



Camille Osterkamp and Jeri Lynn White

## New Library Program open for parents in Parmer County

Each month, the Imagination Library will provide an age-appropriate book for each registered child under the age of 5 in Parmer County, absolutely free to the family, regardless of family income. Dolly Parton's Imagination Library was launched in 1995 by The Dollywood Foundation, providing free books to children in Parton's home area of Sevier County, Tennessee. The goal of the program is to inspire a love of books and reading among children.

Last year, the Parmer County Cotton Growers Association presented Camille Osterkamp with the Land O' Lakes Matching Funds grant to help launch Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. DPIL requires a local non-profit partner, and after multiple generous attempts by local programs, the Friends of the Friona Public Library secured the partnership. Camille Osterkamp said, "I'm so excited to be able to get more books in kids hands. I truly believe that learning to read and to love books at an early age makes a huge difference. I can't wait for kids to get excited about getting their new books in the mail each month."

Children must be registered by a parent or guardian in order to receive the books. There is no charge to register or receive the books. Books are mailed directly to the homes of registered children each month. Registration is open on-line by filling out a brief form at [www.imaginationlibrary.com](http://www.imaginationlibrary.com). They may also register by completing a printed registration form available at the Friona Public Library. Completed forms may be mailed to Friends of the Friona Public Library, 109 W. 7th Street, Friona, Texas 79035. Registered children will begin receiving books at their home addresses about eight to 10 weeks after their forms are received. The first book distributed is always the children's classic "The Little Engine That Could."

Since launching in 1995, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library has become the preeminent early childhood book-gifting program in the world. The flagship program of The Dollywood Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, has gifted over 200 million free books in the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Australia, and the Republic of Ireland. This is achieved through funding shared by The Dollywood Foundation and local community partners like Parmer County Cotton Growers Association. The program's impact has been widely researched, and results demonstrate its positive impact on early childhood development and literacy skills.

"The Friends of the Friona Public Library are proud to be the non-profit sponsor of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library for Parmer County," commented Jeri Lynn White, treasurer of the Friends. "Camille has invested so much time in organizing this program, and we are excited to support a program that encourages children to read and puts books in their hands."

See back page for more information

## Rosales Named Superintendent

At a special called meeting Wednesday morning, the Friona ISD Board of Trustees unanimously selected Daniel Rosales to become Superintendent of Friona Schools. Rosales is the 15th

individual in school history to serve in that capacity. Last year, he served as Director of Human Resources and Student Services. Rosales is a graduate of West Texas A&M University and has a

Bachelor of Arts Degree in History & Social Studies, a Master's Degree in Finance & Economics, and has earned Teaching, Principal, and Superintendent Certification.



In the photo — The Rosales Family (l-r) Aaron, Eli, Nancy, Javi, and Daniel. For the 2024-25 school year, the family will represent each part of the district. Javi (5) will be in Kindergarten at the Primary School, Nancy is a Counselor at the Elementary School, Eli (13) will be an 8th grader in Junior High, Aaron (16) will be a Junior in High School, and Daniel's office is in the Administration Building.



New Graduates — Friona City Manager Lee Davila poses with Friona's newest police officers at their graduation ceremony on Tuesday in Lubbock. (l-r) Daniel Martinez Jr., Leo Belmonte, Lee Davila, Jose Guevara, and Alex Licerio.

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**Community Calendar**

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**August 8**

- Meat Loaf at Noon Meal @ Senior Center

**August 12**

- Beans & Cornbread at Noon Meal @ Senior Center

**August 14**

- First Day of School
- Library Book Shop at 618 Euclid is open from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

**August 15**

- Pork at Noon Meal @ Senior Center

**August 19**

- Tacos at Noon Meal @ Senior Center

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**State Capital Highlights**

By Gary Borders



**Pattern of abuse at Texas juvenile facilities**

A federal investigation into five state facilities concluded children in custody face excessive force, sexual abuse and a lack of vital services, The Dallas Morning News reported.

At a news conference last week, Kristen Clarke, assistant attorney general in the Justice Department's civil rights division, said children held in those facilities are not receiving the treatment and rehabilitation they are supposed to get.

"Our investigation provides reasonable cause to believe that, far from achieving those objectives, TJJD engaged in a pattern of abuse, deprivation of essential services and disability-related discrimination that seriously harms children and undermines their rehabilitation, all in violation of their rights," Clarke said.

In response, the Texas Juvenile Justice Department said it had made "several significant improvements" in staffing, educational programs and mental health care. The Legislature appropriated more than \$1 billion last session to improve youth facilities.

The youth facilities are located in Gainesville, Edinburg, Brownwood, Giddings and Mart.

Investigators found evidence of physical and sexual abuse, according to the report.

**TxDOT adopts long-range transportation plan**

"Connecting Texas 2050" was adopted recently by the Texas Transportation Commission to help guide priorities in the next quarter-century. The plan establishes the vision, goals, objectives and strategic recommendations for the state's transportation system.

"With a growing population and new technologies changing how we move, these goals will help us plan for decades to come and connect future generations of Texans," Marc Williams, TxDOT executive director, said.

The agency held a series of public meetings to gather input from the state's citizens. Among the priorities listed were safety, alternative modes of travel, public transportation options and maintaining the state's existing transportation infrastructure.

To learn more about the plan, go to [www.ConnectingTexas2050.com](http://www.ConnectingTexas2050.com).

**Court: Buoy can stay in Rio Grande until trial**

A full panel of the U.S. Fifth Cir-

cuit of Appeals ruled last week that a 1,000-foot-long barrier of buoys can stay in the Rio Grande until a full trial is held. The buoys, meant to deter illegal migrants, were placed on orders by Gov. Greg Abbott. Their legality was challenged by the federal government, which argues their placement violates federal treaties between the United States and Mexico.

At issue is whether this stretch of river is navigable, according to a report in the Texas Standard. A trial over the legal merits was slated to start in an Austin federal court this week.

**Flesh-eating bacteria on rise along coast**

Authorities are warning of an outbreak of flesh-eating bacteria, with nearly a dozen people infected thus far, The News reported. Galveston County officials said 11 cases of vibrio infections have been reported this summer, compared to just two at this time last year.

The bacteria occur in coastal waters and are found in higher concentrations when water temperatures are warmer. It can be contracted when an open wound comes into contact with coastal waters, or from eating raw or undercooked shellfish.

"There's no need to panic," Dr. Phillip Keiser, CEO of the Galveston County Health District, said in a statement. "Use common sense: avoid raw seafood, practice good hygiene, and stay informed to keep safe."

The Centers for Disease Control estimates 80,000 cases of vibrio occur in the U.S. each year.

**PUC gets 72 applications for energy loan program**

The Public Utility Commission received 72 applications for loans available through the Texas Energy Fund, which if all granted would provide \$24.41 billion to finance 38,379 megawatts of power generation projects in the region served by the Electric Reliability Council of Texas.

"Texans have made it clear that they expect reliable electricity today and well into the future, and I am pleased to see industry leaders responding to that call and planning for major investments in dispatchable power for the state," PUCT Chairman Thomas Gleeson said.

The program will provide low-interest loans to finance new construction or upgrades to existing power-generating facilities within the

ERCOT region, which serves most of the state. Funding for the loan program was approved by Texas voters in a constitutional amendment election last November.

Nine Texas courthouses get historic grant funding

The Texas Historical Commission recently awarded more than \$46 million in preservation grants to historic courthouses in nine counties. Four grants for full restoration were awarded for courthouses in Comanche, Kimble, Van Zandt and Willacy counties.

Castro and Gonzales counties received planning grants that will create planning road maps for future restoration work. Donley, Duval and Refugio counties received emergency grants to address critical issues endangering these courthouse buildings and affecting their use.

THC has awarded more than \$400 million since the program's inception to restore courthouses in Texas.

"As part of our mission to save the real places that tell the real stories of Texas, we hope to work with even more counties in the future," Joseph Bell, THC executive director, said.

**Water board details how it will spend \$1 billion**

The Texas Water Development Board last week began detailing how it will divide \$1 billion in taxpayer approved funds for water infrastructure and supply projects throughout the state, The Tribune reported. Up to \$45 million will be reserved for towns with fewer than 1,000 residents, while about \$130 million will go to towns with 1,001 to 10,000 residents.

The board said it plans to spend up to \$450 million toward existing financial assistance programs, \$90 million on water loss and conservation programs, and \$15 million on awareness and educational programming.

"We have a whole lot more applications that are submitted than we have capacity in any given program year to provide financial assistance," said Kathleen Ligon, interim assistant executive administrator at the Water Development Board.

The board has already received 68 requests for funding from this pot of money.

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**ACROSS**

- 1 TXism: "if \_\_\_ rooster, he'll crow" (inevitable)
- 5 gorillas
- 6 TX Freddy Fender's "Wasted \_\_\_ and Wasted Nights"
- 7 TX Bob Wills' "Take \_\_\_ Back to Tulsa"
- 8 San Angelo is seat of \_\_\_ Green County
- 9 TXism: "got as much \_\_\_ a hibernating bear" (idle)
- 15 "Ben \_\_\_ Hospital" in Houston
- 16 TX Audie Murphy 1955 film about his war exploits: "\_\_\_ Back"
- 19 TX Paula Prentiss film: "The \_\_\_ Henry Orient"
- 21 TXism: "that's a fine how \_\_\_ do"
- 22 people with no skin or hair pigment
- 27 TXism: "beller"
- 28 these are blue on the state flower
- 29 TXism: "\_\_\_ a doornail"
- 30 "Las \_\_\_ Wild-life Management"
- 32 actress Taylor of Texas "Giant" (init.)
- 33 Galveston got 15 inches in the "\_\_\_ Snow" of 1895
- 36 TXism: "\_\_\_ got a prayer" (hopeless)
- 37 TX Young Netflix series: "Cobra \_\_\_"

- 38 TXism: "\_\_\_ lap dog"
- 39 most delicious
- 41 cut off a branch
- 42 Texas legal specialty: "oil \_\_\_"
- 45 LBJ took \_\_\_ of office on Air Force One
- 46 TX Nat who sang "Sweet Thang" (init.)
- 47 TX Roy Orbison early group: "\_\_\_ Kings"
- 48 Dallas-owned FM "Texasville" town
- 52 sand drifts
- 53 TX Lefty's "If You've Got the Money \_\_\_ Got the Time"
- 54 none
- 55 this Ernie won 1995 Byron Nelson

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- 3 Baylor County seat
- 4 what GM operates in Arlington (2 wds.)
- 8 some Texans ski here in New Mexico
- 9 TXism: "strong enough \_\_\_" (coffee)
- 10 TX Roy Orbison's "\_\_\_, Pretty Woman"
- 11 \_\_\_ Kalb, TX is in Bowie County
- 12 Nacogdoches is "The \_\_\_ in Texas"
- 13 TXism: "a mess of" (2 wds.)
- 14 Dionne1967 hit: "I \_\_\_ Little Prayer"
- 15 TXism: "he \_\_\_ to his own beat" (independent)
- 16 a road Texans have to pay to drive on
- 17 if your dog has \_\_\_
- 18 how to clean a bookshelf (2 wds.)
- 20 \_\_\_ Smith County
- 22 anno Domini abbr.
- 23 TXism: "crooked as a dog's hind \_\_\_"
- 24 ABC's Bret and \_\_\_ Maverick
- 25 best possible
- 26 father of TX singer Lefty Frizzell
- 28 pots and \_\_\_
- 31 unaccounted for soldiers (abbr.)
- 34 TX-born singer Autry (init.)
- 35 Texas' country noncommercial FM in Commerce
- 40 "last year I kudn't spel engineer, now \_\_\_ won."
- 43 TXism: "pushing up bluebonnets"
- 44 TXism: "the real McCoy"
- 50 rods and \_\_\_
- 51 former Cowboy star, Emmitt (init.)

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## COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

### Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from July 25, 2024 to August 1, 2024

(7/24/24) Heartland Co-Op — Jim Bob Allen, Kari R. Allen — 2.176 Acres out of Section 15, T7S, R2E of Capitol Syndicate Subdivision in Parmer County, Texas

(7/25/24) Billy Joe Black Jr. — Arlin Hartzog, Trudy Hartzog — NW/9 Section 9, Block E, Capitol Syndicate Subdivision, Parmer County

(7/29/24) Luisa Lopez, Estate of Jose Luis Mario Lopez Sr. — Luisa Lopez — Lots 25 and 4 Block 2 Gardner Addition Town of Bovina in Parmer County and Southeast 19.0 of Lot 8 All of Lots 9-10 Block 33 Original Town City of Bovina in Parmer County

(7/30/24) David Rebber, Attorney in Fact for Joyce Wells — Erik Estrada, Emilia Estrada — A 5.5 Acre Tract of Land out of Section 27 and Section 34 Township 1 North Range 4 East of Capitol Syndicate Subdivision in Parmer County; 5.55 Acre Tract a Part of that Land in Volume 186, Page 445 and a portion in Volume 172, Page 409 in Parmer County

(7/31/24) Jeff Campbell — Raymond Trammell, Kelly Dobbs — All of Lots 17, 18, and 19 Block 42 of Original Town of Farwell in Parmer County

(8/1/24) Saturnino Rodriguez, Esmeralda Rodriguez — Javier Alejandro Rivera Sanchez — Lot No. 9 Block No. 1 Hillside Addition to the City of Friona in Parmer County

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

### Reported by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office

July 22, 2024 to August 4, 2024

Eric Geske, Sheriff

(7/22/24) Ayman Abdallah K. Altawafsheh, 30, of Broomfield, Colorado was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on a charge of Reckless Driving.

(7/23/24) Geronimo Lazaro, 23, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on a Curry County Warrant on a charge of Fugitive From Justice; and on a charge of Possession CS PG 2 < 1g.

(7/23/24) Alfonso Perez, 19, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on charges of Possession CS PG 2 < 1g and Possession Marijuana ≤ 5lbs. > 4oz.

(7/23/24) Julian Jereniah Villasenor, 19, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol Region 5 District B Amarillo on a charge of Possession CS PG 2 < 1g.

(7/26/24) Yvette Rubio, 37, of Lubbock was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a Warrant for Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity.

(7/30/24) Yvette Rubio, 37, of Lubbock was arrested on a Taylor County Warrant on a charge of Theft.

(7/28/24) Jesus Valadez, 31, of Farwell was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a Parmer County Warrant on a charge of Assault Family/Household Member w/Previous Conviction.

(7/29/24) Maurice Nicholas Chavira Jr., 26, of Leveland was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Fail ID Intent Refuse Give Accurate ID Info IAT.

(7/29/24) Tami Karla Maria Preciado, 44, of Amarillo was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on a charge of Possession CS PG 2 < 1g.

### Come have Fun with us at Malouf's Fabric

These are the classes scheduled this summer

August 24th


Quick Christmas 3 Yard Quilt Class

Pattern is Ornaments

September 14

Beginning Sewing

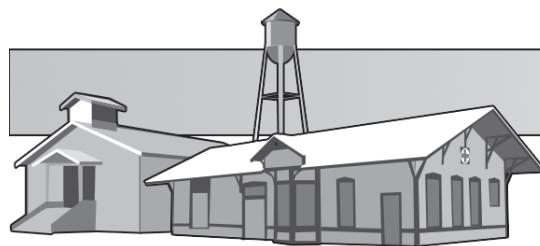
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**Prairie Acres News** — Mario Gavina is the Prairie Acres Resident of the Month for August. Employee of the Month is Bertha Mendoza. She works in the Laundry Department and joined the staff in October of 2016.

**GasBuddy** — Average gasoline prices in Texas fell 10.2 cents last week, averaging \$3.00 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. The

lowest price in the state was \$2.62 per gallon. The national average price of diesel fell 2.3 cents in the last week and stands at \$3.76 per gallon. "With oil prices plummeting due to new concerns over the U.S. economy after a poor jobs report, gasoline prices have seen downside in many states," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

**Texas Facts** — Remains of a house

dating to 14,000 years ago found near Austin may be the oldest house found in North America. Source: funworldfacts.com

### National Days

- Aug. 8 — Dollar Day
- Aug. 9 — Book Lovers Day
- Aug. 10 — Bowling Day
- Aug. 11 — Play in the Sand Day
- Aug. 12 — Vinyl Record Day
- Aug. 13 — Filet Mignon Day
- Aug. 14 — Navajo Code Talkers Day

## Golden Spread Electric Cooperative Observes 40th Anniversary

Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc. celebrates its 40th anniversary with a look back at its storied legacy and optimism for the innovation that drives its future.

"Initially, Golden Spread was comprised of 11 Member Cooperatives, and over time, membership grew to include 16 Members providing electric service to a rural territory that includes 24% of Texas' land and portions of Oklahoma, Kansas and Colorado," said Kari Hollandsworth, President and CEO of Golden Spread. "Those Members joined with a true cooperative spirit, realizing the benefits of being an integral partner with other cooperatives."

"Our Members came together so they could meet the financial and operational challenges involved in delivering cost-effective, competitive and reliable power to their end users," said Hollandsworth, who was named CEO in 2020 and was preceded by Bob Bryant from 1984 to 2008 and Mark Schwirtz from 2008 to 2020.

Strategic Board decisions in 1995 led to the construction of Mustang Station near Denver City, Texas, to manage peak load needs. Mustang Station not only fulfilled its initial role but also became a reliable year-round power source for Golden Spread Members.

The early 2010s marked a pivotal era, as the Golden Spread Board charted a transformative course from primarily purchasing power to directly sourcing its own power supply.

The journey to deliver competitive energy solutions yielded significant milestones in 2011 when Antelope Elk Energy Center (AEEC)



**Kari Hollandsworth**  
President and CEO  
GSEC, Inc.

at Abernathy, Texas, and Golden Spread Panhandle Wind Ranch, a renewable energy source near Wilfordo, Texas, each achieved commercial operation. In 2016, AEEC cleared all the regulatory hurdles to connect the facility to two grids, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas and Southwest Power Pool.

These achievements redefined Golden Spread's operations, increasing its generation capacity and substantially growing its workforce. "This past year has been particularly outstanding for Golden Spread," Hollandsworth said. "We achieved record sales, benefited from low natural gas prices and enjoyed strong profits from consumers outside of our membership."

"We set a new peak usage record of 1,840 MW. This peak surpasses our previous record in 2019 and underscores the continuing growth within our territory. This success translates into direct benefits for our Members, as the value of their investment continues to grow," she said.

Golden Spread is a devoted corporate citizen, proud to be located

in Amarillo and to serve its Members' rural communities. Among many other charitable activities in its vast territory, Golden Spread has given generous college scholarships since 1991.

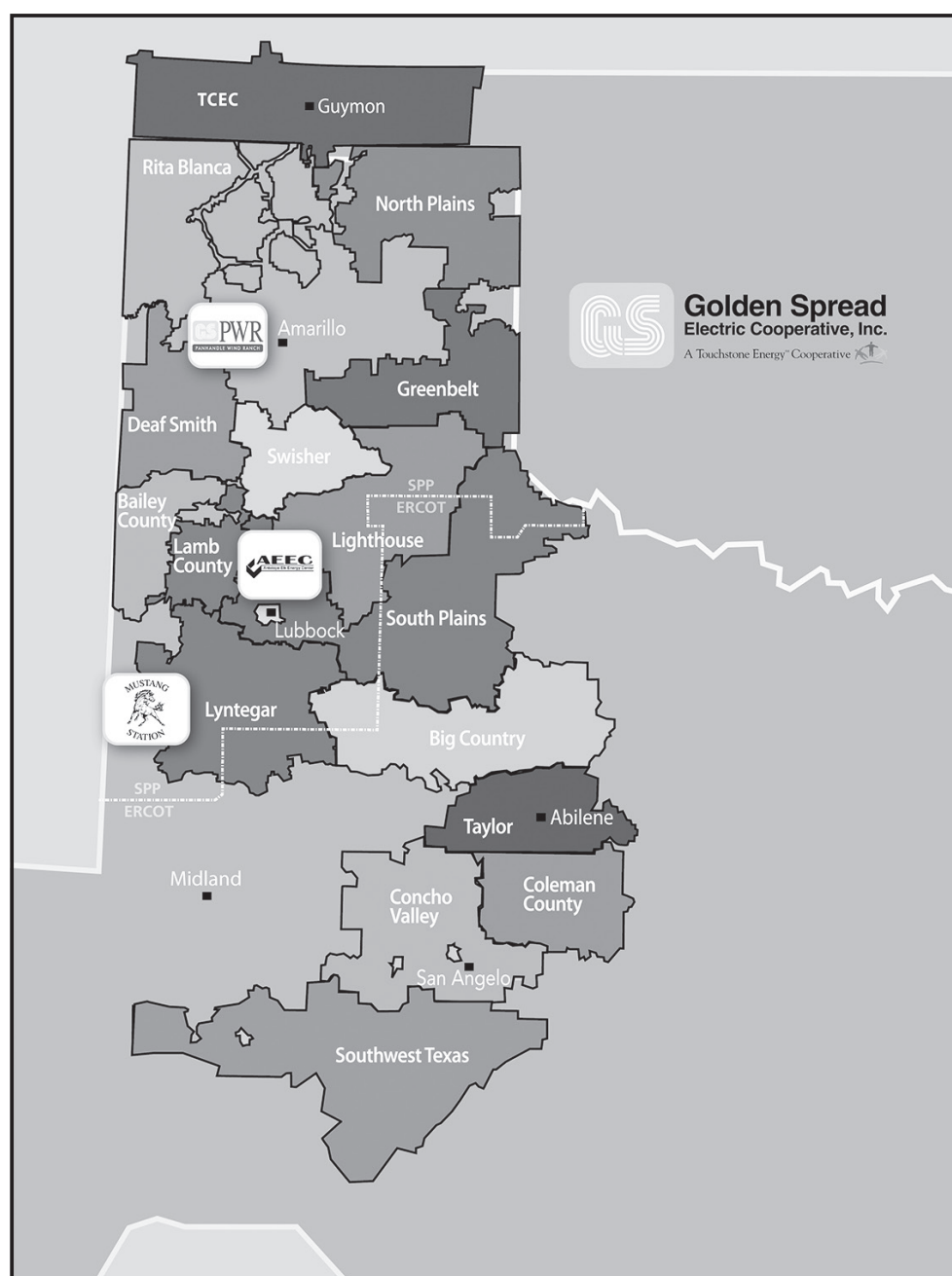
This year's scholarship recipients are Brazos Beck, Lyntegar Electric Cooperative; Maximus Dumbauld, North Plains Electric Cooperative; Julianna Ferrel, Lighthouse Electric Cooperative; Sawyer Francis, Swisher Electric Cooperative; Sage Gaillard, Rita Blanca Electric Cooperative; Paige Luning, South Plains Electric Cooperative; Kamryn Meives, Bailey County Electric Cooperative; Taylor Neal, South Plains Electric Cooperative; Meredith Sanning, Golden Spread Electric Cooperative; and Mason Snowden, Concho Valley Electric Cooperative.

"The scholarship initiative reflects our ongoing commitment to support education in the region and encourage the next generation," Hollandsworth said.

"Golden Spread's future lies in keeping innovation and collaboration at the core of our solutions to meeting Members' needs," she said. "Innovative approaches will be important as we address new developments throughout the territory, including regulatory changes and expected load growth from additional data centers and other mega-consumers such as hydrogen-producing facilities. We continue to adapt and find creative solutions as our Members and industry landscape grow and evolve."

"Like our peers in the electric industry, we've faced trials from severe weather, shifts in demand and supply due to new technologies, and evolving regulatory and market landscapes," Hollandsworth said. "We are proud to have met four decades of challenges with cooperative strength. This legacy prepares Golden Spread for many more years of success, growth and shared values."

**Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc.**, is a tax-exempt, consumer-owned public utility organized in 1984 to provide electric service for rural distribution cooperative Members located in the Panhandle, South Plains and Edwards Plateau regions of Texas, the Panhandle of Oklahoma, Southwest Kansas and Southeast Colorado. Golden Spread is headquartered in Amarillo and delivers competitive energy solutions to its 16 Member Cooperatives through wind and solar resources and state-of-the-art power plants in Texas near Abernathy and Denver City. For more information, please visit gsec.coop.



Golden Spread Territory Map





# Small Town Cookin' *By Jeri Lynn White*

## Grilling Recipes

Here is another kabob recipe but this time with the sweet addition of peaches. This recipe has a great combination of sweet and spicy. Hope you enjoy.

**Barbecued Shrimp & Peach Kabobs**  
www.tasteofhome.com

### Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon packed brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1/2 to 1 teaspoon ground ancho chile pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 1/8 to 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 pound uncooked shrimp (16-20 per pound), peeled and deveined
- 3 medium peaches, each cut into 8 wedges
- 8 green onions (light green and white portion only), cut into 2-inch pieces
- Olive oil-flavored cooking spray
- Lime wedges

### Directions

Mix brown sugar and seasonings. Place shrimp, peaches and green onions in a large bowl; sprinkle with brown sugar mixture and toss to coat. On four or eight metal or soaked wooden skewers, alternately thread shrimp, peaches and green onions. Lightly spritz both sides of kabobs with cooking spray. Grill, covered, over medium heat or broil 4 in. from heat 3-4 minutes on each side or until shrimp turn pink. Squeeze lime wedges over kabobs.



## Happy 65th Anniversary!!!

You may kiss the bride — Don & Gladys Spring celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary last Sunday. Family members hosted a luncheon, complete with wedding cake, in the Fellowship Hall of the Union Congregational Church after the morning worship service.



## Happy Birthday

**August 7 (new)**  
Evan Brailiff

**August 8 (new)**  
Scott Campbell

**August 9**  
David Gonzales  
Rickey Rector  
Dr. Rick Roden  
Cheryl Weatherly  
Cole Pena  
Jace Jarecki  
David Blackburn  
Andrew Zamora  
Eddie Brailiff  
Juli Mendoza Randall

**August 10**  
Imogene Smith  
Kathryn Goddard  
Dustin Potts  
Owen Fluck  
Harrison Fluck  
Kendall Kimbrough  
Geneva Gustin  
Karen Knock

**August 11**  
Briana (Wright) Anderson  
Clifford McLellan  
Kendrick Burns  
Raquel Kuper  
Jackie Hatcher

**August 12**  
Becky Jones  
Lisa Weatherly  
Mindy Johnson  
Ann Schueler  
Leon Mendoza

**August 13**  
Nancy Norwood  
Keith Hunt  
Amber Alexander  
Huddleston  
Daniel Hutchins  
Jesalyn Jarecki  
Glenna Holt  
Keyana Fletcher  
Abel Mendoza

**August 14**  
Deirdre Osborn  
Alex J. Guerra  
Tenna Montana  
Ruby Bentley  
Misty Villanueva

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



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## Obituary



### Zoey Addison Castillo

Zoey Addison Castillo, 4 of Hereford passed away August 4, 2024 in Hereford. A time with Zoey will be held from 12:00PM to 8:00 PM Thursday August 8, 2024 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of the funeral home with Celebration of Life Services set for 10:30 AM Friday August 9, 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.

Zoey was born June 5, 2020 in Amarillo. Her laugh brightened up any room. She was full of joy and love, and was a great cuddler. She was very sassy and loved to get her point across.

Those to mourn her passing include her par-



ents- Daisy Marquez and Daniel Castillo of Hereford, brother-Daniel Kae Castillo of Hereford, grandparents- Brandy and Surfin Estrada of Amarillo, Cesar Marquez and Carol Ortiz both of Bovina, Daniel Castillo Sr. and Sylvia Castillo of Hereford.

You may send blessings to the family and sign the online guest book on Zoey's memorial page exclusively at [hansardfamily.com](http://hansardfamily.com)



Funeral Home

### Co-Op Gin holds annual meeting



Friona Farmers Co-Op Gin held its 61st Annual Stockholders Meeting at Noon on Tuesday, August 6, 2024 in the Gin shop. A hamburger meal and dessert was served.

In his report, Gin Manager Jeff Watkins told attendees that

weather conditions had become more favorable with the recent rains but that more rain was needed. He also said that under ideal conditions the Co-Op could possibly gin 15,000 to 18,000 bales this year.

An election for two direc-

tors was held. Garrett Clark and Grainger Fischbacher were elected to the Board of Directors. They will serve along with Mitchell Wiseman, president; Cris Ingram, vice president; John Jarecki, secretary; Ricky Barnett; and Davy Carthel.

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# Politicking Season

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Deer season is in the fall, planting season is in the spring, football season is in the fall, and currently, politicking season is in full swing. Hopefully Trump will come out on top, but my guess is that their opposition will use whatever means necessary to subvert their victory. It is undoubtedly the season for false hopes, podium promises, smear campaigns, underhanded dealings and who knows what else this politicking season (especially after the assassination attempt!). As Americans we must contend for the freedom we inherited from our forefathers, otherwise it will continue to be swallowed up by the increasingly obese

nanny state the U.S. has turned into. The reality of the blob of bureaucracy that invades every aspect of our lives is a sign of something far more devilish when you get to the root of the problem. The root of the problem is not the idea that a bigger government is beneficial, but the root of the problem is that government is capable and able to give hope, stability and blessing to a nation. Such an idea gives the government deistic attributes, but in all of history growing governments implode after giving defeat, instability and excessive burdens to its people. When government grows by devouring freedoms of its citizens, the citizens

are left with an ever-increasing enslavement to the system, with a diminishing voice to speak out, which has been the case in the past few decades in western civilization.

How foolish to think that legislative actions, court rulings, bureaucratic regulations, and godless government programs could give what only God can; hope, stability and blessing. Therefore, as you endure this politicking season, be informed and active, but stay focused on the truth in Jude 1:25, "to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

## Panhandle Parables

### The Dangers of Cantaloupe and Rattlesnakes!

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

Every summer when I was a kid, Pop would plant a large garden of all the basics from black-eyed peas to Black diamond watermelons. On one occasion, we (my cousins and I) had the day off from hoeing and were hunting with our Daisy BB guns which took us near the garden. We were famished, so we did what any 11 year-olds would do. We pulled out our trusty pocket knives and took a break. I first launched into the cucumbers eating two of medium size, then on to the cantaloupe. I ATE TWO all by myself. (Did I mention they were nice and hot?) Then we concluded our break sharing a watermelon before our trek down the turn row in

time for lunch. By the time we loaded up none of us were feeling very well. The six mile drive back to town seemed eternally slow when suddenly, Pop stopped the pickup in the middle of the road. There in front of us, the ultimate prize, a rattlesnake sunning in the road. The problem was the three of us by this time were so sick that we could hardly get out of the pickup. Pop ended up killing the snake for us with a shovel. I have the rattles as a reminder of an opportunity missed and that you can seize an opportunity to excess. By the way, DON'T eat warm cantaloupe, EVER. To this day, I can only eat the delicious little melon if it is ice cold.

I think most of us understand the dangers of rattlesnakes and when given an opportunity to get rid of one we probably would. Sin is like a snake in that it can really be dangerous, but so can other things like those little indulgences, or distractions that sort of add up, like cantaloupes, leaving us ill-equipped to battle darkness. Christians can miss many opportunities to dispel darkness and do good because when the opportunities arise we are not ready. Live wisely, don't get so entangled in stuff that you can't stand when called to do so. Enjoy a little cantaloupe, but watch for snakes!

## Seek the Light

By Teena Hughs

Two weeks ago, Feller and I walked into church, and people were waving their arms, hoping two birds would leave the sanctuary. A couple had gone to do something in the church the Friday before, and when they left the back door open (because it was HOT in the sanctuary), two barn swallows decided to see what the sanctuary was all about. After trying to get them out, and not succeeding, the couple went home.

So, we spent the hour of worship watching the birds when we should have been focusing on the One we were there to worship!

After church I heard someone say that barn swallows like to go toward the light. So, I suggested we open the doors and all the windows (like in the old days before we had air conditioning) to see if they would fly out the windows facing east, toward the light. Sure

enough, it worked!!! I don't know who was happier, the church members or the birds.

It got me thinking. When we are "in a pickle", aren't most of us like the birds and turn to the Light; don't we turn to Jesus? Of course we do, because for most of us, where else can we turn? Sometimes we are quick to turn to the Light; sometimes it is a last ditch effort, but somehow we end up turning to the Light.

The Light, the One who knows all our concerns, fears, doubts, anxieties, mistakes, the darkness in our lives.

The Light, the One who has all the answers to all of our questions, problems, our trials and tribulations. The One who sees all and works everything out for our best, whether we agree or not; whether we understand or not.

The Light, the One we turn to to save us in our hour of trial, sorrow, fear, uneasiness, feeling

lost, sinning, the Light we can turn to anytime we need anything!

Not only should we turn to the Light in our hour of need, we should turn to Him in our time of answered prayers, in our time of extra joy and happiness. Simply put, we should turn to the Light when life is going good; when we know the only way we got through something is because the Light guided us; when we know that the only way certain things happened is because the Light allowed or made them happen.

Just like the birds found the light and got out of the church, may we all look to the Light that is our guide and help through life. He desires to guide and direct us. There is nothing too great for Him. Also, remember that no darkness in life, big or small, can extinguish the Light, but it is the Light that brings hope into every darkness. May we always seek the Light!!!

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## August Bible Verse

Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.. Ephesians 6:11 NIV

Pónganse toda la armadura de Dios para que puedan hacer frente a las artimañas del diablo. Efesios 6:11 NVI

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## \$4B in State Sales Tax Revenue for July

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced this week that state sales tax revenue totaled \$3.99 billion in July, 0.1 percent more than in July 2023. The majority of July sales tax revenue is based on sales made in June and remitted to the agency in July.

"Monthly state sales tax collections were slightly positive compared with the same month a year ago for the second month in a row," Hegar said. "This continues a trend this year of growth at less than the rate of inflation, indicating slowing spending by both businesses and consumers on an inflation-adjusted basis.

"Sales tax remittances from the sectors driven primarily by business spending were mixed, with receipts from the manufacturing and construction sectors coming in greater than their year-ago totals and receipts from the

mining and wholesale trade sectors coming in significantly lower than a year ago.

"Receipts from consumer spending-driven sectors were generally flat, with remittances from the retail trade sector being slightly down and receipts from the service sector being slightly up compared to their July 2023 totals.

"Receipts from restaurants were up, but at less than the rate for inflation for food away from home in June."

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in July 2024 was up 1.7 percent compared with the same period a year ago. Sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 57 percent of all tax collections.

Texas collected the following revenue from other major taxes: (1) motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$599 million, down 4 percent from July 2023;

(2) motor fuel taxes — \$319 million, down 3 percent from July 2023; (3) oil production tax — \$557 million, up 27 percent from July 2023; (4) natural gas production tax — \$164 million, up 152 percent from July 2023; (5) hotel occupancy tax — \$75 million, up 5 percent from July 2023; and (6) alcoholic beverage taxes — \$150 million, up 1 percent from July 2023.

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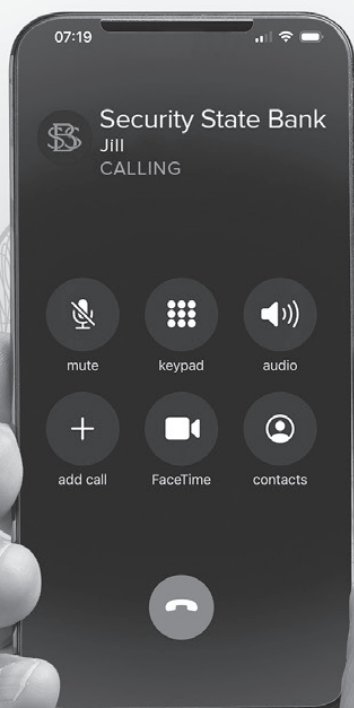
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# Sports



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Jay Stevens / Nathan Sullivan	2015	Score	124
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Phillip Shelton / Darren Renwick	2018	Score	121
Jerry Stevens / Linda Stevens	2019	Score	121
Colby Marsh / Nate Adams	2020	Score	118
Sid Felan / Davy Gutierrez	2021	Score	121
JC Casarez / Hayden West	2022	Score	128
JC Casarez / Hayden West	2023	Score	125
Bobby Baker / Key Harrison	2024	Score	128

### Skill Contests

Long Drive #11 – Men	Sal Segura
Long Drive #11 – Women	Kayla Schroeder
Closest to Pin #3	Wes Johnston

### Championship Flight

Bobby Baker / Key Harrison	1st*	65	63	128
Aiven Martinez / Xavier Saucedo	2nd	64	64	128
Phillip Kahlich / Jeff O'Rand	3rd	63	66	129
Jerry Stevens / Linda Stevens		63	67	130
David Spriggs / Abrian Gonzales		63	67	130
Rick White / Andy Reynolds		65	66	131
Hayden West / J.C. Casarez		64	68	132
Lorraine Sandoval / Kayla Schroeder		63	72	135

\*won playoff on #1

### 1st Flight

Billy Pope / Braden West	1st	66	65	131
Raj Bhakta / Nathan Cruz	2nd	68	66	134
Keith Bartley / Jim Sandoval	T3	69	66	135
Roy Lopez / Daniel Lopez	T3	69	66	135
Randy May / Stephen May	5th	68	69	137
Josh Wood / James Stow		67	71	138
Steve Arias / Adrian Alejandro		66	72	138
Charlie Kerr / Terry Widick		69	70	139
Rick Roden / Rhett Roden		68	73	141
Cory Reeve / Cody Byers		68	74	142
Mike Mauldin / Ricky Sanders		68	76	144
Bret West / Dylan Dirks		69	76	145

### 2nd Flight

Jeff Woody / Rickey Fulcher	1st	70	71	141
Jeremy Herrera / Pete Heiman	T2	70	73	143
Keith Gilbreath / Kolby Kimbrough	T2	70	73	143
Keith Bridwell / Kris Bridwell	4th	71	73	144
Carlos Mendez Sr. / Wally Castillo		70	75	145
Mike Blackburn / David Blackburn		71	77	148
Robert Jones / Jayson Grimsley		71	78	149
Hector Cavazos / Breanna Villanueva		71	78	149
Billy Cantu / Glen Duque	*	70	66	136

\*exceeded shot #

### 3rd Flight

Salvador Segura / Jerry Casarez	1st	72	69	141
Chuck McNamara / Aaron Whitelock	2nd	73	69	142
Don Herbert / Mike Herbert	T3	72	72	144
Ramon Murillo / Nomar Murillo	T3	72	72	144
Tiffi Richardson / Derek Dirks	5th	73	72	145
Jacob Rando / Jaime Sanchez		73	73	146
Art Martinez / Wes Johnston		72	74	146
Antonio Enriquez / Freddie Barrera		73	74	147
Ashley Marquez / Joe Cabezuela		72	75	147
Gary Ruckman / Casey Ruckman		72	76	148
Jared White / Rocky Bhakta		72	76	148
Mason Loflin / Zak Odem		72	82	154
Josh Flores / Gilde Flores	*	73	67	140

\*exceed shot #

### 4th Flight

Armando Torres Jr. / Robert Aguirre	1st	75	71	146
Ruben Villanueva / Joey Villanueva	2nd	74	73	147
Joe Olvera / Bobby Nino	T3	74	74	148
Ismael Rocha / Corey Ortiz	T3	74	74	148
Raymond Gonzales / Payton Gonzales		74	75	149
Joel Barrett / Curt Alexander		75	77	152
Tony Caballero / Alex Lopez		75	78	153
Justin Flores / Brandon Cotton		74	81	155
Kip Smith / Jason Aven	*	74	70	144
Andy Kendrick / Noah Contreras		75	-	-
Matthew Kendrick / Tom Bochynski		75	-	-

\*exceeded shot #

### 5th Flight

J.R. Christy / Jeff Bailey	T1	76	72	148
George Bullard / Delme Bullard	T1	76	72	148
Matt McQueen / Auston Whitelock	T1	76	72	148
Gene Batterman / Clyde Schulte	T4	77	72	149
Michael Stanberry / Zack Pack	T4	76	73	149
James Atwood / Mike Miller		76	77	153
Zac Schilling / Hadley Bunch		77	77	154
Troy Johnson / Taylor Johnston		77	77	154
Fred Cook / Louis Pitcock		77	79	156
Craig Nunn / Glen Jones		76	80	156
Brodie Boren / Jessie Gaytan		76	80	156
Rocky Nichols / Jordan Nichols		77	86	163
Zach Lauer / Sterling White	*	76	68	144

\*exceeded shot #

### 6th Flight

Dezi Vargas / Preston Ryder	T1	78	76	154
Keith Truit / Tanner Truit	T1	78	76	154
Adam Martinez / John Michael Mendoza	T1	78	76	154
Jerry Johnson / Johnny Harkins	T4	78	77	155
Myron Grantham / Dusty Grantham	T4	78	77	155
Richard Davila / Edward Davila		80	77	157
Robert de la Cruz / Rodney Strafuss		80	77	157
Joseph Hernandez / Adem Suarez		80	79	159
Ben Jones / Robert Jones		78	81	159
Brandon Berend / Kirby Frye		80	80	160
John Lange / Tanner Best		78	82	160
Brent Loflin / Jeff Chaney		78	85	163
Manny Toledo / Corey Good	*	78	74	152

\*exceeded shot #

### 7th Flight

Matt Ramirez / Curry Browning	1st	81	78	159
Josh Jamerson / Gino Garcia	2nd	81	79	160
Chace Vacek / Levi Cortez	3rd	81	81	162
Tyler Schilling / Colton Christian	T4	83	83	166
Kenny Ratke / Noah Gutierrez	T4	82	84	166
Jason Berend / Roddy Berend		84	83	167
Carlos Ruiz / Fabian Diaz		82	85	167
Brent Dance / Brady Tieman		84	88	172
Matthew Stanberry / Wes Gray		82	90	172
Larry Johnston / Donnie Lewellen		82	92	174
Camden Chaney / Cagen Chaney	*	81	76	157
Vickie Field / Brock Field	*	83	76	159

\*exceeded shot #

### 8th Flight

Coy Jameson / Rick Carr	1st	85	82	167
Mike Villanueva / Mikey Villanueva	2nd	85	84	169
Blaine Provence / Clay Jones	3rd	87	83	170
Tanner Black / Blaire Black	T4	86	86	172
Abraham Garcia / Trey Vuittonet	T4	85	87	172
David Woods / Jody Ketcherside	6th	87	88	175
Donnie Carthel / Danny carthel		87	89	176
Jordyn Stowe / Adam Ball		87	89	176
Clay Adrian / Jake Neitcch		90	87	177
Travis Bussey / Ricky Cisneros		91	88	179
Christine Oborny / Derek Burns		90	94	184
Patrick Hodges / Morgan Brown		89	96	185
Oscar Carrillo / Oscar Armendariz	*	87	80	167
Quentin Foster / Eddie Paz	*	87	81	168
Rigo Zapata / Anabelle Estrada		92	-	-
Isaiah Alonzo / Emily Alonzo		94	-	-

\*exceeded shot #



## Sports

Two-A-Day workouts began this week for high school football and volleyball athletes. Besides skill training and endurance training (lots of running), coaches will be looking at new faces and evaluating where best to utilize their abilities. In the two photos at left, coaches watch closely as the offense runs through a list of plays with various formations. Also, sprinting is always a fun part of workouts?

### Volleyball

The annual alumni scrimmage will be at 7:00 p.m. on Friday evening in the FHS gym. On Saturday, the high school teams will scrimmage Denver City at 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 1:00 p.m. in the FHS gym. The volleyball teams will be on the road next week.

### Football

The football teams will scrimmage Sundown on Friday, August 16th at Sundown and on Friday, August 23rd against Bovina at Chieftain Field.



## FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



**When you gotta go, you gotta go** — Yes, that is a Porta Potty with a ladder to get there on the roof of Friona High School. Workers have been busy all summer roofing the high school, junior high, and elementary school. School begins Monday August 25. Ron Carr photo. (Friona Star, Thursday, August 7, 2014)



## Overpass is Underway



The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) recently began work on a \$70 million project that includes: constructing a bridge interchange over US 60 and the railroad, entrance and exit ramps for US 60, safety lighting, and

eliminating crossovers that will conflict with the new interchange. Webber, LLC, of The Woodlands, Texas is the project contractor.

“Our goal is to make sure we get the work done in the safest and most efficient way possible,”

said Neil Welch, PE, TxDOT’s Littlefield Area Engineer. “Both eastbound and westbound U.S. 60 traffic, through the construction zone, will be reduced to 60 mph,” Welch added.

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