also known to fight heart disease. Separately, ginger snap spices each provide more specific benefits: Cinnamon - lowers glucose levels in the body to help fight diabetes; Ginger - aids in treating digestion; and Cloves - helps treat oral diseases and headaches.



### Ingredients

- 1 cup brown sugar
- 3/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1/4 cup molasses
- 1 large egg
- 2 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/4 teaspoon salt (optional)
- 1/2 cup white sugar

### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees
2. Mix brown sugar, oil, molasses, and egg together in large bowl
3. Combine flour, baking soda, ginger, cinnamon, cloves, and salt
4. Stir combined ingredients into molasses mixture
5. Roll dough into 1 1/4 inch balls
6. Roll in white sugar
7. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheet
8. Bake at 350 degrees for 10-12 minutes
9. Cool on wire rack

# State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



## STAAR scores in math, science decline

Texas student scores in math and science showed marked drops in science comprehension, according to the Texas Education Agency. The 2024 results show declining math and science scores across all tested grade levels.

Only 34% of elementary and middle-school students met or mastered grade-level science, a drop of 5.7 percentage points from last year. Math scores also dropped slightly.

"Pandemic-induced disruptions to learning exacerbated students' difficulties in mastering fundamental math concepts, TEA Commissioner Mike Morath said. "As a result, we must keep our foot on the gas to intensify efforts in pro-

viding targeted interventions and research-based education strategies to ensure that students obtain necessary foundational skills and concepts and achieve the desired academic outcomes not only in math but across all subject areas."

More detailed results for individual districts can be found at [texasassessment.gov](https://texasassessment.gov).

## Seven state hospital projects announced

Bolstered by \$1.5 billion in funding passed last year by the Legislature, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission has announced seven new state hospital projects to serve people in need of inpatient psychiatric services.

"Texas continues working to increase access to critical behavioral health

treatments for Texans in every corner of our state," Gov. Greg Abbott said.

The projects are in various stages of planning and design. They include:

**Panhandle State Hospital (Amarillo):** Constructing a new state hospital to serve 75 patients in a non-maximum-security unit. Budget: \$159 million.

**Lubbock Psychiatric Center:** Constructing a new state hospital with a 50-bed maximum-security unit. Budget: \$121 million.

**Terrell State Hospital:** Constructing a 250-bed replacement hospital. Budget: \$573 million.

**North Texas State Hospital - Wichita Falls:** Constructing a 200-bed replacement hospital. Budget: \$452 million.

**Rio Grande State Center (Harlingen):** Expanding current facility to add a 50-bed maximum-security unit. Budget: \$120 million.

**San Antonio State Hospital:** Renovating an existing building to add a 40-bed maximum-security unit. Budget: \$15 million.

**El Paso Psychiatric Center:** Planning and land acquisition to expand the current facility

by 50 non-maximum-security beds. Budget: \$50 million.

## Military bases provide \$151.2 billion economic impact

U.S. military installations in Texas contributed at least \$151.2 billion to the state's economy last year and supported more than 677,000 jobs across the state, according to a study by the state comptroller's office.

The state is home to 15 major U.S. military installations, as well as the Army Futures Command headquarters.

Besides the economic impact, the military bases contribute to the state's culture, Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said.

"The installations are also vibrant and dynamic partners in the community, supporting not just business and industry but also schools, charities, youth sports and cultural events," he said.

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# Happy Birthday

## June 28

Sherry Atwell  
Bill Hardin  
Leslie (Wilkins) Ware  
Jackie Stowers  
Dwight O'Brian  
Holly (Jack) Noble

## July 1

Ibby Lewellen  
Amelia Randolph Cramer  
Courtney (Clark) Lamberson  
Jennifer Harris  
Tommy Hutchins  
Shalia Sifford

## June 29

Aleyda (Lechuga) Belfield  
Andrew Stowers  
Jim Varner  
Tristan Gonzales  
Taysha Huckins  
Dewayne Procter  
Tracy Bunker

## July 2

Joann McDonald  
Rhonda Wilkins  
Janet Edwards  
Carol Jackson  
Matthew Stanberry  
Steven Mann  
Emilee Leftwich  
Laura Blackburn  
Charlie Herring

## June 30

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Karene Cass  
Keegan Neill  
Jayden Madrigal  
Dallas Reeves  
Zack Fair  
Dalton Surman  
Jana St.Clair  
Martin Lopez

## July 3

Jan Reeve  
Booney Gonzales  
Cyle Lookingbill  
Megan Evans  
Phil Johnson  
Ruben Vazquez  
Angel Mills

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## By the Numbers

City of Friona  
May 2024

### Public Library

21 days open  
412 e-visits  
762 in-house visits  
25 new patrons  
548 items circulated  
228 new items added  
\$393.95 copy fees collected  
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Book Shop open 6 days  
\$125.00 in sales

### Police Department

99 calls  
0 arrests  
38 citations  
75 warnings  
113 stops  
1,924 miles driven  
Municipal Court  
\$11,179.19 fines collected  
\$2,930.26 remitted to State

### EMS

24 transports (911)  
9 Prairie Acres (911)  
12 transfers  
8 non-transports (911)  
1 no patient or disregard  
0 standby  
54 total service calls

### Volunteer Fire Department

5/5 lift assist — 7 firefighters, 2 trucks  
5/14 wreck — 7 firefighters, 3 truck  
5/22 car wreck — 8 firefighters, 3 trucks  
5/24 car wreck — 6 firefighters, 2 trucks  
5/28 semi truck fire — 9 firefighters, 3 trucks

# Gas prices hold steady

## By Gas Buddy

Average gasoline prices in Texas rose 7.8 cents last week, averaging \$3.03 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas was priced at \$2.44 while the most expensive was \$3.89 per

gallon.

The national average price of gasoline rose 0.3 cents last week, averaging \$3.41 per gallon. The national average price of diesel rose 2.4 cents and stands at \$3.76 per gallon.

"With summer now officially here, we've seen the national average price of gasoline holding most steady compared to last week, with some states seeing their traditional price cycling every couple of weeks, while others have seen prices slowly slip," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

"For now, gasoline prices may see little movement ahead of July 4 as oil prices have risen above \$80. But the good news is that instead of the national average jumping to follow the rising price of oil, it's holding steady. The bummer is that the decrease we hoped for will have to wait, thanks to oil's climb," De Haan added.

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

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# Passing the Baton

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Relay races are some of Track and Field's most exciting races. The essential athletic skill of a sprinter, combined with the passing of the baton from one runner to the next leads to thrilling contests. In a relay race, you can have the fastest person on your team, but if they can't receive and pass the baton, then their skill is all for naught. In a similar way, God's design for his leaders is not for them to hold on to their position and responsibilities indefinitely, but God's design is for leaders to be able to pass the baton of leadership, so that the people of God move forward in the purpose of God.

In Deuteronomy 31 the baton of leadership is passed from Moses to

Joshua. As the nation lingered on the border of the Promised Land, Moses confirmed Joshua as the next leader of God's people. As the nation witnessed this passing of the baton, the promise of Deuteronomy 31:8 was key, "It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed." Joshua's leadership was a call and charge from God almighty, and only possible as he remained true to the Lord and his strength. In a similar manner, if you wish to live successfully, you must keep your focus on the Lord, follow his word, stay filled with his Spirit, and remain faithful till the end.

## Panhandle Parables

# Call to Compassion

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

Nearly 25 years ago, I met an elderly lady that reframed the way I see people. As a minister it has always been my desire to help. I thought that I had good intentions in helping others. I did want them to know the Jesus I knew, although I didn't beat people up with a Bible. I will admit it is an easy temptation to judge others that find themselves in less than desirable circumstances. Most ministers can relate because there are those who take advantage of help and once you have been burned a time or two you can easily get cynical. Likely true of anyone whose help has been taken advantage of.

Now back to my original story, I met this elderly lady full of grace. I remember at her passing, all the kind things said of her character. One time

while visiting with her and her husband who was in the hospital, she told me a story that has challenged me every day since. She told me about her mother. They lived near the railroad tracks during the great depression. She said every morning her mother put on a big pot of stew. Every evening they began to wander up, hobos that is, would wander to the house that smelled so good from the pot of stew. This lady's mother would simply feed these poor souls wandering with no real direction. When asked why she would allow such folks come close to her house, she would say graciously, "These folks are somebody's son or daughter and I would hope heaven forbid if my child was in that spot someone would offer them the refuge of a meal to encourage them

in the hopeless state they found themselves." The daughter in her eighties smiled as she shared that story and too lived a life of compassion for others.

I sat there almost ashamed of the opportunities I had missed because I was concerned of what others might think. My mind flashes of the homeless lady I passed in Rome with her clothes thread bare as I passed dragging my suitcase full of clothes. I still struggle at times, but now I am mindful of the compassion of a lady I never knew except through her daughter who only saw them as someone's child. Compassion is in short supply in many places, but oh to change the world if we would heed the call to compassion leading us to be patient and kind to those in a different situation than us.

# Enjoy a Life of Peace and Joy

By Teena Hughs

In our first chapter of my Monday morning ladies study of James, I found these convicting words from the study book: "Faith in God means more than a ticket to Heaven when we die--it means a changed life, now; this side of eternity. It means more than simply believing good theology and doctrine--it means living in wisdom and integrity, kindness, patience, and generosity, as Jesus did... James challenges his readers to live the life that Jesus called them to, not just to think about it or talk about it, but to do it."

So, do you welcome the seasons where Jesus is making changes to your life, where He is transforming your life to be more like His? Do you fight those changes He is making, and try to keep them from happening because living in the world is more fun than living according to God's Word? Are you afraid of the changes Jesus might make? Are you like me, and you want to live your life like Jesus, but you don't want to have to go through the process of making the changes, because you don't know what it is going to take to get those changes made?

Once again, it is all about choices, the choices you and I have the freedom to make. I can only speak for myself, but there is such a freedom and peace when I surrender to Jesus and the changes He wants me to make; when I become more of the person He wants me to be, and the person He is transforming me to be.

I am so thankful for His Word, because it is my guide to live like Jesus. If I ever have a question about whether Jesus would do or not do something, I have the

answer right before me; all I have to do is look! I have no excuses for not knowing what I need to do!

I also have a husband, a daughter, a son, friends and family I can turn to when I have questions or concerns about what I should do. These are the same people I can depend on to hold me accountable to do what is right.

Ultimately, I am accountable to Jesus. When I die, and I meet Him, I am going to have to account for things I should have done, and things I shouldn't have done! I have the opportunity now to live in Godly wisdom and integrity.

I have ample opportunities to be kind every day, even if I never leave this ranch. I have a phone to call people and text them; I have paper and pen to write letters; I have crafts I can make for people, etc., and of course, I can always pray.

With God's help, I can also live a life of patience. James 1:3-4 says that when my faith is tested, my patience has a chance to grow; and when my patience is fully developed, I will be strong in character and ready for anything!

Lastly, I can live a life of generosity like Jesus. This is the one I need to work on most at times because sometimes I have trouble being generous with my stuff, my time, my money when none of it is really mine because it all belongs to God!

Friends, I am 69, and I have learned that it is just so much easier to surrender to Jesus than to battle with Him. He is going to come out the winner every time anyway! Allow Him to make the changes He needs to make in you, and enjoy a life of peace and joy that comes from those changes!

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*Vengan a mí todos ustedes que están cansados y agobiados; yo les daré descanso. Mateo 11:28 NVI*

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# Obituaries



## Max Self

Max Self, 95, of Friona, Texas, passed away on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, in Amarillo, Texas. A Graveside Service was held on Saturday, June 22, 2024, at 11:00 A.M., at the Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery in Muleshoe, Texas, under the direction of Mendez and Mullins Family Funeral Home of Hereford.



Max was a hardworking, independent, kind man. He enjoyed his work as a farmer and rancher and the long hours cultivating his land and during retirement he enjoyed yardwork, gardening, and time spent with family.

Those left to cherish his memories are his children, Gayla Brown and her husband David of Bootleg, Texas; Gary Self and his wife Faith of Childress, Texas; and Terry Self and his wife Fran of Perrin, Texas; nine grandchildren, twenty-two great grandchildren, and one great-grandson on the way.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Otha and Veta Self, wife Dorothy Self, and sister Dolores Ivy.

Max was born on May 12, 1929, in Kiowa County, Oklahoma to Otha and Veta (Goodwin) Self. He graduated from Muleshoe High School. Max served in the United States Army from 1951-1952. He married Dorothy (Harris) Self on June

11, 1955. Max and Dorothy were residents of Friona from 1961-1984. They moved to Gibtown, Jack County where Max farmed and ranched till 2002. After retirement Max and Dorothy moved to Dimmitt and resided there from 2002-2018. Max moved back to the Friona area and lived in Bootleg for the last 5 years.



## Sylvia Raymond

Sylvia Raymond, 69, of Canyon, Texas went to be with the Lord on June 13, 2024, at home surrounded by loved ones. Sylvia was born in Burnet, Texas on December 11, 1954, to Domingo and Elena Hernandez. At age six she was blessed with her dad Conrado Perez Sr.



Garcia of Friona, Texas, Margie Garcia of San Antonio, Texas, Christi (Fredie) Merino of Canyon, Texas, Amy (Edgar) Hernandez of Mineola, Texas, and Jeremy (Angie) Raymond of Friona, Texas; 15 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren with one on the way; seven brothers: Henry Hernandez, Manuel Hernandez, Conrado Perez Jr., Garry Hernandez, Ricky Hernandez, Sonny Hernandez, John Hernandez, and three sisters: Terry Coburn, Sally Aguirre, and Rachel Prieto.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to BSA Hospice of the Southwest: D'Dee, Lindsey, Brenda, and volunteer sitter Charlie.

A Memorial Service will be held at 1:00 pm Friday, June 28, 2024, at Templo Damasco, 403 Woodland St., Friona, Texas 79035.

Sylvia married the late Roman Garcia Sr. and together they had three children: Roman, Margie, and Christi. She later married Steve Raymond, gaining two more children: Amy and Jeremy. They resided in Friona, Texas before moving to Colorado, then Oklahoma. Upon retirement they moved to Canyon, Texas. They were married for 34 years.

She was a devoted Christian who enjoyed teaching Sunday school, singing on the praise and worship team, and serving wherever she was needed. She loved family vacations, puzzles, and reading. She will be remembered for her servant's heart, positive attitude, and beautiful smile.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Those to carry on her legacy include her husband Steve Raymond of Canyon, Texas; five children: Roman (Jessica)

# Summer Reading Program

The Friona Public Library hosted the Kyle Groves "Magic Show" last Thursday as part of its Summer Reading Program. "Adventure Begins At

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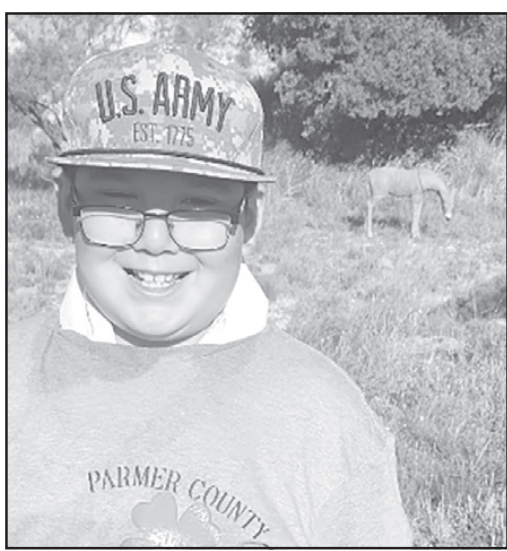
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## 4-H News

Five 4-H members participated in the 3d Archery Contest in Lubbock last Saturday. Photo above — (l-r) Kaiden Perez, Jacob Hoyle, Hannah Hoyle, Aleta Kube, and Erick Carrasco. Photo at right — Kaiden Perez placed 3rd in the Junior category.

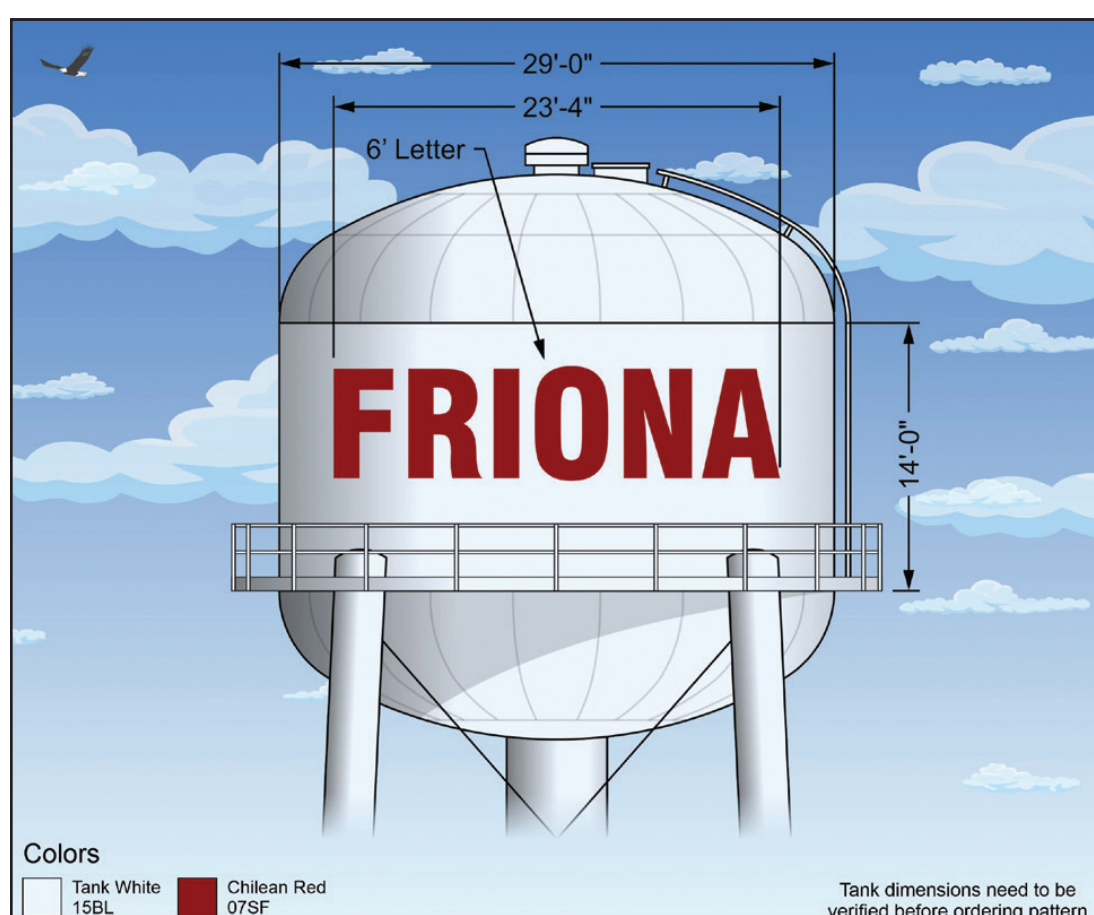


## We Can Dig It!

The Friona Squaws volleyball team would like to thank everyone who supported them last Friday at their Car Wash & Lunch fundraising event. Members of the Friona Vocational Agriculture Association cooked the pulled pork which was donated by Hi-Pro Feeds. Friona Noon Lions members assisted with the cooking of the world famous fries. Mother Nature provided some assistance as light rain helped team members with the washing of the vehicles. Go Squaws!



Wheat harvest in full swing at Gurley Farms.



Artist rendition of repainted water tower

## Resource Center Welcomes Volunteers

First Baptist Farwell youth volunteered as greeters and servers at the "Birdies for Babies" fundraising golf tournament hosted by Created With Purpose of West Texas on June 13.

CWPWTX appreciates volunteers of all ages and is always looking for those who are willing and able to give of their

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Also, during the months of June & July the resource center is hosting a weekly story hour, **Books, Family, & Fun**, on Wednesday mornings from 10:00-11:00 a.m. at the center. Parents and children are invited.



In the photo — (l-r) Jackson Henderson, Emma Henderson, Abbey Urbantke, Jude Fisher, Cheyanne Sudderth, Breanna Garcia, Youth Pastor Kyle Harrison and his wife Abby.

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