



Halloween Events on October 31

Trunk or Treat

6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Prairie Acres parking lot
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Parmer County Sheriff's Office

Sausage Wraps

The Friona Volunteer Fire Department will serve free sausage wraps on Halloween at the fire station beginning at 6:30 p.m. and serve until they run out.



We're Back!!!



Chieftain Band Marches On — Drum Majors Rafael Rocha, Karen Morales, and Nicholas Gutierrez proudly display the trophy that the FHS Band earned by scoring a Division I (Superior) rating at the regional marching contest last Saturday in Amarillo. This marks the second year in a row that the band has advanced. Next up is the Area Contest this Saturday. The Mighty Chieftain Marching Band, under the direction of Chris Rackley and assistant Ben Monk, will perform at 12:45 p.m. at Lowrey Field in Lubbock.

General Election

— Early Voting —

Parmer County Courthouse
401 3rd St., Farwell, TX 79325

Monday-Friday | October 21-25, 2024

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday | October 26, 2024

7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Sunday | October 27, 2024

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Monday-Friday | Oct. 28-Nov. 1, 2024

7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

County 4-H Members Awarded Gold Stars

District 2 Texas 4-H held its Gold Star Banquet Tuesday evening in Lubbock. Two Parmer County senior 4-H members, Peyton Schueler and Aubrey Schueler, were honored.

The Gold Star is the highest award given by the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program. County Offices and Agents are asked to maintain a high level of integrity and honor through their selection process of county Gold Star recipients.

At the minimum, the following guidelines should be used in the eligibility and selection process for each county: (1) The member must have at least completed, or be completing their 9th grade school year at the time of application, and must have completed at least 3 years in 4-H, including the current year. (2) The Texas 4-H Gold Star Award can only be awarded once in a member's 4-H career. (3) The 4-H member must have completed



All in the Family — (l-r) Avery, Kevin, Ami, Peyton, Aubrey, Ivy, Candice, Wade, Donna and Dale Schueler.



County Agents and 4-H Gold Star honorees — (l-r) Janelle Duffey (ANR/4-H Agent), Peyton Schueler, Aubrey Schueler, Wendy Case (FCH/4-H Agent).



projects in at least three different project areas. (4) The member must have exhibited leadership skills by serving as a 4-H officer or committee chair, and/or as a junior or teen leader in an activity or project with or under the supervision of an adult volunteer leader. (5) The 4-H member must have participated in one or more community service activities. (6) The 4-H member must

submit a Texas 4-H record book in the year they are to be considered for the award.








Peyton Schueler is the son of Kevin and Ami Schueler of Rhea. He is a senior and is homeschooled. Peyton is currently the president of the Friona 4-H club and has been a member for 10 years. He is active in lambs, goats, commercial steers, shooting sports, livestock judg-

ing, and livestock skill-a-thon.

Aubrey Schueler is the daughter of Wade and Candice Schueler of Friona. She is a senior at Friona High School. She is currently the vice president of social media for the Friona 4-H club and has been a member for 9 years. She is active in commercial steers, beef heifers, meat judging, and livestock skill-a-thon.

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Community Calendar

Send Calendar information to:
frionastar@wtrt.net or call (806) 250-5200

October 24

• Spaghetti & Meatballs at Noon Meal @ Senior Center

October 28

• Meat Loaf at Noon Meal @ Senior Center
• Created With Purpose Annual Banquet at 7:00 p.m. in the Friona Community Center

October 30

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

October 31

• Chicken Legs at Noon Meal @ Senior Center
• Prairie Acres Halloween "Trunk or Treat" from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at 201 E. 15th Street



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Mobile STEM Lab Visits Friona Junior High

This is a three-part article on the recent visit of Learning Undeclared's Texas Mobile STEM Lab to Friona Junior High students. Part 1 is an introduction, Part 2 covers the learning experience, and Part 3 is a summary and student reaction.

Part 3 — Student Reaction

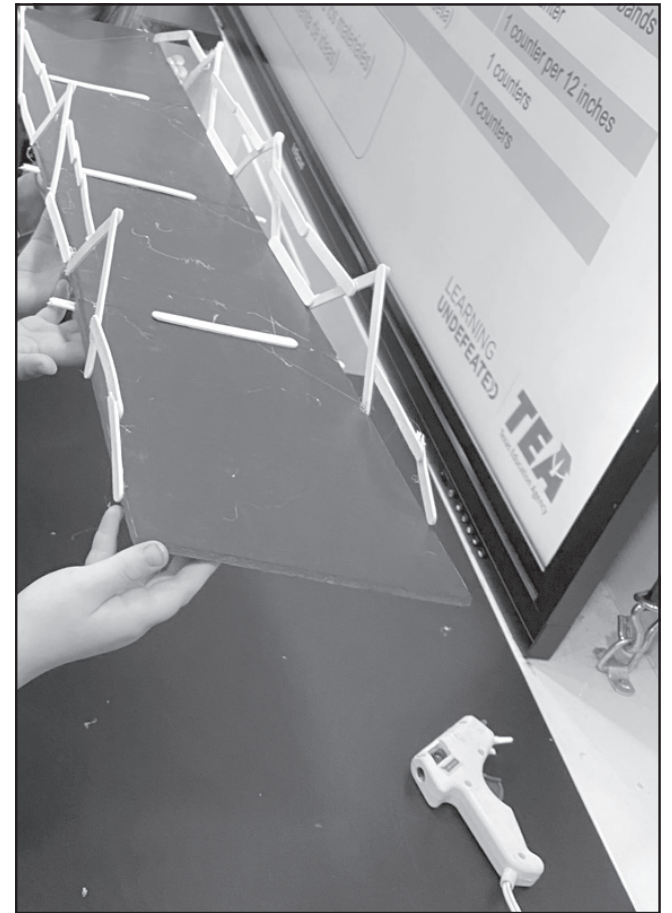
An Exit Poll was conducted with the students after their visit to the mobile STEM lab. They were asked questions about their lab experience.

When asked about the favorite part of the lab, Brianna Rocha responded, "Building stuff, I really enjoy engineering." Dustin Shields added, "Trying to build the bridge with limited time and resources." Noah Beltran opined, "When my bridge collapsed under the smallest amount of pressure."

When asked if the STEM lab was fun, Luis Grado answered, "Yes, but it took work to make a bridge for a wagon to try to cross it."

When asked if you would like to participate again with a different lab, Ian Vazquez replied, "Maybe, but I really liked the bridge one." Fernando Moreno replied, "Yes, even if it was a completely different subject, because my favorite part was working with my group."

Learning Undeclared's Texas Mobile STEM Lab visit to Friona Junior High was a success as it gave the students a hands-on experience with science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. It challenged them and left them wanting more.



Commissioners Approve Reinvestment Zone

Parmer County Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, September 23, 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.

Commissioners approved a resolution designating a Parmer-Lazbuddie Wind Reinvestment Zone #2, establishing boundaries, and providing an Effective Date. An amended and restated Tax Abatement Agreement with Lazbuddie Wind Energy LLC was also approved as well as an amend-

ed and restated Tax Abatement Agreement with Lazbuddie Wind Energy II LLC. All three actions were pursuant to Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code.

Sheriff Geske reported that he was currently housing 20 inmates which includes 12 from Lamb County and 1 from Castro County. Also, the K-9 unit plans to visit all of the county's schools.

In other business, commissioners approved a motion to deposit the TAC HEBP Surplus Check, in the amount of \$27,828.69, into the Healthy County account. The funds would enable the county to continue and expand its Well-

ness Incentive Program. Also, a state-mandated Election Cyber Security Plan was discussed and approved.

Minutes from the September 23rd 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.

The next Commissioner's meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 28th.

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

ACROSS

- 1 TXism: "he's _ _ _ to walk the river with" (reliable)
- 5 a pocket bread
- 6 our treat (2 wds.)
- 7 Travis _ _ _ pleases for more men at the Alamo
- 8 TXism: " _ _ _ the mark" (follow rules)
- 9 a gorilla, e.g.
- 12 Texas-born Aaron Yoo 2009 comedy film: "Labor _ _ _"
- 17 assumed names the founding name of the city Uvalde
- 21 male geese
- 22 TXism: "hot as _ _ _ stove"
- 23 "he _ _ _ holding the bag"
- 28 TX JoBeth 1983 film about kidnapping/ murder of a child annoying person
- 30 " _ _ _ him wrapped around her little finger"
- 31 church table
- 35 camping shelter
- 36 Aikman shout in 1993: "I'm going to _ _ _!"
- 42 in Nueces County on highway 44 (2 wds.)
- 44 milk _ _ _ quickly if left out of fridge
- 46 West Asians who settled in Waller County in 1880s
- 48 Texas actress Sissy

DOWN

- 49 Friday high school event: " _ _ _ rally"
- 50 Monte _ _ _ , Texas
- 51 TXism: "if _ _ _ rooster, he'll crow" (inevitable)
- 52 clairvoyance (abbr.)
- 53 "Houston Museum of Fine _ _ _"
- 54 TXism: "mobile mouse _ _ _" (cat)
- 56 TXism: "busy as _ _ _ - armed paper hanger"
- 57 TXism: "rot _ _ _" (liquor)
- 58 TX Ross Perot founded this company (abbr.)

TEXAS CROSSWORD
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- 13 "Star Trek's" Spock line: "Live long _ _ _"
- 14 it predated 7-11's Slurpee
- 15 puppy bites
- 16 TXism: " _ _ _ slinging mad"
- 18 "it don't _ _ _ up" (doubt it's true)
- 20 Austin: "Asleep _ _ _ the Wheel" band
- 23 Levi's inventor (init.)
- 24 Texas-born actor Hawke (init.)
- 25 Greek cheese
- 26 mall clothing store (2 wds.)
- 27 cow dung
- 32 Joan Crawford was born in Texas as Lucille _ _ _Sueur
- 33 Burrell of 2011 film "Butter" with TX Jennifer Garner
- 34 cowboy humility: " _ _ , shucks ma'am"
- 36 horse color
- 37 pelvic bones
- 38 " _ _ _ down" (reduce)
- 39 _ _ _ beef
- 40 A.F. _ _ _ organized the drilling of Spindletop
- 41 A&M's original 12th Man: _ _ _ King Gill
- 43 fleur- _ _ _lis once flew over Texas
- 45 48-across played his "Carrie" (init.)
- 47 most Texans are _ _ _ of their state
- 48 " _ _ _ up or ship out"
- 55 picnic pests

'Tis the View

Does the selfish kid ever grow up?

*How many old people only buy
Halloween candy they like,*

Just in case there's "over-lefts!"

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COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from October 10, 2024 to October 17, 2024

(10/10/24) Wells Fargo Bank — Blanca Delia Guevara, Jesus Guevara — Lots 8, 10, and the South 27' of Lot 11 in Block 66, in the Town of Friona, Parmer County, Texas

(10/16/24) Craig Arthur Rohrbach, Darcy Lynn Rohrbach — Sterling Bowers, Amy Bowers — Lots 17-20, Block 27, Original Town Addition, City of Farwell, Parmer County

(10/17/24) Brenda Gulley — Ronald Byrd, Leandra Byrd — All of South 59.33 Feet of Lot 7, and All of Lot 6 Except the South 75 Feet of Block 2, Ridgcrest Unit 1, an Addition to Farwell, Parmer County, Texas

Thank You

On behalf of our family, we would like to express our deepest gratitude for the overwhelming support and love shown to us after the loss of Bill Neely. So many of you reached out in different ways—whether it was bringing a meal, sharing a memory, offering a hug, words of encouragement, or a prayer. Every gesture touched our hearts, and we felt truly wrapped in love and comfort during this difficult time.

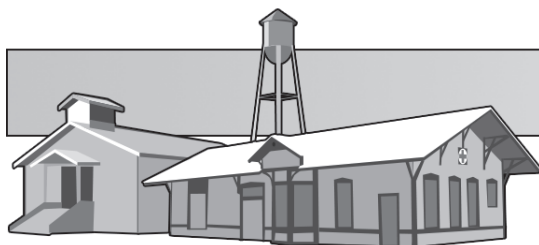
We are especially grateful to those who visited with Dad in his final hours. Hearing the stories of how he impacted so many lives and the community brought us comfort and a sense of peace. Your presence and words were a blessing, and they meant more to us than we can ever express.

We would like to extend a special thank you to Bluebonnet Hospice. The incredible care and support they provided to Dad and Peggy in his final days were beyond anything we could have hoped for. Their kindness and compassion were a gift to our entire family.

Our heartfelt thanks also go to Pastor Brett Hoyle for his compassion and support, and to Pastor D. Jay Lewis and Calvary Baptist Church. We are also deeply thankful to Dusty Hansard with Hansard Funeral Home. His care for Dad, from the moment he passed until he was laid to rest in Meridian, Texas, was handled with such dignity and respect, and we cannot thank him enough for his kindness.

We are truly blessed to have such a loving community of friends and family, and we will never forget the outpouring of support during this time. Your love has lifted us up and carried us through.

With heartfelt gratitude,
The Neely family



TOWN TALK

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Giving Thanks — The Annual Community Thanksgiving Service will be Sunday, November 24, at 6:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church. More info next week.

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National Days

- October 24 — Bologna Day
- October 25 — Frankenstein Friday
- October 26 — Pumpkin Day
- October 27 — Civics Day
- October 28 — Chocolate Day
- October 29 — Cat Day
- October 30 — Candy Corn Day

FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



AT RECEPTION . . . Lois Norwood and Wendell Gresham, two of the agency partners, display a cake which proclaimed the 50th birthday of Ethridge-Spring Insurance Agency, which celebrated with an open house last Friday afternoon. A good crowd of well-wishers attended the function. (Friona Star, Sunday, October 21, 1984)

The Chiefs Go Marching On — Good luck to the Mighty Chieftain Band as they compete in the Area A 3A Marching Contest on Saturday at Lowery Field in Lubbock. Performance time is 12:45 p.m.

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Halloween Events — Friona Banking Center will host their annual sausage cookout from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in their parking lot. Proceeds donated to local charity. The Volunteer Fire Department will serve free sausage wraps at the fire station beginning at 6:30 p.m. The annual Trunk or Treat event will take place at Prairie Acres from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

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Save The Date — St. Ann's Catholic Church of Bovina is having their 64th Annual Turkey Dinner on Sunday, November 3rd. Serving time is 11:30 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. (Texas time) in the St. Ann's Parish Hall on 3rd Street in Bovina. The dinner will consist of Turkey & Dressing, Creamed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Homemade Bread, Cranberry Sauce, Dessert, and Tea & Coffee. Donations will be \$15.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children under 6. Take-out plates will be available at no additional charge.

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Texas Facts — The first oil well in Texas was drilled in 1901. In 1931, the East Texas Oil Field, the largest in the lower 48 states, was discovered. Source: fun-worldfacts.com

Lower prices for gas and diesel

By GasBuddy

Average gasoline prices in Texas fell 2.3 cents last week, averaging \$2.70, according to GasBuddy's survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas was \$2.15 while the most expensive was \$3.59 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline fell 3.3 cents last week, averaging \$3.13 per gallon. The national average price of diesel declined 1.3 cents in the last week and stands at \$3.56 per gallon.

"The median U.S. price for gasoline just slipped below the \$3 per gallon mark for the first time since early 2024, while the national average price of gasoline declined as oil prices have begun to cool off after Iran's attack on Israel, due in part to sources saying Israel has agreed not to attack Iran's oil infrastructure," 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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Small Town Cookin' By Jeri Lynn White

Pumpkin

This week I found a savory pumpkin dish that sounds delicious. The website says, "... let me clarify that this recipe is not sweet, nor does it taste anything like pumpkin pie. Instead, the pumpkin puree and cheese give the sauce a rich alfredo-like texture that coats the pasta with a savory flavor." Since this only uses one cup of pumpkin, it is a good way to use up a partially used can. Hope you enjoy.

Easy Pumpkin Pasta Sauce
www.laurafuentes.com

Ingredients

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| 16 ounces penne pasta | 1 cup reserved pasta water | 1 teaspoon salt |
| 2 tablespoons olive oil | ½ cup half and half | 1 cup shredded Parmesan cheese, |
| 2 garlic cloves, minced | ¾ cup milk | plus more for serving |
| 1 cup pumpkin puree | ¼ teaspoon nutmeg | |

Directions

Cook the pasta according to package directions, reserve 1 cup pasta water, drain, and set aside. In a large skillet, heat the oil over medium-high heat. Add the garlic and sauté for about 30 seconds, until fragrant. Add the pumpkin puree and half of the reserved pasta water. Whisk until a smooth

paste forms. Stir in the half and half milk, nutmeg, and salt to the sauce bring to a simmer while occasionally stirring. Cook for 5 minutes or until thick-

ened and smooth. Add in the grated Parmesan and whisk until the cheese is dissolved. Add the cooked pasta to the sauce and toss to combine. Add a little more pasta water if your sauce is too thick. Top with additional Parmesan cheese and serve.

Happy Birthday

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| Oct. 24
Patsy Bandy
Winfield Davenport
Ben Santiago
Corina Ortiz | Oct. 27
Dr. Felipe Jubay
Carolyn Lane
Jared Buske
Colby Whitten
Amanda Maricle
Jayn Looper
Refugio Guevara |
| Oct. 25
Tommy Hefner
Philip G. Martinez
Jodie Denton
Mike Roberts
Shayla (Weatherly)
Shelburne
Tammy Odell
Chuck Mills | Oct. 28
Kirk Wright
Billy Williams
Sawyer Osborn
Zachary Barrett
Shirley Brazeal |
| Oct. 26
Mary Maddox
Ethan Tongate
Susan Bailey
Dawn Henry | Oct. 29
Ron Davenport
Monique Tamez
Linda Welch
Tiffany Sandoval
Natalia Posada |

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Rios Presents Program

The Friona City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 15, 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. Council member Cindy Moreno was not present.

Mayor Greg Lewellen read a proclamation designating October as Domestic Violence Awareness/Prevention Month. Mayor Lewellen also introduced Lee Erin Koehler, new Executive Director of the Friona Chamber of Commerce & FEDC, to the city council members.

Friona High School student Carlos Rios presented his Spanish Creed Speaking program that he will perform at the National FFA Contest in Indianapolis, Indiana on Wednesday, October 23rd.

A resolution was approved authorizing the submission of a Year 2024 Regional Solid Waste Grant Program application to the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) for the Friona Plastic Recycling Project and giving the City Manager the authority to represent the City in all matters pertaining to the application.

Another resolution was approved authorizing



FHS Student Carlos Rios & Mayor Greg Lewellen

ing the submission of a Year 2024 Regional Solid Waste Grant Program application to the PRPC for the Friona Smart Recycling Expansion Project and giving the City Manager the authority to represent the City in all matters pertaining to the application.

A Memorandum of Understanding with Friona Primary School was approved for the use of the Friona Public Library as an evacuation facility during a disaster or emergency. The Sixth Street Church of Christ building had been the previous evacuation facility.

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

4th quarter financial statement was also reviewed and approved. Also, Minutes of the September 16th regular meeting were approved. The next scheduled regular meeting is Monday, November 11th.

City Manager Lee Davila will be out of the country until Saturday, November 2, 2024. During his absence, Friona Police Chief Isidro Jimenez will be Acting City Manager. You can reach him at Friona City Hall at (806) 250-2761 or on his cell phone at (806) 236-5236. You can still send emails to citymgr@frionatx.us and Chief Jimenez will check them and respond accordingly. You may also send emails to policechief@frionatx.us as well.

State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



Tool helps students learn which universities will accept them

Texas high school students can now see which of the state's public universities would accept them based on their academic information, using a new tool called Direct Admissions, according to the Texas Standard. The tool is meant to streamline the college application process and let students quickly know which participating Texas public universities will accept them based on their class rank, grade point average, and test scores.

"Direct Admissions has the potential to reduce time, boost confidence, and increase transparency, encouraging Texans who might not otherwise consider college to take the next step," Interim Commissioner of Higher Education Sarah Keyton said in a press release.

A total of 31 public universities in the state are using the new tool.

Meanwhile, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board is extending the state

financial aid application priority deadline a month to Feb. 15 for the 2025-2026 application cycle because of continued delays with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which slowed applications last school year.

The state's priority deadline is intended to encourage students to complete their application promptly in order to raise the likelihood of receiving state funding.

Early vaccinations urged as flu season arrives

The Texas Department of State Health Services is urging Texans to get vaccinated against flu as soon as possible, as cases traditionally begin to rise this time of year. It takes about two weeks for the body to make flu antibodies after getting the shot.

"We recommend everyone ages six months and older get a flu shot as soon as possible," said DSHS Commissioner Jennifer Shuford.

People with the flu are most contagious in the first three days of illness, with the virus

being spread through droplets. Vaccines for other respiratory illnesses, such as VOCI-19 and RSV, are also available and can be taken at the same time as a flu shot, depending on advice from one's health-care provider.

State's latest population estimates are in

The state's estimated population as of Jan. 1, 2024 was 30,749,519, according to the Texas Demographic Center. That is an increase of 1.6 million since the 2020 census count - or 5.5%.

The two fastest-growing counties in terms of percentage increase are Kaufman, up 26.7% since 2020, and Rockwall, up 25% for the same time period.

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

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Jesus is Lord

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

During a recent campaign rally, Kamala heard some college students shout "Jesus is Lord," and her quick reply was "Oh, you guys are at the wrong rally," and for their disruption they were escorted out. Wow!!! From a political standpoint this could have been a chance for a faux endorsement to cater to Christian and Catholic voters, but in reality her statement was a reflection of the spiritual depravity of her and her party. Christians and Catholics, the Democrat party hates your beliefs, your Bible, your evangelism and especially the vestige of protection that still remains of the First Amendment. It's odd that Kamala can't answer tough questions with a straight answer, but when someone shouts "Jesus is Lord," she can quip back and send them out of the room.

The truth that Jesus is Lord is not up for debate or election and opin-

ion doesn't impact the reality that Jesus is Lord of Lords and King of Kings. In fact, it seems to be the drift of nations to resist Jesus' work and word, which one day will lead to a one world alliance to make war on Jesus. Revelation 17:14 says, "They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful." The war against Jesus is obvious, but did you notice the two groups around him?. There are those who make war on Jesus, then there are those who follow Jesus. Either you are his enemy or his follower, lost or saved, condemned or redeemed, and the side you choose determines your eternity, but also directs your decisions. This election season may you vote wisely, but even more importantly, may you live in line with the truth that Jesus is Lord!

Panhandle Parables

Rainy Days and Saturdays

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

In the early 70s the Carpenters brought a song to life titled, "Rainy Days and Mondays." It is a bit of a depressing song with the words from the chorus saying, "Rainy days and Mondays always get me down." I am sure if you need a Carpenters fix you can go to Youtube.

As a kid whose interest in weather was pretty much focused on sunshine and less wind, rain was the weather that made you stay in, and it was double bad news if it happened on a Saturday and you were stuck inside all day. Little comfort from moms everywhere who told their children, find something to do, like pick up toys or help fold some towels...UUUGGGGGHHH...not a kid's dream when outside is where the fun was. Yet the rains came and slowing down was the only option.

I like rain and love it on Saturdays now, because it forces a little rest. Rest has become undervalued. Every day is the same, run hard. Even the TV goes nonstop. I remember when the big

deal was to stay up watching TV until the national anthem played with a US flag waving on the screen then even the TV went off leaving you sitting there looking at snow on the screen and an unpleasant sssssshhhhhhhhh sound.

Rest was something God did on the seventh day. Rest was something Jesus encouraged of his apostles in Mark 6:31. The truth is when we don't take a rainy day or Saturday to rest we often don't think as well or we are too tired to resist things we should. Satan is keenly aware that, when tired, our decision making process is vulnerable and he takes full advantage of the opportunity. In our 24/7/365 world there is not much rest which leaves us with a lot of unrest. A toddler missing a nap is not a fun thing, multiply that by a nation! Find some time to rest. Rest in the Lord, take a break, and find the stop button. Load a Carpenter album on your Spotify and rest. If it is something Jesus did maybe it is something we should learn to do as well.

What Will You Choose to Do?

By Teena Hughs

If you have been a Sunday school teacher, a Vacation Bible School leader/teacher, or a Bible study leader/teacher, do you ever wonder what kind of effect you had on your class members?

Recently, I found out that two people I thought highly of and respected have made some very bad choices for their lives. These were people I thought "had it all together" with Jesus. I just knew that based on their relationship with Him, these were people I could count on to make a difference in the world!

When I was told about the choices these people have made, I questioned what I could have done differently to help them not make their choices. When I was with them, I tried to encourage them; I told them how proud of them I was for their ministries and how they were living the Word. Maybe I should have stressed the Word more to them; I simply don't know.

A friend told me I cannot blame myself for the choices they made; they did that by themselves. I have not had any personal contact with these people in seven or eight years. I still write them letters, but I seldom hear from them.

These people KNOW what is right, because at one time they were living it. They have just gotten caught up in a world of lies, and sadly they have turned their backs on Jesus.

In the past year, I told a young girl that becoming gay is a sin; that is what God's Word says, and I believe it with all of my heart. Trying to fit in with her "friends", the people convincing her she is gay, meant more to her than what God's

Word says, and means!!!

The Good News is that all of these people can return to Jesus. He is waiting for all of them with His arms wide open, just waiting for them to run back to Him. If they truly repent, He will welcome them back, although they will still experience consequences from their sins.

At times like this, I have to look at myself. What do I need to do to help people not make such life-altering mistakes in their lives? I can pray for them; I can continue to write to them, which right now is my way of showing them love; I can speak truth and honesty from God's Word to them.

Most importantly, I need to get to know God's Word as much as I can so I can share it with people who need to hear it. I need to work harder at living the Word, trying to be an example of how to live to those who don't know Jesus or His Word.

I used to think that people inherently know the difference between right and wrong; that God puts the difference between right and wrong in us. I still believe He does that; I think people just choose to ignore it, because they want to do what they want to do for their own mostly selfish reasons!

If we are going to change the world, we have to know God's Word, and we have to live it with love, compassion, and without backing down. If all Christians strive to do this, we can have a positive effect on the upcoming generations. It is our choice to help future generations or let things continue to go in the direction they are going now. What will you choose to do?

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Billy Sifford



Billy passed on from this life on October 15, 2024. He was born August 2, 1935 in Hammon, OK to Herman and Hazel Sifford. Billy married Florence Amelia Dean September 20, 1953. Billy is preceded in death by Florence, his faithful wife in 2022, his parents, and his brothers Lee and Wayne.

Billy is survived by sons Kenny (wife Gail) of Bentonville, AR and David of Brownfield, TX. Billy and Florence have 2 granddaughters Michelle Downs (husband Ricky) and Amanda Stephenson (husband Chip). Six great-grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren. Sister Peggy Thompson of Virginia.

After Billy and Florence were married, Billy farmed and ranched in Friona, TX for Florence's grandparents. When son

Kenny and family moved to Arkansas in the early 1990s, Billy and Florence soon followed and remained there until they passed, to be closer to their granddaughters.

Billy was a devoted grandfather to his granddaughters. He and Florence would go to extreme lengths to give them memories they would cherish for the rest of their lives. He was also someone who yearned to learn new things. Other than farming, Billy made jewelry, had a career in real es-

tate, flew planes, built trampolines, played a number of instruments, was a master at wood-working, worked on cars and farm equipment and many other trades were mastered by this hungry mind.

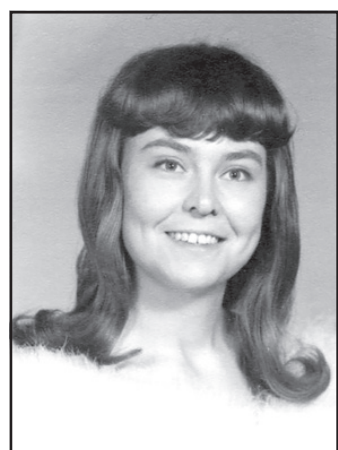
Billy will be so greatly missed by his family and friends. He was a strong man with a stern voice, firm handshake, and soft heart. He would walk into a room and know half of the people in it, if not more. He was respected and trusted by those around him and entertained by his humor. He loved his dogs, Penny and Jan.

Special thanks to Circle of Life and Highlands Nursing Home, who took exceptional care of a loved and valued family member.

A service is being planned for a later date.

Judith Leona Adeline Bernadette Koelzer

Judith Leona Adeline Bernadette Koelzer, 76 of Friona passed away October 12, 2024 at her home in Friona. Rosary and Prayer Services will be held 5:00PM Friday, October 25, 2024 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of the funeral home with Celebration of Life Services set for 1:00PM Saturday, October 26, 2024 also in the funeral home chapel. Inurnment will follow at St. Anthony's Catholic Cemetery in Hereford. Arrangements by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.



Judy was born on November 15, 1947, in Hereford, Texas to Benjamin and Elizabeth (Jesko) Koelzer along with her twin brother, James. Judy ascended from this life to join her family in the next on October 12, 2024. Judy dedicated her life

to the service of others through her life-long passion for nursing. She believed "If you treat every patient like family, you will never go wrong."

Judy is preceded in death by her parents, Benjamin and Elizabeth, brothers BJ, Dan, Jerry, David, and her twin brother James; and sisters, Dorothy and Evelyn.

She is survived by her daughters Nessa Little and partner Matthew Kazmerski, Priscilla Howlett and husband

Tommy, Judy's life-partner Troy Potts, 6 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild, numerous nieces and nephews, and countless friends.

The family would like to thank the tireless efforts of everyone that helped to take care of Judy in her final weeks, and a very special measure of gratitude for the staff at Bluebonnet Home Health and Hospice of Friona.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorials to Bluebonnet Home Health Care and Hospice 304 East 11th St. Friona, Texas 79035

You may send blessings to the family and sign the online guest book on Judy's memorial page exclusively at: hansardfamily.com



Alice Garza



Alice Garza, 78 of Friona passed away October 9, 2024 in Amarillo. Viewing was held from 9:00AM to 8:00PM with Celebration of Life Service at 1:00 PM Saturday, October 19, 2024 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of the funeral home followed by cremation arrangements by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Alice was born January 22, 1946 in Canyon, Texas to Matilde and Juanita Baroneis Martinez. She loved knitting, video games, anime, Christmas programs, country and gospel music.

She is preceded in death by her parents Matilde and Juanita, 1 brother- Lupe Duran, 2 sisters-Christina Martinez and Dora Covarrubias, and 1 grandson-Jeremy Martinez.

Those to mourn her passing include 1 daughter-Irene Drager

of Clovis, 2 sons-Paul Garza and wife Carolyn and Tony Morin, all of Friona, 1 sister Sarah Coronado of San Angelo, grandchildren-Joseph Bautista, Crystal Kinkade, Eric Tafoya, and Ruby Nguyen, 11 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

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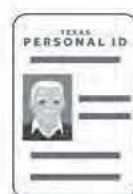
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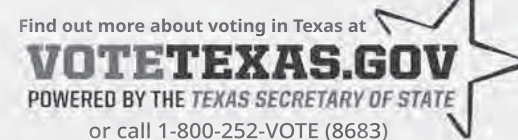
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WT Leading Plan to Modernize Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum and Pioneer Amphitheatre

By Chip Chandler, 806-651-2124, cchandler@wtamu.edu

A visionary plan to bring Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum and Pioneer Amphitheatre into the 21st century is underway, thanks to West Texas A&M University and state leaders.

Under an initial design commissioned by WT President Walter V. Wendler and others, the museum's historically significant Pioneer Hall would remain intact and new construction would bring to life the story of the Texas Panhandle in innovative ways.

A feasibility study already has been conducted, with support of The Texas A&M University System Chancellor John Sharp, to address critical issues with the museum's existing facilities.

The timing is right, Wendler said, because the price tag for deferred maintenance costs and projected upgrades for the existing facilities is approaching \$100 million.

The study, conducted by DLR Group and Gallagher & Associates, found improvements that could be made in fire and life safety, exhibition and programming space, and the visitor experience.

DLR and G&A's plan — which can be read at [online.flippingbook.com/view/760628752](https://www.flippingbook.com/view/760628752) — is just a starting point and may not reflect the final design.

The full project would require a budget of several hundred million dollars to fully transform the museum into a lasting testament to the Panhandle and the state of Texas.

"Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, for around 90 years, has been dedicated to preserving and interpreting millions of artifacts unique to Texas, and it serves as a cultural center serving the educational needs of every Texas school district in a 25,000 square-mile radius," Wendler said. "We want to ensure the museum continues to provide upcoming generations, though interactive educational experiences, the opportunity to connect the past with their present and future."

The Panhandle-Plains Historical Society was founded in 1921 in an effort to preserve this region's human, cultural and natural history. Construction on Pioneer Hall began in 1932, and Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, now the largest history museum in the state, opened its doors the following year on WT's campus.

Since 2021, the museum has operated under the umbrella of WT's Cultural Foundation of the Texas Panhandle, which also manages the Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation, which



The Old and the New — The proposed modernization plan would maintain the original museum building, Pioneer Hall (shown above), which is a registered landmark with the Texas Historical Commission, as the focus of the new museum facility, "like a jewel box in front of the larger institution." New construction would mimic the hall's Art Deco style.

produces the outdoor drama "Texas" in Palo Duro Canyon State Park.

WT owns the museum's physical building, and its staff members are WT employees. The Panhandle-Plains Historical Society owns the museum's collection and operates the exhibits, programs and public events. Both WT and PPHS work closely together to ensure the museum's success.

"While the current PPHM building has served generations of people in unforgettable ways, the prospect of having a reimagined museum is a very positive one," said Dr. Andrew Hay, CFTP executive director. "PPHM is daily dedicated to impacting a variety of visitors, students and researchers with the rich history and memories of this region—from prehistoric

to present day. I'm very enthusiastic about the priority that WT is placing on having a museum building that matches the unparalleled importance of the collection."

Wendler and CFTP have worked extensively with local leaders, elected officials, the Texas Historical Commission and The Texas A&M University System to put the plan into motion, but it will require significant public and private funding to make the dream a reality.

"This is nothing more than a vision at this point, but we all agree that it is vital to address the state of the current museum facilities and to make this gem of the Panhandle shine as brightly as possible," Wendler said. "The museum houses what is arguably the state's and the nation's most im-

portant historical collections of the history of the American West, and it is our duty to preserve it and make it available to future generations."

The plan from DLR Group and G&A would maintain the original museum building, Pioneer Hall, which is a registered landmark with the Texas Historical Commission, as the focus of a new museum facility, "like a jewel box in front of the larger institution." New construction would mimic the hall's Art Deco style.

Behind Pioneer Hall and a new entrance area, two new major buildings would be constructed—a North Museum and a South Museum, connected by a glass bridge.

"The reimagined PPHM will tell vibrant stories that bring to life the region's histories—

natural, cultural and industrial—while emphasizing their relevance in contemporary visitors' lives," the DLR Group and G&A plan says. "The interpretive approach will focus on encouraging visitors to find personal connections within the collections and narratives of the PPHM while highlighting the global connections between the region, the state and the broader world."

To the west of the museum, adjacent to 23rd Street, a new, state-of-the-art collections building would be constructed to house and conserve artifacts not currently on display. An outdoor artist plaza is proposed, as well, featuring terraced seating, a tree-lined promenade, and a museum café.

DLR Group and G&A's feasibility study also calls

for extensive renovations to Pioneer Amphitheatre, where the outdoor drama "Texas" is staged annually in Palo Duro Canyon State Park.

"Palo Duro Canyon and the play, combined with PPHM, represent in concrete ways the history, heritage, and culture of the region, state and nation," Wendler said. "Therefore, the amphitheater deserves to be part of our vision for renewing the spaces which house and represent who we are."

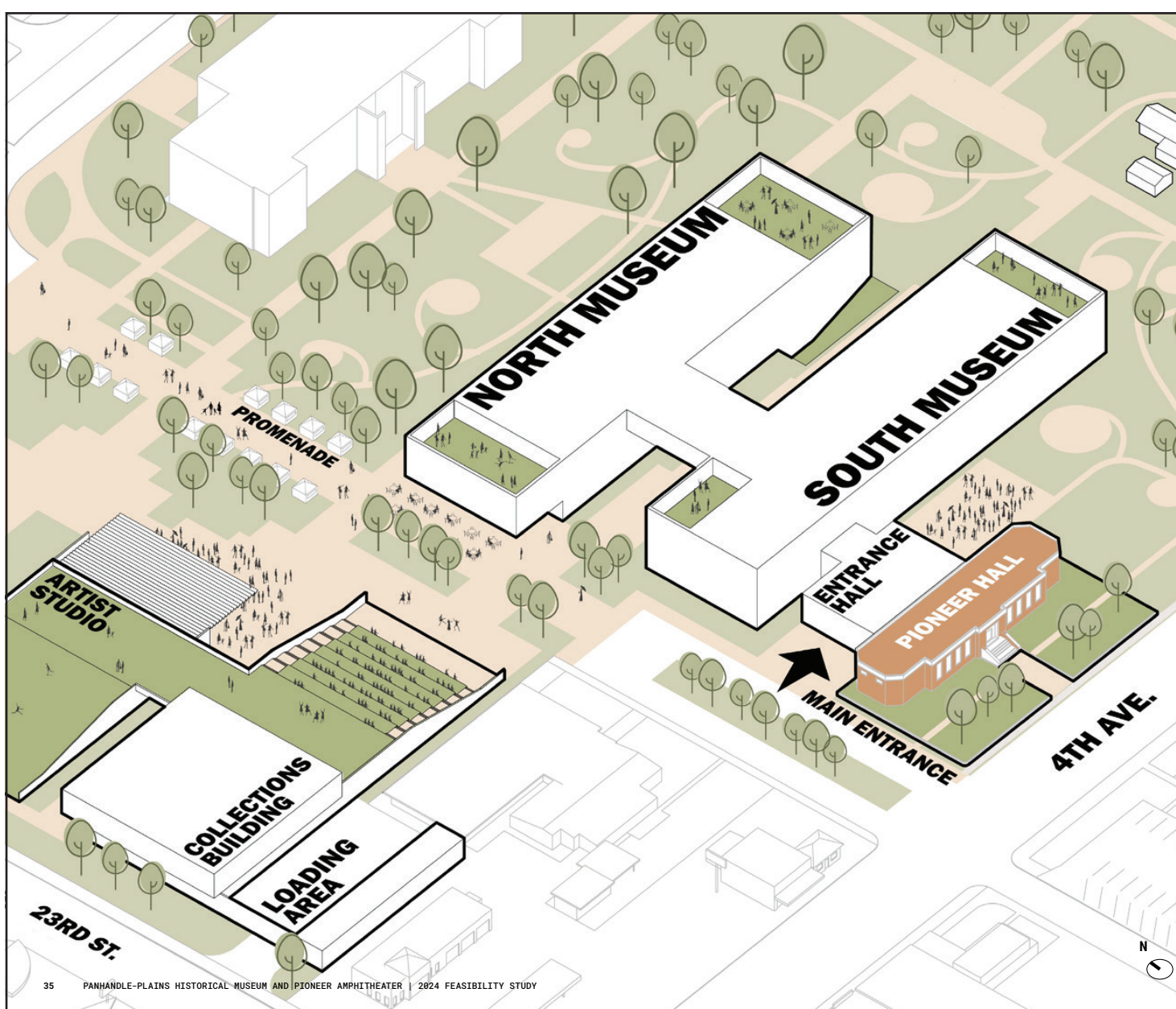
The amphitheater would be significantly enhanced, with new seating, new stage wings, improved lighting and sound systems, and new support buildings, including dressing rooms, restrooms, costume and scenic storage, and a green room. A new entrance plaza would include all-new structures for ticketing, a gift shop, concessions, public restrooms and an art gallery that would host temporary exhibits and artifacts from the PPHS collection.

Focusing on the needs, history and future of the Texas Panhandle are key components of the University's long-range plan, WT 125: From the Panhandle to the World.

That plan is fueled by the historic One West comprehensive fundraising campaign, which reached its initial \$125 million goal 18 months after publicly launching in September 2021. The campaign's new goal is to reach \$175 million by 2025; currently, it has raised nearly \$160 million.

About West Texas A&M University

WT, a Regional Research University, is redefining excellence in Canyon, Texas, on a 342-acre residential campus, as well as the Harrington Academic Hall WTAMU Amarillo Center in downtown Amarillo. Established in 1910, the University has been part of The Texas A&M University System since 1990. WT, a Hispanic Serving Institution since 2016, boasts an enrollment of more than 9,000 and offers 58 undergraduate degree programs, one associate degree, and 44 graduate degrees, including an integrated bachelor's and master's degree, a specialist degree and two doctoral degrees. The University is also home to the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, the largest history museum in the state and the home of one of the Southwest's finest art collections. The Buffaloes are a member of the NCAA Division II Lone Star Conference and offers 14 men's and women's athletics programs.



Museum Site — The proposed scenario envisions two main volumes connected to Pioneer Hall through a new glass entrance hall on its north side and a collections facility along 23rd Street. An entrance plaza on the west side of the entrance hall adjacent to 24th Street provides a safe and welcoming drop-off. 24th Street will be transformed into a tree-lined promenade defined by removable bollards on its north and south edges to allow vehicular access when needed. **More Info** — Links to a Flipping Book and Video can be found at www.frionaonline.com



Sports



Varsity Football

The Chieftains traveled to Canadian last Friday to play the perennial-powerhouse Wildcats who rolled up over 600 yards in offense and defeated the Chiefs by a final score of 63-14. Iram Gonzalez did manage to rush for 109 yards on 17 carries and scored on a 72 yard run. Abram Rocha scored Friona's other touchdown on a 3 yard run.

On defense, the leading tacklers were Frank Gutierrez (14), Marco Garcia (11), Gabriel Ramos (11) and Abram Rocha (10). Bryer Stanberry recorded an interception and Aaron Rosales caused and recovered a fumble.

The Chieftains OPEN this week.

Junior Varsity Football

The JV Chiefs are OPEN this week.

Junior High Football

The 7th Braves defeated Canadian 34-12 last Thursday. Vicente Quintana recorded 5 rushing touchdowns for the games. He scored on runs of 42, 60, 5, 61, and 5 yards, respectively. He also ran for a couple of two-point conversions. He had 292 total rushing yards. On defense, Jace Jarecki and Zane Gonzales each had a fumble recovery.

The 8th Braves lost to Canadian 28-18. Eli Rosales scored 3 rushing touchdowns. All of the 2-point conversion attempts failed. Rosales rushed for 145 yards and Darien Padilla added another 47 yards as well. On defense, Hector Mendoza had a fumble recovery.

The 7th and 8th Braves are OPEN this week.



JV Chiefs vs Childress

Varsity Volleyball

The Squaws are now 25-10 for the season and 2-4 in district play. They were defeated by River Road 3-1 on Saturday. The team travels to Dimmitt this Saturday with games at 11/12/1 and they finish the regular season next Tuesday at Bushland with games at 5/6/7.

Junior High Volleyball

The Maidens travel to Dimmitt on Thursday, October 28th. All four teams (7AB and 8AB) will play beginning at 5:00 p.m. The End-Of-Year Tourney is TBA.

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Scoring Summary

Qtr	Score
1	C - Slayden Dickinson 68 yd run (Julius Gonzalez kick)
1	C - CJ Jimenez 23 yd pass from Weston Mitchell (Gonzalez kick)
1	C - Julian Dominguez 24 yd run (Gonzalez kick)
1	C - Dickinson 10 yd run (Gonzalez kick)
2	C - JW Coffee 8 yd pass from Mitchell (Fabian Diaz kick)
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3	F - Iram Gonzalez 72 yd run (Mario Garcia Kick)
3	C - Zach Bryant 18 yd pass from Mitchell (Diaz kick)
3	F - Abram Rocha 3 yd run (Garcia kick)
4	C - Jacob Flores 1 yd run (Diaz kick)

Rushing Stats	Carries	Yards	TDs	Avg
2 Trevino, Justen	9	18	-	2.0
7 Rosales, Aaron	5	9	-	1.8
17 Rocha, Abram	1	3	1	3.0
1 Gonzalez, Iram	17	109	1	6.4
40 Hoyle Seth	1	4	-	4.0
Rushing Totals:	33	143	2	4.3

Receiving Stats	Receptions	Yards	TDs	Avg
7 Rosales, Aaron	1	22	-	22.0
8 Diaz, Tony	1	4	-	4.0
10 Daniels, Jameson	2	26	-	13.0
Receiving Totals:	4	52	0	13.0

Passing Stats	Comp	Att	Yards	TDs	INTs
2 Trevino, Justen	4	14	52	-	1
40 Seth Hoyle	0	1	0	-	1

Kicking Stats	XP Att	XP Good	FG Att	FG Good
53 Garcia, Mario	2	2		

Defensive Stats	UN	AST.	TOT	TFL	FR	FC	INT	SACK
Gonzalez, Iram #1	1	1	1					
Rosales, Aaron #7	-	4	4	-	1	1	-	-
Daniels, Jameson #10	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Alvarez, Michael #11	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Lara, Gael #12	2	1	3	-	-	-	-	-
Gonzalez, Xavier #14	-	5	5	-	-	-	-	-
Ramos, Gabriel #15	3	8	11	-	-	-	-	-
Rocha, Abram #17	4	6	10	-	-	-	-	-
Stanberry, Bryer #20	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-
Gutierrez, Frank #21	8	6	14	-	-	-	-	-
Munoz, Edwin #22	2	3	5	-	-	-	-	-
Rocha, Rafael #24	2	1	3	-	-	-	-	-
Gonzalez, Jacob #28	1	5	6	-	-	-	-	-
Haseloff, Dylan #30	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Garcia, Mario #53	5	6	11	-	-	-	-	-
Mills, Eden #55	1	2	3	-	-	-	-	-
Escobar, Julio #66	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-

Yards allowed; Rushing 272, Passing 335, Total 607

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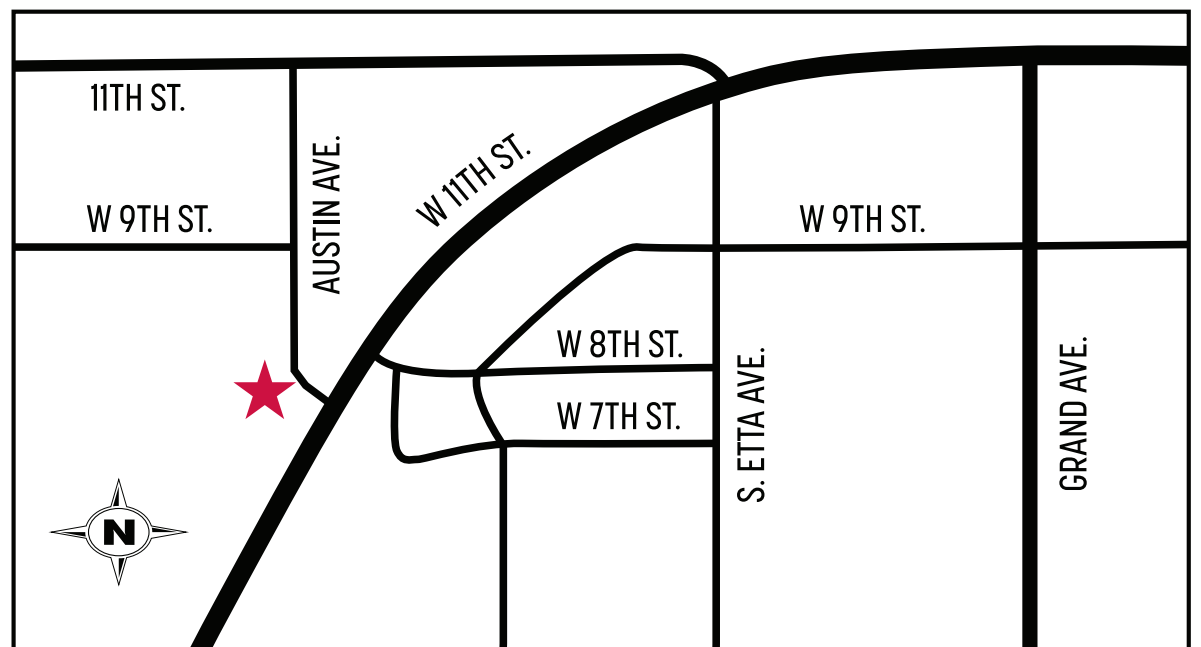
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