



## City Council proposes lower tax rate for 2024

The Friona City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 12, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 617 Main in Friona, Texas. The meeting began with roll call, an invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance. All council members were present.

Three members of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors addressed council members during the public comment portion of the meeting. They highlighted the successful and important relationship the Chamber has had with the Economic Development Corporation in the past and would like to see that relationship continue into the future.

After public comments, Municipal Court Judge Marie Samarron conducted the swearing in ceremony for four new peace officers which included an oath of office and the pinning of badges.

Next, Mayor Greg Lewellen presented Joy Morton a Certificate and Key to the City in recognition of her 62 years of Meritorious Service to the community of Friona.

Council members discussed a report from the Parmer County Appraisal District regarding the 2024 effective tax rate. A motion was approved

to set the Proposed 2024 Tax Rate at .5852 per \$100 valuation which is a decrease from last year's .5900 tax rate.

Public Works Director Salvador Garcia told council members that the EPA-mandated lead analysis for city water lines was approximately 75% completed and will be completed by the end of September.

A variance request from Ida Vazquez to build a carport at 901 West 4th was approved. Also, a request from Lionel Ruiz Mateos to place a trailer house at 103 Ashland was approved pending a mailed notification/receipt to two non-resident property owners.

Discussion of a Waste Management Agreement with Parmer County for out-of-city-limits bulk item waste disposal was tabled until the September meeting.

A motion was approved to transfer an amount not to exceed \$66,740 from the Street Creation Escrow Fund to the General Fund for the Street Department 2024 Sealcoat Project.

A motion to approve an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances regarding regulations for the selling of alcoholic beverages which includes issuing a "City Certification" to businesses which have a

### 62 Years of Joy!



Joy Morton received a Key To The City from Mayor Greg Lewellen at Monday evening's City Council Meeting. She also received a Certificate of Recognition for her 62 years of Meritorious Service to the community of Friona. Joy taught in the Friona school system for 42 years and co-founded Summer Drama Workshop which turned 55 this year. She is "officially" retired, but never stops working.

TABC permit/license.

Representatives from Texas Tech University Heath Science Center briefed council members on the findings from their Health Equity Grant. One of the key findings was that underserved families are eager

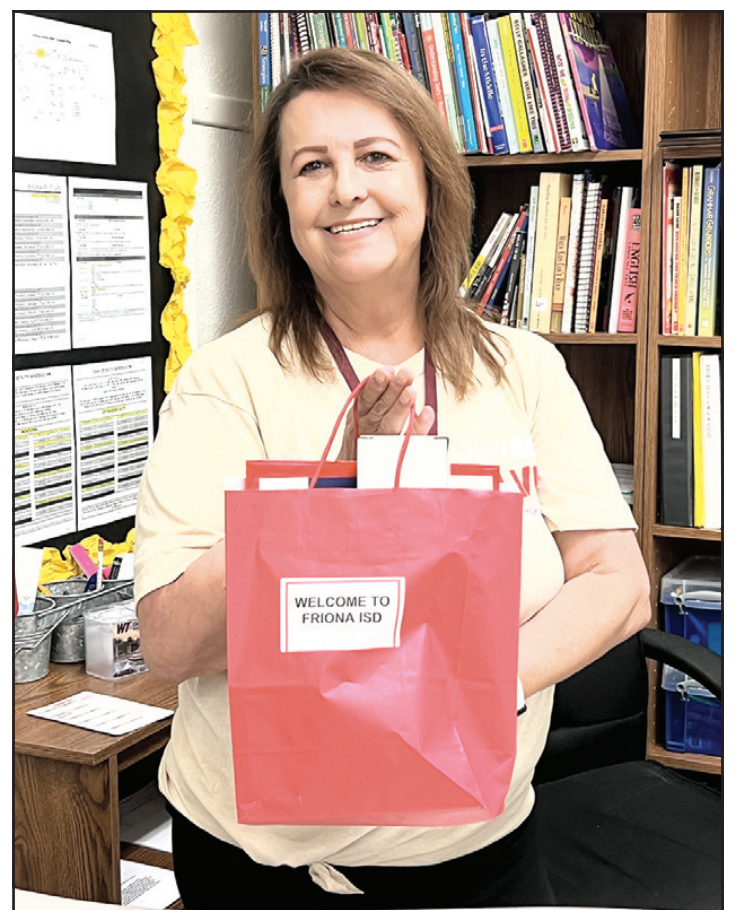
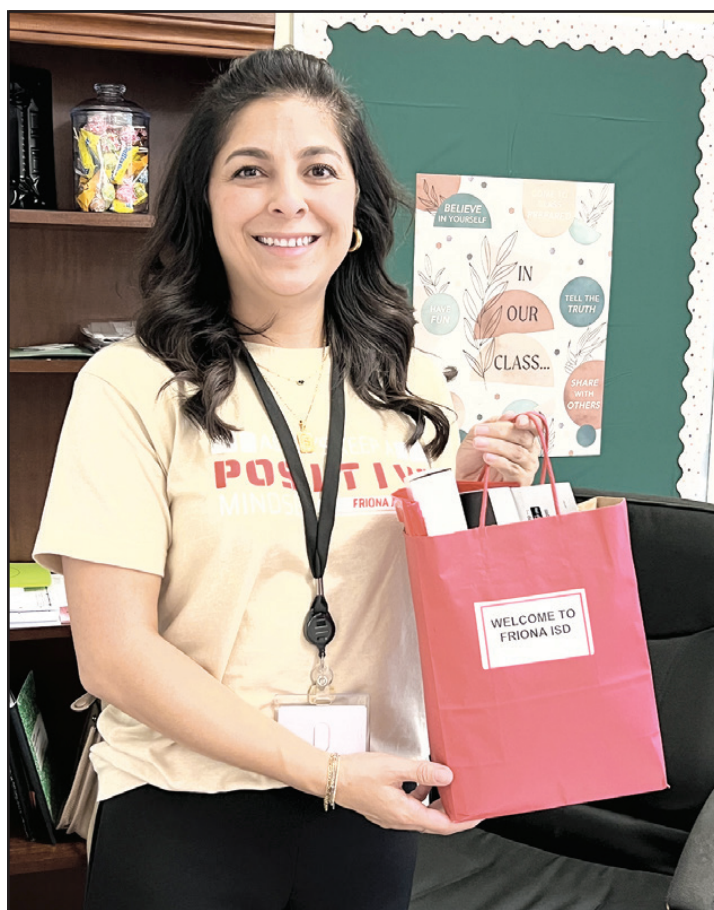
to learn how to access services and become a part of the community. Project Manager Erika Carrillo stressed that translation services are vitally important to help that become a reality. Recommendations are that the project should

continue and that more resources are needed in order to meet the needs of the underserved in the community.

In other business, the accounts payable for July 2024 were approved as well as the financial statement for July 2024.

Also, Minutes of the July 8, 2024 regular meeting were approved. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, September 16th.

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



**Meet the Teachers** — The 2024-25 school year began Wednesday morning for students, teachers, and school personnel. Three of the new teachers are shown above: (l-r) Mrs. Carrasco, 3rd Grade; Ms. Garza, 7th & 8th Grade Math; and Ms. Montemayor, 7th Grade Reading Language Arts. Please see page 8 for the complete FISD Personnel Directory. Have a great year!!!

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**State Capital Highlights**

By Gary Borders



**Community Calendar**

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**August 15**

- Pork at Noon Meal @ Senior Center

**August 19**

- Tacos at Noon Meal @ Senior Center
- Meet the Chieftains & Squaws  
7:00 p.m. at Chieftain Field

**August 21**

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

**August 22**

- Pile On at Noon Meal @ Senior Center

**August 25**

- Chicken at Noon Meal @ Senior Center

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**Pandemic relief funds for schools about to end**

Texas public schools received more than \$19 billion in pandemic relief funds over the last four years, but that pipeline of cash will largely end on Sept. 30, The Texas Tribune reported.

That means many Texas schools already struggling with budget deficits will begin the school year with even more serious deficits, especially since the Texas Legislature has not increased base per-student pay since 2019 — a year before the pandemic began.

Congress passed the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief package in 2020 to help schools deal with the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, which caused enrollment declines, teachers exiting the profession and falling test scores. That funding is about to end, with essentially nothing to take its place for many school districts already at the maximum allowed property tax rate.

"It's not about making up ESSER, because we all knew that was one-time funding," said La Joya ISD Superintendent Marcey Sorensen. "I just would ask, without getting political whatsoever, that everybody just look in the mirror and say, OK, if we really haven't provided additional funding since 2019, maybe it's time that we just give school districts a little bit more of what they need, knowing that kids have different needs now."

A recent survey conducted by the Texas Association of School Business Officials concluded that out of 313 school districts across the state, nearly 80% reported deficit budgets or a lack of resources as one of their top challenges.

**Abbott orders hospitals to report immigrant care data**

All Texas hospitals enrolled in Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program have been ordered by Gov. Greg Abbott to report costs incurred by treating undocumented immigrants, the Austin American-Statesman reported. In a news release outlining his executive order, Abbott blamed the Biden administration's border security policies for health care costs related to those immigrants.

"Texans should not have to shoulder the burden of financially supporting medical care for illegal immigrants," Abbott said.

Some Democratic lawmakers criticized the order.

State Rep. Gene Wu, D-Austin, posted on X: "Texas has the HIGHEST uninsured healthcare in the nation. Texas has the WORST mental health care in the nation. Texas has one of the worst (mortality) and infant mortality rates in America. But these are the Republicans priorities."

**Five more counties added to disaster list**

In the aftermath of Hurricane Beryl, five more Texas counties have been added to the federal disaster list, the governor's office announced.

The counties of Austin, Bowie, Shelby, Trinity and Waller have been added to the list, which already included Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Orange, Polk, San Jacinto, Walker and Wharton counties.

Texans can apply for FEMA disaster assistance online at [disasterassistance.gov](http://disasterassistance.gov) or by calling 800-621-3362.

**Carbon monoxide poisonings spike in wake of storm**

Carbon monoxide poisonings rose dramatically in the wake of Hurricane Beryl, with about 400 people ending up in Texas emergency rooms since the storm struck on July 8, the Texas Standard reported. That is the highest number reported since the 2021 winter storm, the Texas Standard reported. Two people died of CO poisoning in Harris County.

CO poisonings caused by widespread power outages are growing more common as climate change causes more extreme weather events, according to scientists.

"Whether you want to blame it on this, that or the other, I don't care. The world is changing. The climate is changing," said Dr. David Persse, Houston's chief medical officer.

**School about to start; watch for the kiddoes**

With school about to start, drivers are urged to stay alert and exercise caution in school zones, the Texas Department of Public Transportation advised. School zones can be chaotic, and 748 crashes were reported inside them last year. In addition, 2,523 collisions involving school buses occurred in Texas last year, killing 11 people and injuring

63.

TxDOT has launched its "Be Safe. Drive Smart Back-to-School" campaign in hopes of reducing crashes. The most common causes of crashes are preventable, such as speeding, distracted driving and failure to yield the right of way. Among the tips offered by TxDOT:

- Be aware. Traffic patterns around schools may have changed since last school year.
- Stay alert and put your phone away. Using a handheld electronic device while driving in an active school zone is against the law.
- Stop and yield the right of way to a pedestrian, bicyclist, or other vulnerable road user in a crosswalk. The Lisa Torrey Smith Act of 2021 enhanced the penalties for failing to follow the law and protect people in crosswalks. Seriously injuring someone who is lawfully in a crosswalk is now a state jail felony.
- Obey school zone speed limit signs. Remember, traffic fines increase in school zones.
- Know where to go. Drop off and pick up your kids in your school's designated areas, not the middle of the street.
- Be on the lookout. Keep an eye on children gathered at bus stops.
- Watch for children who might dart across the street or between vehicles.

**Yup, it's hot in Texas**

Exactly how hot is it in the Lone Star State as a heat dome covers much of Texas during these dog days of August? According to the Statesman, our state has the fourth-highest average temperature so far this year, coming in at 65.8 degrees. That might not seem all that hot, but keep in mind it includes temps recorded in January averaged in with that summer heat.

Topping the list of hottest states is Florida, followed by Hawaii and Louisiana, according to data compiled by The Blogler. After Texas comes Georgia, Mississippi and Alabama. Surprisingly, Arizona — even with triple-digit temperatures recorded regularly around Phoenix — is tied for ninth place.

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# Small Town Cookin' By Jeri Lynn White

## Grilling Recipes

This recipe for the grill has a twist on chile rellenos. With the addition of chipotle peppers, it will be a little spicy. You can always tone down the spice by using sour cream on your final taco. As a side note, this looks more like a quesadilla in the picture online, but you could make it into a taco if you want.

**Chiles Rellenos Grilled Chicken Tacos**  
www.tasteofhome.com

### Ingredients

- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 1/3 cup lime juice
- 1/3 cup red wine vinegar
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 2 teaspoons pepper
- 1 cup coarsely chopped fresh cilantro
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped chipotle peppers in adobo sauce
- 2 pounds boneless skinless chicken thighs
- Tacos:
- 4 poblano peppers
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 8 flour tortillas (8 inches)
- 2 cups shredded Monterey Jack cheese

### Directions

In a small bowl, whisk the first six ingredients until blended; stir in cilantro and chipotles. Transfer 2/3 cup marinade to a large re-sealable plastic bag. Add chicken; seal bag and turn to coat. Refrigerate 8 hours or overnight. Cover and refrigerate remaining marinade for tossing with grilled chicken. Brush poblanos with 1 tablespoon oil. Grill peppers, covered, over high heat 8-10 minutes or until all sides are blistered and blackened, turning as needed. Immediately place peppers in a small bowl; let stand, covered, 20 minutes. Reduce grill temperature to medium heat. Drain chicken, discarding marinade in bag. Grill chicken, covered, over medium heat 6-8 minutes on each side or until a thermometer reads 170°. Peel off and discard charred skin from peppers. Cut peppers lengthwise in half; carefully remove stems and seeds. Cut chicken into slices. Warm reserved marinade; add chicken and toss to coat. To assemble, place one pepper half in center of each tortilla; top with 1/2 cup chicken and 1/4 cup cheese. Fold tortillas in half over filling. Grill, covered, on medium heat 2-3 minutes on each side or until heated through.



## Chamber Business Spotlight

Presented by the Friona Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture



### Carniceria Hernandez



Carniceria Hernandez is a locally owned and operated Mexican restaurant known for its authentic flavors and a vibrant, welcoming atmosphere. Offering a wide variety of menu items, including traditional Mexican dishes, fresh

aguas frescas, and even classic burgers, there's something to satisfy every craving. Whether you're in the mood for a hearty breakfast, a quick lunch, or a delicious dinner, Carniceria Hernandez is the perfect spot.

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## Commissioners oppose wildlife refuge expansion plan

Parmer County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, August 12, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the County Courtroom of the Parmer County Courthouse in Farwell, Texas. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Texas Flag.

There were no comments from the public during the open forum. Minutes from the July 22nd regular meeting were read and approved. Commissioners approved the payment of the accounts payables as presented by County Treasurer Sharon May. The Treasurer's Payroll Report was also approved.

A Resolution was passed opposing the Final Land Protection

Plan and Environmental assessment for the Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's plan is to expand the Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge from 6,400 acres to 700,000 acres through land purchases (by the Federal Government) and voluntary conservation easements. Currently, the United States federal government owns about 640 million acres of land, which is roughly 28% of the country's total land area.

Sheriff Geske reported that the Parmer County Law Enforcement Center is currently housing 22 inmates, 25 from Parmer County and 8 from Lamb County. A motion to approve

the Watch Guard Camera System was approved. The system includes body cameras and patrol unit cameras which will be updated every four years. State grants stemming from Senate Bill 22 will be used to fund the program which will take effect in 2025.

In other business, renewal of Bonds for county employees were approved, conservation work on County Road 7 was approved, and the Parmer County Road and Bridge Fee in the amount of \$10 was renewed. The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 26th.

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

## Happy Birthday

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

**August 19**  
Roddy Berend  
Veca White Masters  
Janice Stowers  
Kennra Gail Downs  
Parker Jae Kuhlmeier  
Clyde Redwine  
Jessica Finley  
Romalee Armstrong  
Tyler Berry  
Clara Grace Benoit  
Daisy Delgado

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

**August 20**  
Meredith Peace  
Keila Gabel  
J.B. Douglas  
Mickey Munoz

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

**August 21**  
Joy Trimble  
Lucy Evans Campbell  
Lucretia Hayes  
Karley Lynn Keyes  
Wyatt Matson

**August 22**  
Robin Baize  
Shyla Baldrige  
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## Diesel at lowest level in two years

By Gas Buddy

Average gasoline prices in Texas fell 0.9 cents per gallon last week, averaging \$2.99 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. According to GasBuddy price reports, the lowest price in the state was \$2.39 while the highest was \$3.79 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline fell 3.2 cents last week, averaging \$3.41 per gallon. The national average price of diesel declined 3.4 cents last week and stands at \$3.72 per gallon. This is the lowest level since January of 2022.

"As summer driving season comes to a gradual close, we continue to see gasoline prices declining in most of the country as demand remains muted. Incredibly, the drop has also caused diesel fuel prices to crumble to their lowest level since before Russia's invasion of Ukraine," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

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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# Contend

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

A contender is someone who is defending their victory, their championship, against those who would seek to bring them down. In Jude's short letter to believers in the first century, he calls them to "contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints," (v3). Their problem was false teachers who were making the gospel a license for sin and sensuality. Their teaching was impacting the church, causing division, disruption, and carried the potential to shipwreck the faith of the faithful. In contending for

the faith, believers are to watch out for false teachers as well as watching out for fleshly desires that would lead them away from their faith. Contending against false teachers requires believers to know the truth of the Word of God, and expose false teachers when they arise. Today, our society is still filled with false teachers who have twisted the gospel and turned it into a message that pays instead of saves, which means the Church must be studious Bereans who courageously contend.

Contending for the faith also includes battling the fleshly desires that seek to lure you into hypocritical living and abandoning your love for Christ. This temptation to "go your own way" will attack you until the Lord returns or calls you home, therefore guard against the world, the demonic and fleshly desires that seek to pull you away. The false teachers of Jude's day were master manipulators who presented the gospel as a license to sin, instead of a clarion call to forsake oneself and follow Jesus.

## Panhandle Parables

### Praying For Our School

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

Dear Heavenly Father, A new day has begun and we give you praise. You have blessed us beyond measure and we are thankful.

Father, a new school year has begun and our teachers face many challenges. We pray for each teacher and teacher assistant that they may have the eyes to see what each child needs. The heart to show your compassion and the strength to bear the load and meet each challenge with courage and grace. We are thankful for our teachers and blessed by their willingness to serve the kids of our county in so many ways. Help us to be an encouragement to them.

Father, we also bring before you the students

this year. They each come with the potential for greatness. For some, academics will be easier than for others. We pray for both. We pray for your guidance in the lives of these kids. There are many choices being made through these years of education, help them make good choices with their time, interest, and extracurricular activities. Give them the courage to maintain high integrity on and off the field of play.

Lord, we do thank you for all those who work behind the scenes to make our schools run so well, for those who cook 1200+ meals a day to feed our kids, to those who make sure each room or bus is maintained to better serve the

needs of the students and teachers. Let us always be willing to thank them for how valuable they are to the school as they contribute to the success of each child.

Thank you for those in positions of decision, give them wisdom, and the courage to use that wisdom to defend our teachers and support them as they teach. As they set the course for a new year and the future of our school, help them, Father to make good choices.

Father, we pray for your protection over each and all. Keep them safe on buses, keep them safe in classrooms, and keep them safe in their homes. May You be glorified in their lives this year. It is in the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

## Writing Out Your Testimony

By Teena Hughs

The first weekend in August is our annual leaders retreat for Community Bible Study. It is a weekend of learning, but also a weekend of team building for the upcoming year!

Our last exercise before ending the retreat was to write out our testimony. We had a choice: to write about coming to Christ as an adult or coming to Christ at an early age.

We were to pray before writing anything. If we came to know Christ as an adult, we were to write about our life before knowing Christ; we were to be specific about how we came to know Christ and use at least one pertinent verse of Scripture; and lastly, we were to share life after receiving Christ, the changes He made in our lives and what He means to us now; and a pertinent verse or question we might close with.

If you came to Christ at an early age, you were to write about

your background and how you received Christ; your experience as an early Christian; the changes Christ has made in your life; and a pertinent verse or question you might close your story with.

Since I accepted Jesus as an adult, I answered those questions.

What surprised me was how Jesus showed me things I had never thought about in giving my testimony. When I have shared my testimony, I just told how I came to ask Jesus into my heart. I never thought to tell anyone what I was like before I asked Jesus into my life, and even though I know He has changed my thinking and my life, until I started putting those things on paper, I didn't realize how much Jesus had done in my life since He came to live in my heart.

It was a powerful experience to write out my testimony, and I highly recommend it to everyone. When I

look at how far Jesus has brought me in my thinking and actions, I can't help but be humbled; that He loved me so much as Max Lucado has said, that He didn't leave me the way I was. This is what I wrote, "He came into my life because I asked, but because He loves me and He didn't want me to be the person I thought I was; He wants me to be the person He wants me to be." That quote may not make sense to everyone, but I know what Jesus meant, because He made so many changes in me, and He continues to make changes.

Jesus saved me, and because of that I get to go to Heaven; I am forgiven of my sins; I get second chances after making mistakes. He has changed me more into the person I truly believe He wants me to be. I need to live in a way that warrants all of that love. May God help me, and you, to live our lives for Him!

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## August Bible Verse

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### Clovis Community College Announces Launch of CDL Program

Clovis Community College is excited to announce our partnership with Vehicle Safety Programs (VSP) and the launch of our CDL program. A ribbon cutting ceremony for the launch of the CDL program will be held Friday, August 16 at 10:00 a.m. in the southwest corner of the front parking lot, next to the Educational Services entrance. The start date for the CDL program will be August 26. There is funding available to New Mexico residents to help with the full cost of the program, along with other sources of financial aid if needed.



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Location: Clovis Community College  
Start Dates: Aug. 26<sup>th</sup>, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>,  
Nov 4<sup>th</sup>, Nov 18<sup>th</sup>, and Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>  
For more information contact:  
Elizabeth Chavez at 575-769-4760 or chavez@clovis.edu



### FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



**CAN I HELP YOU?** ... Frank Truitt of Bi-Wize Drug models "Beatle" wig and pipe as an indication of how he may dress during Friona's "Krazy Daze" sale next Friday. Merchants are planning to let their hair down for the event - right, Frank? (Friona Star, Thursday, August 13, 1964)

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**New Officers Sworn In** — At Monday evening’s council meeting, Municipal Court Judge Marie Samarron swore in Jose Guevara, Daniel Martinez Jr. (top photo l-r) and Leo Belmonte and Alex Licerio (middle photo l-r) as Friona’s newest peace officers. Bottom photo — (l-r) Amelia Sandoval, Jose Guevara, Monica Marquez, Leo Belmonte, Daniel Martinez Jr., Yesenia Rojas, Alex Licerio, Yodeli Licerio.



**Volleyball Season Underway** — The Friona Squaws started the volleyball season with victories over Holy Cross and Fort Elliot. They will play in the Shallowater Tourney this Friday and Saturday. The presspasssports.com website recently listed Aubree Bunker, Kitzzy Welch, and Angelica Reyes as notable players to watch for this year. Go Big Red!

## Hereford Jubilee is salute to agriculture

By Jim Steiert

The Deaf Smith Historical Society’s big Hereford Jubilee is set for Saturday, August 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. beginning with a parade down the traditional route from Hereford High School to East Park Avenue and Main Street, followed by food, games, and activities in Dameron Park.

This year’s Hereford Jubilee is a throwback to the cherished community tradition of drawing county residents to a summertime celebration in Dameron Park prior to the full-scale resumption of school classes and hectic fall activities.

The family-oriented event gives local clubs and organizations an opportunity to raise funds with booths featuring food and games, and will provide a great chance for local residents to share a sense of community.

Lana Bass, executive director of the Deaf Smith County Museum, says parade entries that have signed up include the HHS Mighty Maroon Band, the Will Rogers Range Riders (the group that brought an impressive wagon and mule team last summer), the Rolling Hills Riders, and at least 30 classic tractors.

The Historical Society will be holding a bake sale featuring homemade bread baked by its members, among other selections, as well as selling T-shirts, cookbooks, Historical Society member cookbooks, and copies of

the community classic local history book “Deaf Smith County, The Land and Its People 1876-1981.” The history book, composed and edited by a committee of local volunteers, is a priceless collection of the stories of the people, institutions, organizations and businesses that shaped Deaf Smith County into the 20th century.

There will also be a drawing for a \$200 meat variety pack from Beef Capital of the World Fine Meats, with tickets available from the Historical Society.

A merchandise drawing will also be held.

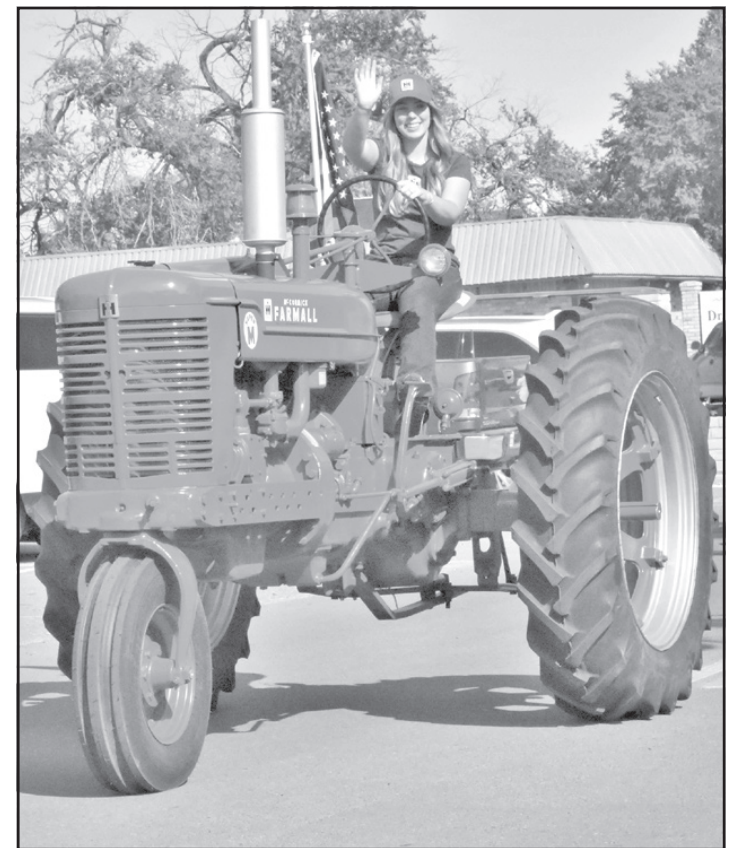
The Historical Society will be awarding prizes for Most Unique Float, and Best in Show and

Farthest Traveled for tractor owners.

In keeping with the theme of honoring the agriculture community, the Farmer/Rancher of the Year will again be recognized by the Deaf Smith Historical Society in ceremonies at Dameron Park following the parade.

Numerous food trucks and vendors have already signed up for the Hereford Jubilee, with more expected.

Entertainment opportunities for the kids include a barrel train, laser tag booth, face painting, three, count ‘em, three bouncy houses, a 4-H petting zoo, and the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce’s Rowdy the bull.



**POWER APLENTY**--There will be horsepower in the form of classic tractors, and raw horsepower--and mule power in some cases, in the parade at the Hereford Jubilee in downtown Hereford Saturday, August 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Activities following the parade will include naming of Deaf Smith County’s Farmer/Rancher of the Year. (Photos by Jim Steiert)



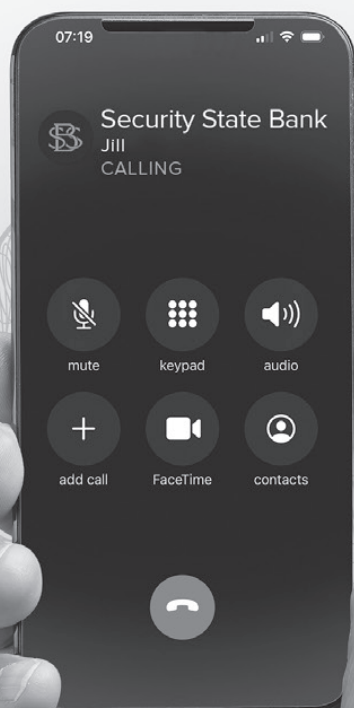
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 Director of Student Services/HR  
 M'Kell Jeter .....  
 Director of Accountability and Strategic Initiatives  
 Jennifer Gonzales .....  
 Curriculum Specialist/District Testing Coordinator  
 Trisha Steelman ..... Technology Director  
 Yodeli Castillo ..... Technology Support Specialist  
 Angelica Marquez ..... Network Specialist  
 Martha Moreno ..... Head Custodian  
 Daniel Hidalgo ..... Head Maintenance  
 Luis Amezcua ..... Groundskeeper  
 Cesar Huerta ..... Bus Barn Foreman  
 Larry Gonzales ..... Assistant Groundskeeper  
 Aide Mendoza ..... Custodian  
 Victor Parra ..... Maintenance  
 Jason Phillips ..... Maintenance/Transportation  
 Raymond Diaz ..... Bus Barn Helper  
 Eduardo Jimenez ..... Bus Barn Helper  
 Julie Carrasco .....  
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 Matthew Tucker ..... Counselor  
 Malissa Stimson ..... Counselor  
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 Johana Monreal ..... Counselor Secretary  
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 Adriana Aguilon ..... Spanish  
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 Liliانا Aragon ..... Art Instructional Facilitator  
 Kelley Ashlock ..... Social Studies Composite  
 Tim Ashlock ..... Pre Cal/Geometry/Coach  
 Sanrda Berend ..... Math  
 Lonnie Born ..... AG Mechanics/Welding  
 Elias Carrillo ..... Athletic Director  
 Rickie Castillo ..... Social Studies/Coach  
 Amy Cook ..... Librarian  
 Carrie Davis ..... SPED/Coach  
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 Tammy Gammon ..... Geometry  
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 Patricia Lanier ..... Library IA  
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 Trista Hickman ..... 5th Science

Jordan Jarecki ..... 5th ELAR  
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 Estela Ortiz ..... 4th Grade  
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 Zoe Regalado ..... 2nd Grade  
 Triston Rolan ..... Music  
 Cynthia Santiago . 4th Grade Instructional Facilitator  
 Claudia Suarez ..... 3rd Grade  
 Mariah Trevino ..... 5th Social Studies  
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 Jasmine Gomez Brito ..... Sped. IA  
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 Erminia Gonzalez ..... Assistant Speech Pathologist  
 Cecilia Lindley ..... Headstart  
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 Dwight Merrell ..... SPED  
 Danielle Perez ..... 1st Grade Instructional Facilitator  
 Elisabet Ramos ..... Bilingual PK  
 Sally Reyna ..... Bilingual Lkindergarten  
 Susi Seaman ..... Reading Recovery  
 Diamond Stephens ..... PK  
 Erika Vega ..... Kindergarten  
 Aubrey Weatherly ..... Kindergarten  
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 Kiesha Aragon ..... IA  
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## Projects announced for Parmer County Museum

The Parmer County Museum is a cherished part of our community. The directors of the museum are dedicated to preserving and celebrating our local heritage and have four exciting projects lined up that will significantly enhance the museum and benefit everyone

who visits. They need your support to bring these projects to life!

**Here are the four targeted projects they are focusing on:**

**Project 1: Historical Exhibit Restoration of the American Legion Post #206**

The aim is to restore and showcase our vet-

erans' artifacts and photos, bringing their fascinating history back to life. This project will cost \$4000.

**Project 2: The History of the Frióna Star**  
 The plan is to focus on the newspaper's 100th anniversary and its historical contribution to the area. The goal for this initiative is \$2000.

**Project 3: Expansion of the History of Parmer County - XIT and early settlers**  
 Upgrading this existing display and moving it into the American Legion space. They are looking to raise \$2000 for these essential improvements.

**Project 4: Continued Support of the**

### Website

Creating a digital archive to preserve and share the collection online will make our history accessible to a broader audience. This project will cost \$2000.

#### How can you help?

- **Donate:** Every contribution matters! Visit the donation page, [www.parmercountymuseum.com](http://www.parmercountymuseum.com) to support one or more of these projects. If you wish to be recognized for your contribution, please leave a message in the comment section of the donation page on the website, selecting the specific project.
- **Share:** Help spread the word by sharing this post with your net-



Parmer County Museum

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- **Volunteer:** Interested in getting involved? They would love your help with various tasks related to these projects. Contact them at [www.parmercountymuseum.com](http://www.parmercountymuseum.com) to find out more.

Your support will help continue the preservation our com-

munity's history and make our museum an even more valuable resource. Thank you for being a part of this important journey!

They also accept checks. Mail them to Parmer County Museum at 218 W 6th Street, Frióna, TX 79035, and let them know which display you are interested in.



American Legion (Museum Annex)



# Friona to receive \$60K in Monthly Sales Tax Revenue

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced last week that he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts \$1.2 billion in local sales tax allocations for August. This amount is 0.3 percent less than sent out in August 2023. These allocations are based on sales made in June by businesses that report tax monthly and on sales

made in April, May and June by quarterly filers.

The City of Friona will receive \$60,903.11 in sales tax allocation for August. This amount represents a 6.62 percent increase versus the August 2023 total of \$57,117.30.

For year-to-date 2024, the total is \$439,035.97 which is a 0.49 percent decrease as compared to YTD for 2023 of \$441,204.03. The FEDC will receive \$15,225.78 of the August allocation for its operating budget.

| Friona Sales Tax Allocation |                    |                 |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| <b>August 2024</b>          | <b>August 2023</b> | <b>% change</b> |
| \$60,903.11                 | \$57,117.30        | 6.62%           |
| <b>YTD 2024</b>             | <b>YTD 2023</b>    | <b>% change</b> |
| \$439,035.97                | \$441,204.03       | -0.49%          |

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Friona ISD will hold a public meeting at 4 p.m. Friday, August 30, 2024 in the Administration Building Board Room at 909 E. 11th Friona, Texas.

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

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

|                                 |  |
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| <b>Maintenance Tax</b>          | \$ .6669 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations) |
| <b>School Debt Service Tax</b>  |  |
| <b>Approved by Local Voters</b> | \$ .334 /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)      |

### Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

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

|                            |       |            |    |      |              |
|----------------------------|-------|------------|----|------|--------------|
| Maintenance and operations | 6.460 | % increase | or |      | % (decrease) |
| Debt service               |       | % increase | or | .807 | % (decrease) |
| Total expenditures         | 5.653 | % increase | or |      | % (decrease) |

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

|  | Preceding Tax Year | Current Tax Year |
|--|--------------------|------------------|
| Total appraised value* of all property   | \$ 607,503,443     | \$ 681,826,243   |
| Total appraised value* of new property** | \$ 18,227,126      | \$ 21,158,098    |
| Total taxable value*** of all property   | \$ 593,032,461     | \$ 666,409,612   |
| Total taxable value*** of new property** | \$ 18,086,432      | \$ 20,941,878    |

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

### Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$ 18,407,325

\* Outstanding principal.

### Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

|   | Maintenance & Operations | Interest & Sinking Fund* | Total      | Local Revenue Per Student | State Revenue Per Student |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Last Year's Rate</b>   | \$ .66920                | \$ .33400 *              | \$ 1.00320 | \$ 6,726                  | \$ 7,704                  |
| <b>Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance &amp; Operations Revenue &amp; Pay Debt Service</b> | \$ .93518                | \$ .14886 *              | \$ 1.08404 | \$ 7,960                  | \$ 5,144                  |
| <b>Proposed Rate</b>  | \$ .66690                | \$ .33400 *              | \$ 1.00090 | \$ 7,530                  | \$ 5,277                  |

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

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

|   | Last Year  | This Year  |
|---|------------|------------|
| Average Market Value of Residences                    | \$ 123,505 | \$ 145,154 |
| Average Taxable Value of Residences                   | \$ 30,708  | \$ 37,892  |
| Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value | \$ 1.0032  | \$ 1.0009  |
| Taxes Due on Average Residence                        | \$ 308.06  | \$ 379.26  |
| Increase (Decrease) in Taxes                          |            | \$ 71.20   |

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

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.0009. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of 1.0009.

### Fund Balances

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

|  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) | \$ 5,817,832.09 |
| Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)         | \$ 1,213,621.41 |

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

Visit Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

Statements required in notice if the proposed tax rate exceeds the no-new-revenue tax rate but does not exceed the voter-approval tax rate, as prescribed by Tax Code §26.06(b-2).

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

This notice only applies to a taxing unit other than a special taxing unit or municipality with a population of less than 30,000, regardless of whether it is a special taxing unit.

|                         |                     |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| PROPOSED TAX RATE       | \$ 0.1646 per \$100 |
| NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE | \$ 0.1549 per \$100 |
| VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE | \$ 0.1646 per \$100 |

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2024 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for PARMER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT from the same properties in both the 2023 tax year and the 2024 tax year.

The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that PARMER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that PARMER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2024 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON 09/09/2024 12:00 PM at Parmer County Hospital District Conference Room, 1307 Cleveland, Friona, TX.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, PARMER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the Parmer County Hospital District of PARMER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE TAX RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

Property tax amount = ( tax rate ) x ( taxable value of your property ) / 100

(List names of all members of the governing body below, showing how each voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase or, if one or more were absent, indicating absences.)

FOR the proposal: Bret Whitten, Dennis Anthony, Ricky Barnett, Dale Schueler, Clint Hurst

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

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### Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase Form 50-876

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by PARMER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by PARMER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT this year.

|  | 2023        | 2024        | Change         |
|--|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| <b>Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)</b> | \$0.1773    | \$0.1646    | 7.16% decrease |
| <b>Average homestead taxable value</b>     | \$89,808    | \$100,049   | 11.4% increase |
| <b>Tax on average homestead</b>            | \$159       | \$164       | 3.42% increase |
| <b>Total tax levy on all properties</b>    | \$1,595,503 | \$1,713,969 | 7.42% increase |

### Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase Form 50-876

(Include the following text if these no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate adjustments apply for the taxing unit)

#### No-New-Revenue Maintenance and Operations Rate Adjustments

##### State Criminal Justice Mandate (counties)

The County Auditor certifies that County has spent \$ in the previous 12 months for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Sheriff has provided County information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for the reimbursement of such costs.

This increased the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate by /\$100.

##### Indigent Health Care Compensation Expenditures (counties)

The spent \$ from July 1 to June 30 on indigent health care compensation procedures at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance.

For current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is \$.

This increased the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate by /\$100.

##### Indigent Defense Compensation Expenditures (counties)

The spent \$ from July 1 to June 30 to provide appointed counsel for indigent individuals in criminal or civil proceedings in accordance with the schedule of fees adopted under Article 26.05, Code of Criminal Procedure, and to fund the operations of a public defender's office under Article 26.044, Code of Criminal Procedure, less the amount of any state grants received. For current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent defense compensation expenditures is \$.

This increased the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate by /\$100.

##### Eligible County Hospital Expenditures (cities and counties)

The spent \$ from July 1 to June 30 on expenditures to maintain and operate an eligible county hospital.

For current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's eligible county hospital expenditures is \$.

This increased the no-new revenue maintenance and operations rate by /\$100.

##### (If the tax assessor for the taxing unit maintains an internet website)

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for PARMER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT at (806) 251-1405 or poad@parmercad.org or visit parmer.truthintaxation.com for more information.

##### (If the tax assessor for the taxing unit does not maintain an internet website)

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for at (telephone number) or (email address).



is online at www.frionaonline.com



# Morton's Mob: The Legacy continues....



**May the Mob be with You!** A small portion of "Morton's Mob" were on hand Monday evening at the City Council meeting to help Joy Morton celebrate as she received the Key to the City in recognition of 62 years of service to the community of Friena. When asked about the story behind "Morton's Mob" in a 2019 Friena Star interview Joy said, "Many moons ago I took a group of students to perform for the Lion's Club. Cecil Maddox introduced the group as "Morton's Mob" and that label stuck to us like Gorilla Glue. There really is no secret handshake...just years and years of fun performing and entertaining others."

**THE LEGEND RETURNS**  
**STILL SAVING LIVES**

Scan to play Bigfoot trivia for a chance to win!

## Friona Community Blood Drive

**Wednesday, August 21**  
**Noon - 7 p.m.**  
 Friona Senior Center • 1410 Washington

**Scan to schedule your appointment!**

Donors will receive the Bigfoot Returns T-shirt!\*

**Our Blood Institute**  
 Coffee Memorial Blood Center 877-340-8777 • obi.org

Photo ID required. \*While supplies last.

PARMER COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW

# STEAK DINNER

AND CONCERT  
 FEATURING BART CROW

**SEPTEMBER 7**  
 DINNER @ 6:30 ~ CONCERT @ 8:30

TICKET INCLUDES 2 STEAK DINNERS AND CONCERT ADMISSION  
 FIRST TICKET DRAWN: \$1000 ~ 2ND TICKET DRAWN: \$500

**ALPO'S BARN-FARWELL**

**\$100 PER TICKET**

**First National Bank**  
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