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Capital Mascot — NewsChannel 10 visited Friona on Tuesday as part of their Summer Celebration 2024 Tour. The event wrapped up with a live news broadcast at 6:30 p.m. in the city park. At the end of the broadcast, NewsChannel 10 personalities Dave Oliver and Lindsey Stiner, revealed the winning name for the Cheeseburger Mascot. "Chee Zee" is now the official mascot for Friona, the Cheeseburger Capital of Texas.

### Stock Show Steak Dinner changes announced

After many years of having the Parmer County Stock Show Steak Dinner at the Bovina XIT Center, the Stock Show Board has reorganized the Steak Dinner to work towards improving attendance and the experience of the dinner.

At the April board meeting, Board President Darren Haseloff formed a Steak Dinner committee to consist

of Dusty Ramage, Seth Murphree, Janelle Duffey, Darren Haseloff, and Chris Timms. The committee reached out to Alpo's Barn regarding the possibility of relocating the Steak Dinner to their facility and received great support from them in assisting in the move.

This year, the Parmer County Stock Show Steak Dinner will be Saturday, September

7th at Alpo's Barn, featuring live entertainment headlined by Bart Crow, with an opening by Pat Waters Band. The Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by a ticket drawing for \$1,000 and \$500, and a concert beginning at 8:30 p.m.

Steak Dinner tickets are available at the AgriLife Extension Office in Bovina and from various board members, and are \$100 each. The ticket includes two steak dinners and two admission tickets to the concert.

This year, because of the venue, the steak dinners will not be available for takeout, but we encourage everyone to

stay for the concert.

Gate tickets to the concert will also be available on Alpo's Barn's website, alposbarn. com, and at the gate the night of the event. There is a discount for prebuying concert tickets online. Alpo's Barn will feature a food truck during the concert and is BYOB.

All the money raised during the Steak Dinner will go towards benefiting the exhibitors at this year's upcoming 2025 Parmer County Junior Livestock Show.



The city's Newest Mural "Friona at Sunset" is located on the north end of the Chieftain Sports and Fitness building at 1017 Main (facing Hwy 60). The mural was painted by Mason Fleming of Camel Murals and Aneesa was the design artist. Artist Instagram: @fleming.mason

### **Meals needed for Kidz Building Camp**

Kidz Building Camp will take place July 22nd through July 26th from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. each evening. This event offers a wonderful opportunity for local kids who might not have the chance to attend camps out of town or go on vacation to engage in a fun, summer experience.

During the camp, kids have the opportunity to build amazing forts and structures using the tools and materials that are provided. In the past, participants have created impressive projects, and it will be interesting to see what they will accomplish this year.

Support of local businesses is needed and appreciated. Volunteers are needed to help cook and serve a meal or provide snacks one night out of the week. This is more than just a sponsorship; it is an opportunity for you to interact with the children in our community and make a meaningful impact on their lives.

### Your involvement would entail:

- Providing, preparing, and serving a meal or snack for one evening during the camp week. (In the past kids have enjoyed pizza, hot dogs & chips, corn dogs & fries, hamburgers, chicken stripes etc. simple meals go over the best + fruit snacks, fruit roll ups, ice cream sandwiches, snow cones for snacks)
- Be a judge the night you serve the meal. You will go to each fort and give them a score based on the categories provided.

### Meals are needed for: Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday

If your business is able to participate, please let us know which evening you would be available. If you have any additional questions about the camp, please contact Erika Carrillo the Director of the Camp at 806-773-8598



18th Annual Cheeseburger Festival July 20th at Reeve Lake

**Kidz Building Camp** July 22 - 26 North of Community Center



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### **Community Calendar**

**Send Calendar information to:** 

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#### **July 18**

• Pile On at Noon Meal @ Senior Center

July 19

• Summer Drama Workshop at FHS Auditorium

- Cheeseburger Festival at Community Center and Reeve Lake
- Summer Drama Workshop at FHS Auditorium

• Salsbury Steak at Noon Meal @ Senior Center

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

### **July 25**

• Enchilada Casserole at Noon Meal @ Senior Center



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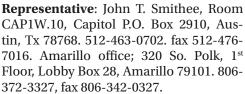
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### **State Capital Highlights**

By Gary Borders



### Abbott demands probe into power outages

More than 2 million Texans lost power when Hurricane Beryl hit the Texas coast, and Gov. Greg Abbott wants to know why. The Austin American-Statesman reported Abbott has ordered the Public Utility Commission to conduct an immediate study into why the Houston area has again been hit by widespread power outages.

"I want to find out, was there a structural flaw with regard to the electrical delivery system?" Abbott said. "Was that the cause of it? If so, what needs to be done to shore up, or was this a personnel issue of not having enough power personnel in all the right locations to get power back up?"

CenterPoint Energy is the primary electricity transmission company serving the Houston area. Its CEO, Jason Ryan, appeared before the PUC last week and was questioned about the outages.

"To our customers that not only have power out but have significant property damage from the trees we talked about coming up from the roots, our hearts go out to you and our hearts go out to our community," Ryan said.

As of Sunday morning, CenterPoint's website indicated 461,247 customers were still without power, nearly a week after Beryl made landfall.

To date, 67 counties have been approved for federal disaster assistance, while other counties may be included as damage assessments are concluded. Those counties in the initial list are: Anderson, Angelina, Aransas, Austin, Bowie, Brazoria, Brazos, Burleson, Calhoun, Cameron, Camp, Cass, Chambers, Cherokee, Colorado, Dewitt, Fayette, Fort Bend, Freestone, Galveston, Goliad, Gregg, Grimes, Hardin, Harris, Harrison, Hidalgo, Houston, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Kenedy, Kleberg, Lavaca, Lee, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Marion, Matagorda, Milam, Montgomery, Morris, Nacogdoches,

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### Forest service assesses tree damage after Beryl

More than 400,000 acres of rural forestland was potentially affected by Hurricane Beryl, according to the Texas A&M Forest Service, which has closed W.G. Jones State Forest in Conroe until a damage assessment can be undertaken. In addition, hurricane force winds potentially affected as much as half of Houston's urbanized area tree coverage, the service reported.

"We used a combination of on-the-ground observation, remote sensing and Forest Inventory and Analysis data to conduct a tree damage assessment for rural forests in East Texas and the Houston metro area," said Aaron Stottlemyer, Texas A&M Forest Service Forest Analytics Department Head.

Workers and others are urged to use extreme caution when clearing tree debris.

### Old pipes lead to billions in lost gallons of water

The state's most populous cities lost approximately 88 billion gallons of water last year because of aging pipes and extreme heat, The Texas Tribune reported. Unsurprisingly, the city that lost the most water, according to self-reported audits, was Houston, the state's largest, at 31.8 billion gallons. Coming in second was San Antonio, which reported losing 19.5 billion gallons.

The main factors for the losses are leaks and water main breaks, problems more often associated with smaller towns with fewer resources to maintain infrastructure, The Tribune reported.

"What we have right now is not sustainable [or] tenable," said Jennifer Walker, National Wildlife Federation's Texas Coast and Water Program director.

An Austin-based think tank, Texas 2036, predicts the state will need to spend more than \$150 billion over the next halfcentury on water infrastructure.

### 'Real ID' will be required by next May

Is your state-issued identification card, such as a driver's license, a Real ID? Texans have until May 2025 to find out and comply with a federal law passed in 2005 in response to 9/11, the Statesman reported. The state in response began issuing Real ID compliant cards in 2016. These cards have a gold circle with an inset star located in the upper right-hand corner.

Right now, a Real ID card is not required to fly domestically, but that will change on May 7, 2025. After that, a Real ID or a passport will be required to board domestic flights. Anyone renewing their driver's license now will receive an idea that is Real ID-compliant.

Passports are still required to travel beyond U.S. borders.

### Saltwater fish release nears 1

Hurricane Beryl slowed the official release of the 1 billionth saltwater fish into Texas bays, but it should happen soon, according to the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal. The Texas Parks and Wildlife program has been releasing fish into Texas bays for the past four decades in order to replenish native fish populations.

The fingerlings are raised in local and state hatcheries. The billionth fish is slated to be a red drum fingerling — a highly popular game fish in Texas.

Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches, Lufkin and Cedar Park. Email: gborders@ texaspress.com

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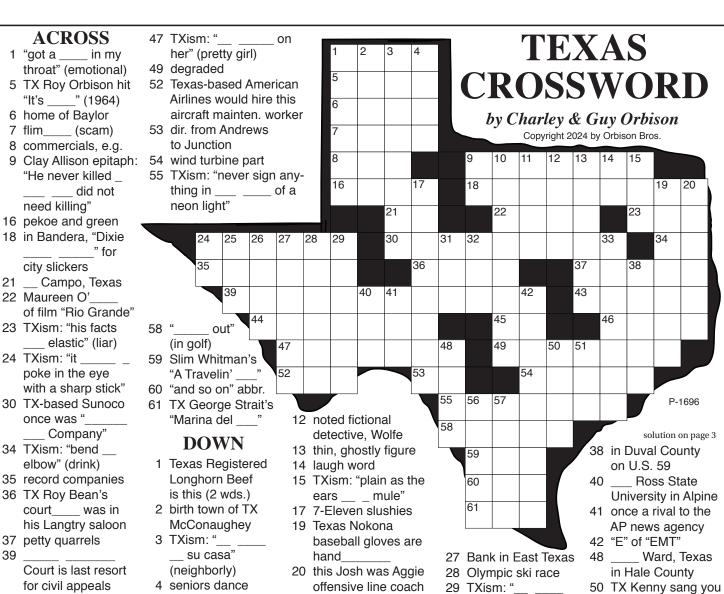
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Thirty days so I can try again, To fix things broken, Thirty days to love you more.

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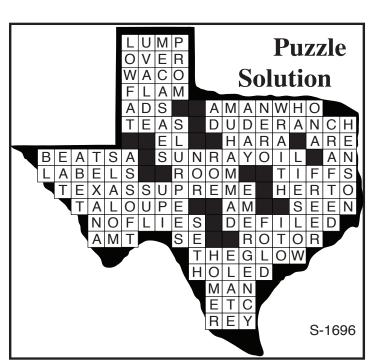
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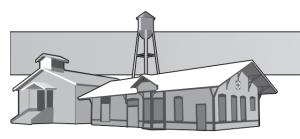






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### TOWN TALK

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**Auction News** — talked to Neil Bentley, of Bentley's Auctions, about the Joyce Wells Living Estate Auction that wrapped up on Monday. He said there were 248 bidders, 103 buyers, and that the property is under contract. Neil said the auction was a great success and thanked everyone who participated.

\*\*\* **Next Week** — The Friona Star will have photos/info concerning all the activities that happened during Cheeseburger Festival week.

**GasBuddy** — Average gasoline prices in Texas rose 7.0 cents last week, averaging \$3.12 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. The cheapest station in Texas was priced at \$2.71 while the most expensive was \$4.28 per gallon. The national average price of gasoline rose 2.5 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.49 per gallon. The national average price of diesel rose 2.3 cents in the last week and stands at \$3.83 per gallon. \*\*\*

Texas Facts — Texas is the ori-

gin of "Tex-Mex," a type of cuisine that combines traditional Spanish and Mexican cuisines. It originated among Tejanos (Texas of Mexican heritage) when Texas was part of New Spain. Source: funworldfacts.com

> \*\*\* **National Days**

July 18 — Sour Candy Day July 19 — Play Day July 20 — Moon Day July 21 — Ice Cream Day July 22 — Hammock Day July 23 — Gorgeous

> Grandma Day \*\*\*



### Obituaries



### Amber Lynn DeLeon

July 27, 1995 - July 11, 2024

Amber Lynn DeLeon, 28 of Bovina passed away July 11, 2024 in Bovina. Viewing was held Sunday July 14, 2024 with prayer services at 6:00PM in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of the funeral home with Celebration of Life Services scheduled for 10:00AM Monday July 15, 2024 at the Crossroads Community Church of Bovina with Pastor Larry Mitchell, officiating. Burial following in the Bovina Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.



Amber was born July 27, 1995 in Clovis, New Mexico. She was a 2013 graduate of Friona High School. She had been a restaurant waitress, and

more recently a paraprofessional with the Friona I.S.D. She loved the color green, to cook and bake, doing hair, nails and cosmetics for herself and others, and music especially listening to her favorite artist Juice WRLD.

Amber is preceded in death by her Uncle Homie Eloy Flores.

Those to mourn her passing include her mother-Sylvia DeLeon of Bovina, 2 sisters-Daniela Rodriguez of Bovina, and Angelica Lyhne Vazquez and husband Serafin of

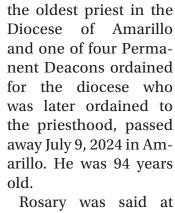
grandmother-Friona, Elodia H. Flores of Bovina, grandfather-Jose Flores of San Juan, Texas, 2 aunts-Maria Flores of Friona, and Patricia Gallagher of Clovis, 11 cousins, and 5 nieces and nephews.

You may send blessings to the family and sign the online guest book exclusively at: hansardfamily. com



### Father Edward Sweeney

February 10, 1930 — July 9, 2024



Father Ed Sweeney,

Rosary was said at 6:00 P.M., Monday, July 15, 2024, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, 2300 N Spring St.

Mass was at 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at St. Laurence Catholic Church, 2300 N. Spring St.

Burial followed at Memorial Park Cemetery. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors, Amarillo.

Edward "Ed" Sweeney was born on Feb. 10, 1930 in McCurtain, Okla., the son of Edward Sweeney and Margaret Dodson Sweeney. He was baptized and confirmed at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Mc-Curtain.

After graduating from high school and college, Sweeney was a supervisor and an Electronics Technician with the Federal Aviation Administration at Amarillo International Airport. He was part of the first class of deacons for the Diocese of Amarillo, ordained Oct. 2, 1977, at St. Laurence Cathedral (now St. Laurence



Church), Amarillo. Deacon Sweeney served as a permanent deacon at St. Laurence Cathedral for 10 years.

After the passing of his wife Ruth, Deacon Sweeney began studies for the priesthood.

"My involvement as a permanent deacon was my inspiration to become a priest," he said in a June 12, 1988 article in the Amarillo Sunday News-Globe. "It was the same motivation that caused me to be a deacon that makes one seek the priesthood."

Father Ed Sweeney was ordained to the priesthood on June 11, 1988 at St. Laurence Cathedral by then-Bishop Leroy T. Matthiesen.

Following his ordination, Father Sweeney was appointed Administrator of Holy Name of Jesus Church, Happy. He was also named director of the Permanent Diaconate for the Diocese of Amarillo, which he served as director until July 1, 1996. On July 1, 1990, he was named a member of a

team of Parochial Vic-

ars for St. Laurence, put in charge of pastoral planning and oversight, with special responsibility for youth ministry. One year later, he was named Moderator of the Priests Pastoral Team at St. Laurence, where he served until Sept. 1, 1994, when he was appointed Parochial Administrator of St. Teresa of Jesus Church, Friona. Father Sweeney was appointed pastor of St. Ann's Church, Bovina on April 1, 1996 and three months later, was appointed the first pastor of St. Teresa of Jesus Church. He would serve at both parishes until his retirement from active ministry on July 1, 2005.

In a 1998 profile in The West Texas Catholic, Father Sweeney was asked what he liked most about being a priest... "Being in that unique and special relationship with the Church, the People of God," he said. Father Sweeney said his greatest experience as a priest was the celebration of the Easter Vigil, calling the cele-

bration "awesome." Father Sweeney was one of four Permanent Deacons for the Diocese of Amarillo to be ordained into the priesthood. Prior to his ordination and wife Ruth's passing he was also raising a family. His children and grandchildren have many fond memories of holidays, camping and family picnics. Adored and loved by all his grandchildren, "Grandpa" was their place to go for hugs, laughs and wise words of Godly advice. You knew when you pulled into his drive, whether he was sitting outside in the shade quietly enjoying a book, inside with classical music playing or he was watching one of his favorite basketball games, Grandpa would meet you with his sparkling blue eyes, face aglow, and his big beautiful smile. Love met you as soon as he saw you. He knew how to love big and did it well.

Father Sweeney was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Ruth Sweeney; daughter, Mary Etta Sweeney Hodges; and eleven siblings.

Survivors include his daughter, Twalla Castilow; son, Carlton Werschky and wife Diane; eleven grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

A special thanks to Care Cottages, Brenda, Diane, Angie and many other loving caregivers. Our hearts are forever grateful for the compassion, dignity, love and tender care you gave Father Ed. He loved you and we love you.



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# Small Town Cookin' By Jeri Lynn White

### Cheeseburgers

This week's cheeseburger recipe is a take on the delicious Jalapeno Popper. It includes cream cheese, cheddar and mozzarella cheese, and, of course, jalapenos. Hope you enjoy!

### Jalapeno Popper Cheeseburger

www.delish.com

### **Ingredients**

4 oz. cream cheese, softened 1/2 c. shredded cheddar 1/2 c. shredded mozzarella 2 jalapeños, minced Kosher salt

Freshly ground black pepper 6 slices bacon, cooked and chopped 1/2 tsp. chili powder 1 1/2 angus ground beef 4 burger buns



#### **Directions**

Make filling: In a medium bowl, mix together cream cheese, cheddar, mozzarella, and jalapeños. Season with salt and pepper, then fold in cooked bacon. Form ground beef into 8 large, thin rounds (about ¼"). Spoon about ¼ cup of filling mixture onto one patty, then place a second patty on top. Pinch edges to seal burger and re-shape into a disc if necessary. Repeat with remaining patties and filling mixture. Preheat grill to mediumhigh. Season burgers on both sides with chili powder, salt, and pepper. Place on grill and cook until cooked through to your liking, about 6 minutes per side for medium. Sandwich with burger buns and serve immediately.

### **Massiefest 2024**



Forty members of the Massie Family attended the yearly reunion which was held in Austin this year. Sisters Marca, Merylene, and Jayn, children of Meryle & Olive Massie, take turns hosting the event each year. Current plans are to attend the Cheeseburger Festival next year in Friona. In the photo at right — Merylene, Jayn, and Marca.





Go Big Red — FHS Cheerleaders and Mascot attended Texas Tech Cheer Camp last week and made quite a showing. The hardware included: 2 spirit sticks on Day 1; 3 spirit sticks, Superior ribbon, and Banana on Day 2; 2 spirit sticks and Superior ribbon on Day 3; Tradition Plaque; Power of Positivity Award; 4th place Camp Routine (small varsity division); Mascot Crowd Leader Award; and 1st place Band Chant (small varsity division). Also, Shelby Lewellen and Aubree Salas were named All American Cheerleaders. In the photo — (l-r) Miranda Pina, Aubree Salas, Stevie Herring, Anaesha Carranza, Yaselene Faudoa, Jaquelyn Salinas, Shelby Lewellen, Lilliana Abarca, Xandra Castaneda.

### Happy Birthday

### **July 19**

Joe Kyle Reeve Karen King Dana Jameson Tony Beauchamp Amy Veggeberg Cody Epperson Peggy Goettsch Karina (Trevino) Ojeda Kim Kimbrough

#### **July 20**

Dee Clark Chance Lewellen Alma Quintana Jayce Polk

#### **July 21**

Lexie Monreal Jamie Lewellen Miranda (Frye) Wilson Gaines Butman Lisa McLellan Brent Gatlin Austin Schlenker Gayle Murdock

#### **July 22**

Johnnie Wiseman **Amber Hansard Jayton Rainey** Kirk Maberry Shelby Silva Lee Jesko **Edward Braillif** 

### **July 23**

Peggy Monroe John Ingram Hadley White Tom Hefner Ella Rector Troy Talley **Iason Randall** Karen Rose Bonnie Pope Susie Perez

### **July 24**

Phila May Weatherly Lilah Gay Vars Abraham Castanon Briana Padilla Sara Van Valkenburg Ale Gonzales Chelsi Bass Amy Yosten Darlene Case Antonia Ramirez Ale Rainey

### **July 25**

Ruben Castaneda Eddie Echevarria



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

### **FBC to host Hope for Israel**

On Sunday, July 28 at 6:00 p.m., First Baptist Church, Friona, will be hosting Bill Katz with Hope for Israel.

Hope for Israel seeks to bring the Hope of Jesus, our Messiah, back to Israel. Their ministry is very involved in the Holy Land, and has been

instrumental in ministering to Israelis in the midst of the war.

The worship service at 6 p.m. will be bilingual. A nursery will be provided and a love offering will be received. For more information call 806-250-3933 or visit fbcfriona.com.



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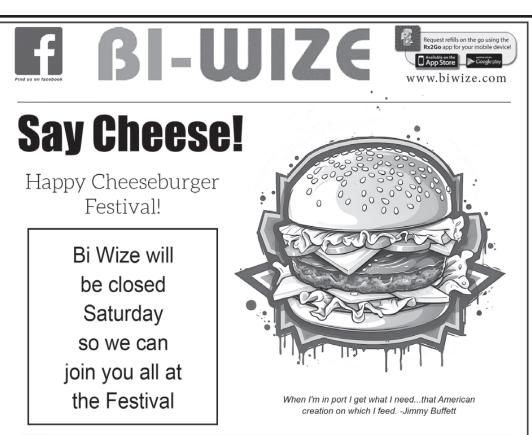
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### **Moses' Promotion**

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

What would be better than being used by God to deliver hundreds of thousands of people from slavery, miraculously witness God's power repeatedly, talk with God on Mt. Sinai, and be the deliverer of God's Word to his people? What would be better than these things is being called home by God into his eternal rest, which is just the case with Moses' death in Deuteronomy 34. By this point in Moses' life, he had led the people forty years, handed the baton of leadership to Joshua, and knowing he would not enter the Promised Land, he was able to go somewhere even better, heaven. His promotion was due, his race had been run, his task was finished, and God's peo-

ple were still in God's hands.

In relation to Moses' death, two key things are said about him in Deuteronomy 34 that are vital for those who would serve the Lord in leadership faithfully. Verse 5 says Moses was "the servant of the Lord." He didn't seek to be a dictator, nor their high and mighty leader, but he was a servant. Moses was great in God's kingdom because he was a humble servant (Num 12:3), and this showed in his leadership of God's people for God's glory. Further, Moses was also a prophet (v10). His prophetic role involved delivering the Law of God to the people of God, and constantly seeking God's face, so that he could powerfully proclaim the Lord's word. The power of the prophet was not in future-predicting mantras, but in clearly proclaiming the word of the Lord, holding the people to it and leading them according to God's direction.

In the Church today, we need leaders who are humble servants, and those who speak boldly the word of the Lord. We need leaders like Moses, who have a zeal for the Lord, and don't shy away from being faithful to obey the Lord and stand on His truth when nobody else will. Such leaders will not find an easy path to trod, but one filled with trials and battles to bring them down, but that is also filled with gospel opportunity and God's faithfulness and might.

### **Panhandle Parables**

## Cheeseburgers & Community Come join the fun!

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

Let the fun begin, it is hard to believe we are already nearing the end of July. Soon school will be in full swing, but not yet and so we have one last community event before busy really sets in and makes us long for the days of summer and Cheeseburgers.

When you look at how our world has gone mad, it is nice to live in Friona. Where we can gather as a community for cheeseburgers and good times with friends and family. Yet we are not immune to the effects of our world as we watch 24-hour news coverage of mostly bad news and some of it very tragic. All

that can create fear and fear unchecked has adverse effects on faith.

Satan loves fear. He desires us to be divided so he encourages us to be afraid. Afraid of other races, afraid of the men and women who keep us civil and not barbaric. Afraid to go places, afraid to talk to people, and out of that fear people have the choice they can become aggressive or faithful.

God is not a god of fear, but love. In fact, John reminds us in 1 John 4, "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has

not been perfected in love." Paul also reminds us, in 2 Timothy 1, "for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." So, our response to fear is to love. That is counter to our culture's answer which is vengeance.

My challenge to you in the heat of July is to find ways to love and not be afraid. Find the courage to help someone, to share, to encourage, to love. May you and I be perfected by love not paralyzed by fear. So go be a blessing to someone today. Enjoy this Cheeseburger festival with the community. Let love begin here.

### **Don't Miss Opportunities to Study**

By Teena Hughs

Ok. This is one of those stories I am not proud to admit, but here goes!

I like to take a break from working on Bible studies in the summer. I like having my summers off, except when I am reading through the Bible in a year. I feel like I need time to catch up on projects, get my house really clean and in order, get my ironing caught up, and I feel like I need to get refreshed before studies start in late-August and after Labor Day so I can put all of my energy into them and have no excuses for not doing so.

I never dreamed my Monday morning ladies would want to continue meeting through the summer, but they did. I have found that people also need/want a break in the summer, and attendance isn't always the best. However, we have had as few as five and as many as 12.

I admit I have felt a little guilty about liking to have my summer "Bible study-free". After all Jesus has done for me and my family and friends, it would seem like the last thing I would ever want to give up is the opportunity to study His Word and get to know Jesus better, just so I can get some things done so I will be better prepared for the fall. It sounds selfish on my part.

I also have to admit I have really enjoyed summer Bible study. This is probably the most time I have spent in the Word during the summer. Even though I have had good intentions of studying on my own in the summer, I have never succeeded.

I have learned so much about myself this summer from continuing to meet. I feel a peace from studying the book of James and meeting with my ladies. I learn so much from them and their thoughts and discussions. And, to be honest, I feel like studying through the summer is what I am supposed to be doing; I feel like it is what God wants me to do, and I am grateful for my ladies who wanted to meet this summer. They are holding me accountable to the study of His Word.

I have a cousin who belongs to another denomination. She has joined us this summer, allowing me to spend time with her that I wouldn't have spent with her otherwise. I have to tell you though, I don't think she would have joined us if my church hadn't taken a stand for God's Word in leaving the United Methodist Church.

I was wrong and I admit it. I would have missed out on so much if I had stuck to what I wanted to do and not have summer Bible study. And, I feel like I would have let all of my ladies and God down if I hadn't agreed to lead through the summer!

God is so good; His Word is so good; and I should never give up an opportunity to study it! I have learned my lesson, and I will be disappointed if my ladies don't want to meet next summer!

Send your church news to the



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### July Bible Verse

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance. Psalm 33:12 NIV

Dichosa la nación cuyo Dios es el Señor, el pueblo que escogió por su heredad. Salmos 33:12 NVI



has an archive of past obituaries at frionaonline.com



### STAR CLASSIFIEDS

250-5200 Deadline: Tuesday @ 5 p.m.



### **CRISIS RESOURCES**

#### **Parmer Paws Animal Outreach Center**

115 W. 11th PO Box 333 Friona, TX 806-240-2211

#### **Created with Purpose** of West Texas

Pregnancy Resource Center 907 Hwy 86, Bovina, TX 79009 806-251-HOPE

### **Deaf Smith County Crisis Center**

218 W. 3rd • Hereford, TX Office: 806-364-4435 Serving Parmer County Hotline: 806-363-6727

### Suicide and **Crisis Lifeline Call 988**

Available 24 hours **English and Spanish** 

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### **FRIONA**

3/2/2 Brick home w/central heat & air, fireplace, office, lots of storage, covered patio, metal eaves, barn, sprinkler system, fence, extra lot ... Cont Pend



4/2 Home w/cent. h&a,office, unfinished basement, some appliances stay, metal fenced backyard, 4 car carport







**Sharlet Cooper** 



### Notice

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a wine and beer retailers off premise permit by South Tyler Petroleum, LLC D/B/A RACE RUNNER #18 in Friona, Texas to be located at 604 W 11th Street Friona, Texas 79035 Parmer County. The owner of the company is Sageer Nelliparamban, LLC MEMBER

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### **Parmer County Courthouse**

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### SEEKING BIDS



Bovina ISD will be opening bids for: **Serving Counter Line** Specifications: 208 Volts, 5 well unit Starting bid at \$500 Drop off bid at Bovina ISD Administration Office by July 30, 2024. Bids will be open at the next School Board Meeting on 8/12/2024. Point of Contact for viewing: Richard Villarreal, Bovina ISD Dir. of Transportation and Ground Maintenance Bus. 806-251-1317 ext. 235 Cell: 826-225-7276





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### FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



**FARMERS INTERVIEWED** . . . Members of the CBS news team are shown conducting their interview with a group of local farmers. CBS correspondent Martha Teichner (center, in white coveralls) is holding the microphone. Jason Wright is the youngster, and to the right are A.W. Anthony, Estis Bass, and Davy Carthel. Standing are Miles Caudle and Kevin Welch.

Cotton farmers voted to band together and enter a class action lawsuit as soon as information is assembled showing what has caused the damage to their cotton. The Texas Department of Agriculture is continuing its investigation into the "herbicide drift" damage to cotton, but as yet has not established exactly which chemical, or applicator is to blame for the damage. "It looks like multiple sources," said Al Hernandez, who is heading the investigation for the TDA. Total acreage involved in the damaged area is approximately 30,000 acres. (Friona Star, August 5, 1984)

### 96th Annual Texas FFA Convention Highlights



 $\label{lem:constant} \textbf{Lone Star Recipients} - (\text{l-r}) \ \text{Aubrey Schueler, Racee Rogers, Dylan Haseloff, and Sergio Salazar.}$ 



Sawyer Osborn being recognized on the 10th anniversary of being named a state officer.



Dieter Ally receiving his Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship.



**The Crew** — Racce Rogers, Carlos Rios Valle, Dieter Ally, Karen Morales, Heriberto Gallegos, Sergio Salazar, Avram Hernandez, Dylan Haseloff, Aubrey Schueler, Aubree Bunker. Photos courtesy of Friona FFA. See more on their facebook page.

### FNB Recognized as #7 in the Nation for Ag Lending Among Community Banks

First National Bank of Hereford, a community financial institution deeply committed to serving the Hereford, Friona, Amarillo and Canyon areas, has been named the **SEV-ENTH** top-performing bank in the nation by the Independent Banker for its outstanding contributions to agriculture lend-

ing. With assets under \$300 million, the bank has demonstrated unwavering support for local farmers, ranchers, and agribusinesses.

"At First National Bank of Hereford, our fundamental philosophy remains unchanged: Old Values and New Visions," said Wade Easley, President,

and CEO of the bank. "We take immense pride in being an integral part of our community, and this recognition validates our commitment to enriching the lives of our customers."

"Our mission is to prioritize relationships, building lasting connections and helping our customers achieve their financial goals," stated Matt Cox, Sr. Vice President of the Amarillo/Canyon location. "Having recently expanded to the Amarillo/Canyon area, we are excited to serve our existing customers and look forward to the new relationships that will be cultivated."

The Independent Banker is

the award-winning monthly magazine published by the Independent Community Bankers of America (ICBA), which is the primary trade group for small U.S. banks. It represents approximately 5,000 small and mid-sized financial institutions that are commonly known as "community banks."



**Seminar Attendees** — (l-r) Hereford Municipal Judge Jennifer Eggen; Deaf Smith County JP Karen Borden; Bailey County JP Rodney Baker; Parmer County Pct. 2 JP Deena Lucero; Hereford Municipal Associate Judge Cindy Madrigal; Bailey County Administrative Assistant Joann Ramirez; Friona Municipal Judge Marie Samarron; Parmer County Judge Izzy Carrasco; Parmer County Pct. 1 JP Rhonda Wilkins; Friona Municipal Court Clerk Sonia Lopez-Gomez; Parmer County Probation Officer Jose Martinez.

### **Diversion Plan Seminar**

Last Thursday, the Friona Municipal Court coordinated a training seminar to help inform attendees on the various aspects of Texas House Bill 3186, the Texas Youth Diversion and Early Intervention Act. which passed during the 88th Legislature Session on June 10, 2023. The bill requires local governments to adopt a diversion plan for youth charged with fine-only offenses in municipal and

charged with fine-only offenses in municipal and justice courts.

Currently, municipal and justice courts can only order diversion strategies after a case has resulted in a conviction or deferral of disposition. H.B. 3186 allows diversion at the front end of a case where the strategies can be more effective.

H.B. 3186 became effective on January 1, 2024 and aligns municipal and justice court practices with those used by juvenile probation and juvenile courts. The bill also recalibrates and expands opportunities for collaboration and financial resources in both rural and urban parts of Texas. The bill requires the adoption of a youth diversion plan for every municipal and justice court no later than January 1, 2025.



**Elementary Directors** — Brooklynne Johnston and Holly Johnston



**Junior High Directors** — Joy Morton, Nicholas Gutierrez (Tech), Amy Montana



**High School Director** — Karlee Osborn

### **Summer Drama Workshop**

JH Show: Aesop's Falables
Friday, July 19th at 6:30 PM
HS Show: How to Get Away with a Murder Mystery
Friday, July 19th after JH Show
Elementary Show: Best of Both Worlds
Saturday, July 20th at 5 PM



**Elementary Helpers** — Back row (l-r) Sophie Lewellen, Presley Procter, Max Moroney, Amy Montana. Front row (l-r) Mya Van Sommeren, Anna Butler, Lillian Cramer, Jayden Morgan. Floor: Owen Daniels. Not pictured: Knoxon Procter, Shelby Lewellen, Nicholas Gutierrez and Kimber Jackson.



**Elementary "Reality"** — Back row (l-r) Brantley Van Sommeren, Bart Van Sommeren, Graylen Garman, Kyleigh Juarez, Amelia Cramer, Jocelyn Polk. Middle row (l-r) Abraham Reyes, Emmy Contreras, Everson Field, Bennett Berend, Oliver Vallejo. Front row (l-r) Lauren Pacheco, Myles Rodriguez, Blair Vallejo.



**Elementary "Fairy Tale"** — Back row (l-r) Paisley Osborn, Kayleigh Juárez, Ruby Moroney, Emma Morgan, Isael Olmos, Katiyah Perez. Middle row (l-r) Demri Rackley, Bryson Morgan, Charlotte Johnston. Front row (l-r) Freddy Reyes, Reese Johnston, Pedro Reyes.

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**Junior High Cast** — Back row (l-r) Max Moroney, Knoxon Procter, Aydan Pena. Middle row (l-r) Angel Legarreta, Kimber Jackson, Sophie Lewellen, Anna Butler, Lillian Cramer, Presley Procter. Front row (l-r) Maddie Wium, Mya Van Sommeren, Jayden Morgan, Owen Daniels.



**High School Cast** — (l-r) Presley Procter, Nicholas Gutierrez, Knoxon Procter, Amy Montana, Owen McGaughy, Valeria Maulding, Noah Aguilar, Yvonne Legarreta, and Delynda Wium.

### Friona girls compete in the Bring it to Dimmitt tournament July 13 -14

### **5th & 6th Grade Girls Division**

A total of five teams in the 5th & 6th Grade Division. The Friona Red Diamonds team received 4th place. The Purple Diamonds team received 5th place.

Red Diamonds 10 vs. Lady Gators 36 Red Diamonds 14 vs. Purple Diamonds 8 Red Diamonds 13 vs. BYC Flex 26 Red Diamonds 23 vs. Purple Diamonds 17 Red Diamonds 22 vs. BYC Flex 25

Purple Diamonds 2 vs. B-Town Elite 54 Purple Diamonds 8 vs. Red Diamonds 14 Purple Diamonds 17 vs. Red Diamonds 23



**Red Diamonds** - Front Row — (l-r) #23 Averie Rangel, #3 Jesalyn Jarecki, #10 Itzel Aguilar, #24 Arianna Rocha, #33 Yuvia Arias, #12 Alariah Pena. Back Row — (l-r) #11 Karleigh Rangel, #4 Danay Perez, #13 Amayah Rojas, #7 Adamari Amaya. Not in picture: #9 Jazmin Sanchez



# Moreno has new role

Friona ISD announced that Mario Moreno has been chosen to be the new Director of Special Programs for the school district. Moreno had served as Elementary School Principal last year. In his new capacity, Moreno will be in charge of Safety Programs, Curriculum, Federal Programs, Parent/Family Engagement, and the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC).

### 7th & 8th Grade Girls Division

A total of four teams competed in the 7th-8th Grade Division. The Friona girls received 1st place.

#### Friona 41 - Dimmitt 18

Jaylee - 6, Preslie - 2, Genesis - 3, Ivanna - 2, Aimee - 5, Aylen - 7, D'Nasha - 16

Friona 27 - BYC Elite 18

Preslie - 3, Genesis - 5, Emery - 2, Ivanna - 7, Aylen - 2, D'Nasha - 8
Friona 43 - BYC Elite 28

Preslie - 3, Genesis - 7, Ivanna - 2, Aimee - 12, Aylen - 8, D'Nasha - 11



**7th & 8th Grade Girls** - (l-r) Ivanna Guevarra, Aylen Moreno, Zaylee Dominguez, Karleigh Rangel, D'Nasha Shelby, Amayah Rojas, Emery Rangel, Jaylee Perez, Aimee Jimenez, Genesis Aguirre, Preslie Goyne

### **High School Girls Division**

A total of three teams competed in the High School Division.
The Friona girls received 2nd place.

#### Friona 31 Bovina 16

Aaliyah - 7, Jaylee - 5, Genesis - 1, Ivanna - 2, Aimee - 1, Aylen - 2, D'Nasha - 8, Yaselene - 5 **Friona: 43 Dimmitt 42** 

Aaliyah - 17, Jaylee - 6, Genesis - 6, Aylen - 2, D'Nasha - 8, Yaselene - 4

(Championship Game) Friona 22 Dimmitt 29 Aaliyah - 10, Reese - 2, Jaylee - 6, Ivanna - 2, D'Nasha - 2



**High School Girls** - (l-r) Ivanna Guevarra (7th), Zaylee Dominguez (7th), Emery Rangel (7th), Jaylee Perez (7th), Reese Steelman (10th), D'Nasha Shelby (7th), Aimee Jimenez (8th), Genesis Aguirre (6th), Aylen Moreno (7th), Aaliyah Padilla (9th), Yaselene Faudoa (10th)

### REGISTRATION

Friona ISD 2024-2025

### Returning Students

Online registration will be through Parent Portal on the Friona ISD website. Registration will open July 29th. All returning students must register to receive their schedule or assigned teacher.

### **New Students**

Registration will be at the campus the student will attend.

July 29th - August 1st 9:00 am - 12:00 pm 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Any questions about registration?
Please contact the campus starting on July 29th.

## INSCRIPCIÓN

Friona ISD

2024-2025

### Estudiantes que Regresan

La inscripción en línea será a través del Portal de Padres en la pagina de Friona ISD. La inscripción se abrirá el 29 de julio.

Todos los estudiantes que regresan deben registrarse para recibir su horario o maestro asignado.

### **Nuevos Estudiantes**

La inscripción será en el campus al que asistirá el estudiante.

29 de julio - 1 de agosto de 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

7.00 um - 12.00 pm

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

¿Alguna pregunta sobre el registro? Póngase en contacto con el campus a partir del 29 de julio.









**Welcome to Friona** — Ross Maldonado was introduced as the new Elementary School Principal at the FISD Board of Trustees meeting Monday evening. Maldonado was a teacher/administrative assistant at Randall Junior High School last year. In the photo — Ross, his wife Ellyn, and their children Koulter and Sutton.







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