



Friona Blood Drive is today

The Friona Noon Lions Club is sponsoring a Friona Community Blood Drive today from Noon until 7:00 p.m. in the Calvary Baptist Church Fellowship Hall at 1500 Cleveland. All donors will receive a t-shirt and another gift. To schedule an appointment, call 1-877-340-8777 or visit yourbloodinstitute.org.

NOTE: You will be able to stay in your car until it is your turn to donate. Also, the Noon Lions Club will be cooking hamburgers and french fries and will bring the food to your car or deliver it to your home. Blood drives are essential services and social distancing guidelines will be followed.



The Friona ISD Construction Project provides for new security entrances for the four schools. For some readers of the Star, this includes a new concrete walk at the entrance of the Junior High building. For other readers, it means a new walk at the entrance of the old High School building.

Producers with deep soil moisture see potential for boom year

Good rains last fall filled soil moisture profiles for much of the state and set up a good yield potential for Texas farmers, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

Calvin Trostle, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension agronomist, Lubbock, said lines between areas with plenty of good soil moisture and those dealing with drought were distinct. Big rains in the fall delivered deep soil moisture throughout the "root zone" for most areas, while much of South Texas and along the Gulf Coast continue to struggle with drought.

The difference in good soil moisture - 4-5 feet down - can make a big impact on harvest yields, he said.

"The place you want to be is to have your soil holding as much moisture as it can hold going into the cropping season," he said.

"Deep soil moisture and regular rains through summer could bump yields of corn, sorghum and cotton up 10%-20%, and even more if you're a West Texas dryland farmer. That moisture makes a huge difference."

Soil moisture makes the crop

The High Plains and Rolling Plains from Midland to Big Spring up to the top of the Panhandle and along Interstate 20 from Abilene to Wichita Falls received good fall and winter moisture. Those rains brought much of those areas out of drought and created a deep soil moisture profile.

"The difference between soil holding 5 inches of rain compared to 2 inches of rain at 5 feet deep is big," he said. "That 3 inches of moisture translates into 1,000 pounds per acre for a sorghum producer. It's around 150-200

pounds of lint per acre for cotton producers. That's huge."

Trostle said dryland farmers in the High Plains who receive average summer rain could see up to 480 pound lint yields, or 1 bale,

per acre with the combination of moisture and improved cotton varieties. A typical year yields around 250 to 300 pounds of lint per acre.

"Farmers are eager to plant this season," he said.

"They see a nice opportunity to maximize their per-acre yields."

Little to no rain

In the southern half of the state, rains have been scattered at best. Josh McGinty,

Ph.D., AgriLife Extension agronomist, Corpus Christi, said most of the region was in D2 stage drought, or severe drought, according to the U.S. drought monitor.

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Food service workers are shown distributing Breakfast/Lunch packages for the day. Meals are served Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. in front of the Friona Jr. High Cafeteria. Meals are available to all children 18 years of age & under.

Everyone Stay Safe!!!



Keys, cellphone, and a protective mask are the new essentials for living in our COVID-19 world. Don't leave home without them!

A message from the mayor

Months ago we were outside, in school, at our jobs, being together. Now, we live in a world where handshakes, hugs, and holding hands are in desperate need. But to every dark story, there is light at the end of the tunnel. At the end of the tunnel there is graduation for the seniors, there are mall trips with family that we took for granted, there are family cookouts where your grandma is giving huge hugs to all her grandkids, not worrying that she might catch a virus she can't fight off. But



Ricky White

in time, everything will go back to normal. The future is bright as long as we as citizens do our part.

At this moment we all

need social distancing from people other than those in our house hold. It is highly recommended not to congregate to keep other people safe. Only for essential services should you be out and about. If you are out in public, it is recommended that you do wear a mask. Any kind of fabric or bandana around your mouth and nose area will work. Make your own masks; be creative. It could be fun project for kids after they complete their school work. Make some for other people, you could save

someone's life just by doing your part.

We appreciate the efforts of each and every church choosing to have online/remote services. You are choosing to protect your congregations while still giving our community a means of worship. We have to flatten the curve to help reduce the number of people getting infected with this deadly virus. At this Easter time, I ask that you all count your blessings, and help each other out. It does not cost anything to be kind and to be grateful.

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Emergency Siren System: Alternating tone • Firefighters only | Weather Warning: 1 long tone • take cover — 3 short blasts • all clear | Tested 1st & 3rd Thurs. at 7 p.m.

Friona Weather April 9-16	T ☀️ 71 43 SE 10-20	F ☀️ 60 46 SSE 10-20	S ☁️ 75 46 SW 10-20	S ☀️ 70 27 NNW 10-20	M ☁️ 47 28 E 10-20	T ☁️ 55 28 NW 10-20	W ☁️ 63 32 SSW 10-15	Precipitation April 0.0 Year 3.34	Burn Ban: No
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Producers with deep soil moisture see potential for boom year

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"A week ago, much-needed rains fell across some of the more inland counties but missed those of us along the coast," he said. "Corn and grain sorghum fields have emerged to good stands in most areas but there are some inconsistent skimpy stands where soil moisture was marginal."

McGinty said timely rains would have helped even those fields but have not developed so far. Most pro-

ducers were finishing cotton planting and were hoping chances of rain in the forecast will materialize.

AgriLife Extension agent reports from other southern parts of the state reported spotty crop emergence, failed germination and delayed plantings due to severe to extreme drought.

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries:

SOUTH PLAINS

Subsoil and topsoil moisture levels were good. Winter wheat and rangeland were in fair condition. Some farmers were planting oats and others were spraying wheat to get ready for cotton planting. Pastures were in good condition with the recent rains. Cattle were reported to be in good condition.

PANHANDLE

Subsoil and topsoil moisture levels were adequate.

Pastures and rangelands were fair and slowly beginning to green up with warmer temperatures. Winter wheat conditions were fair to excellent. Some wheat streak mosaic and rust were reported in various fields. Stocker cattle were being moved from wheat-for-grain fields to graze out wheat. The central Panhandle reported adequate topsoil moisture and adequate subsoil moisture. Pastures and rangelands were poor to fair.

Community Calendar

Send Calendar information to: frionastar@wtrt.net
call (806) 250-2211 or fax (806) 250-5127

April 12
• Easter

COVID-19 News

Coronavirus cases confirmed

Texas Panhandle: 144 cases

- Hemphill County: 1
- Gray County: 11
- Moore County: 9
- Swisher County: 2
- Potter County: 47
- Randall County: 40
- Castro County: 11
- Deaf Smith County: 7
- Oldham County: 3
- Donley County: 9
- Dallam County: 1
- Hutchinson County: 2
- Hansford County: 1

Eastern New Mexico: 9 cases

- Curry County 8
- Roosevelt County: 1

Oklahoma Panhandle: 4 cases

- Beaver County: 1
- Texas County: 3

Stay-at-home directives

- Potter County
- Deaf Smith County
- Gray County
- Randall County
- Hansford County
- Castro County
- Donley County
- Wheeler County
- Swisher County
- Ochiltree County
- Armstrong County

- City of Amarillo
- City of Canyon
- City of Pampa
- City of Ledford
- City of Hereford
- City of Gruver
- City of Spearman
- City of McLean
- City of Perryton
- City of Tulia
- City of Claude

Look up past issues of the Friona Star on our website!

- 1.) Go to frionaonline.com
- 2.) Click on the "newspaper archives" link
- 3.) Search

Census News

The Friona community has outdone itself yet again! Our 2020 Census numbers are looking great at a 40.9% response rate, almost matching Texas' state-wide response rate number of 41.1%. However, the Census is far from over, and you still have time to take the survey.

If you are filling out the census for your household, you should count everyone who is living there as of April 1, 2020. This includes anyone related or unrelated to you — who lives and sleeps at your home most of the time. Count roommates, college students, young children, newborns, and anyone who is renting a space in your home. If someone is staying in your home on April 1st and has no usual home elsewhere, you should count them in

your response to the 2020 Census. Please count everyone living in your home. Where there are more people, there are more needs.

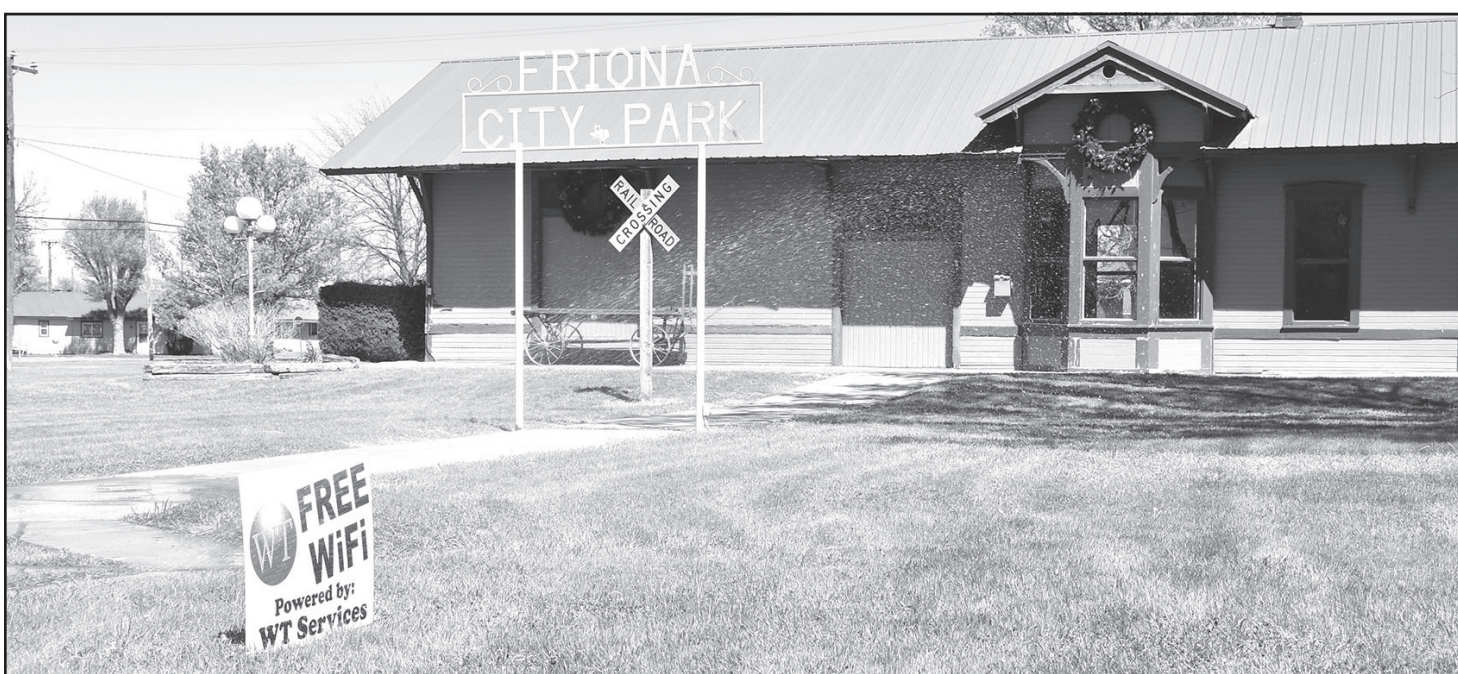
As we mentioned before, census takers will not be traveling door to door for your safety and theirs. But you can still complete your survey online even if you do not have access to the internet. Thanks to WT Services, there is a free Wi-Fi hotspot located at the City Park at Main and 7th Street that you can use. Thank you WT!

You should be proud of our community. We have risen to the challenge and are showing everyone why Friona is the Biggest Small Town in Texas! Remember that the Census is SAFE, EASY, and IMPORTANT! For additional information please visit www.2020census.gov.



2020 Census Self-Response Rate Information - April 8, 2020

National Response Rate	46.2%
Texas Self-Response Rate	41.6%
Parmer County Self-Response Rate	25.7%
Friona Self-Response Rate	41.2%
Bovina Self-Response Rate	3.5%
Farwell Self-Response Rate	9.3%



A big thanks to WT Services for providing FREE WiFi hotspots for Friona students. The hotspot locations are the Friona City Park, the Friona High School parking lot, and the Cottonwood apartments. The City Park hotspot is also available for anyone who needs to complete the 2020 Census and does not have internet access at home.

TEXAS CROSSWORD
by Charley & Guy Orbison
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- ACROSS**
- 1 in McLennan County on I-35
 - 5 TXism: "hotter than ___-dollar pistol"
 - 6 horse stride
 - 7 Gen. Houston (init.)
 - 8 TX Charisse was a guest on a 1985 "Murder ___ Wrote"
 - 9 printed fabric for cowgirl shirt
 - 15 meaty dish
 - 16 TX "Red" Adair ___ nitro over oil well fires
 - 19 TXism: "he keeps his powder dry"
 - 21 seat of Jim Wells County
 - 22 TX-born Sly Stone wrote "Everybody ___"
 - 27 "___ we forget" this Tommy was one of TX Holly's "touring" Crickets
 - 29 TX leads the ___ in cotton production
 - 30 TXism for "leave it alone" (3 wds.)
 - 32 famous Houston BB center, before he spelled first name with an "H" (init.)
 - 33 TXism for "deteriorated" (3 wds.)
 - 36 young horse
 - 37 TX "___ Baird's" was sold to Bimbo Bakeries in 1998
 - 38 "___ ___ my tab"
 - 39 USS Texas sub is 34 ___
 - 41 TX George Jones' "___ Thinks I Still Care"
 - 42 TXism: "fits like ___ on a fish"
 - 45 TX Waylon sang "Mammas Don't Let Your Babies Grow ___ Be Cowboys"
 - 46 "mi casa ___ su casa"
 - 47 ___ Tech Red Raiders
 - 48 TXism: "fat as a board-inghouse ___"



- DOWN**
- 1 TXism: "if he was a dog, he wouldn't ___ his own tail" (lazy)
 - 2 arrival guess at Love Field
 - 3 Tulia is the seat of this county
 - 4 TXism: "went ___ often" (overused)
 - 8 Lone ___ State
 - 9 "Houston ___ and ___ Highland Games"
 - 10 Austin band: "Asleep ___ the Wheel"
 - 11 "J-___" definitely ain't from Texas
 - 12 TXism: "so green he could hide ___ patch"
 - 13 TXism: "___ off the dogs" (stop)
 - 14 this Thorpe helped the Rockets win the title in 1994
 - 15 TXism for "underwear"
 - 16 TXism: "cut the ___" (drink)
 - 17 "Edward," south of the border
 - 18 overthrow
 - 20 dog's paws
 - 22 "dig ___" (eat up)

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- 23 droop
- 24 TX Nat Stuckey wrote "Pop ___"
- 25 TXism: "___ medicine" (hot chili)
- 26 "___ line" (conform behavior)
- 28 capable of
- 31 "it's enough to make my ___ curl"
- 34 used to break a tie in a Dallas Stars game (abbr.)
- 35 seat of Garza County
- 37 Astro Maldonado's catcher's ___
- 40 projects of a "New Deal" agcy?
- 43 Allies enemy in World War II
- 44 trellis
- 50 TXism: "shaking like ___"
- 51 Kathleen of "House of Cards" with TX Tommy Lee (init.)

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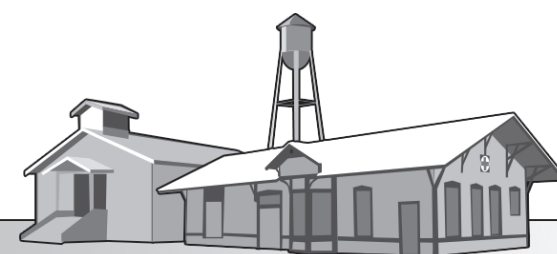


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Friona Flashbacks

THE BIG THREE: The Chieftains hit three home runs Monday on the way to an 18-8 win over Sanford Fritch. Josh Barnett (12) is congratulated by teammates after he hit a three run homer over the center-field fence. Hunter Sundre and Brayden Pope also had home runs. Ron Carr photo (Friona Star, May 1, 2014)



TOWN TALK

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The Resident of the Month for April at Prairie Acres is Amy Wy-lie. The Employee of the Month is Natalie Correa. She works in the nursing department and has been at Prairie Acres since July 2019.

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Casey Tiffany is the new interim Administrator at Prairie Acres. She is a graduate of Howard Payne University and earned a Master of Science in Gerontology from Baylor University. She obtained a LNHA and started working as an Administrator in long term care. She has also served as an Executive Director in assisted living.

★★★

Cindy Holley is the new Housing Manager at Heritage Estates. She has been working in the medical field since she was 16 years old. She started working as a CNA in a nursing home close to her hometown of Olive, Oklahoma. She is new to Friona and Texas. The entire family is eager to learn about and love everything that is Texas.

★★★

The terms "distance learning" and "social distancing" have recently become ubiquitous. However, these terms are not really new. Back in the late 1970s B.C. (before coronavirus), we practiced those same skills. Most of the students I knew tried to stay as far away from any textbook as they possibly could. Now that is true distance learning. Also, one Saturday night a group of ten of us guys decided to go bowling in Clovis. Names have been left out to protect the guilty and I only heard this story second hand from an unnamed whistleblower. Anyway, after we struck out at the lanes we ventured over to the McDonalds just off of the south end of the drag. For reasons unknown, as we got our trays the first two guys sat at different tables and then the next two at different tables and then, you guessed it, ten guys at ten tables. Social distancing at its finest. It's sweet when an unplanned plan comes together. Fortunately for the other customers, it only took us about a minute to eat our happy meals and hit the road for other adventures. Now, go look up the meaning of ubiquitous and call it a day. Livin' La Vida Locarona!!!

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City Manager Lee Davila said that the roll-off box for waste items was filled up in record time last week. He wanted to thank everyone for doing their part in keeping Friona clean. Call the City office at 806-250-2761 to schedule a time to unload waste items at the box.

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The Cemetery Meeting scheduled for April 16, 2020 has been cancelled.

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The 2020 Cheeseburger Festival has been cancelled.

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Call us at 250-2211 or send email to frionastar@wtrt.net to inform us of information that the public needs to know about. Cancellations and postponements will also be listed on our website at www.frionaonline.com.

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National Days

- April 9 — Cherish an Antique Day
- April 10 — Farm Animals Day
- April 11 — Submarine Day
- April 12 — Easter
- April 13 — Peach Cobbler Day
- April 14 — Gardening Day
- April 15 — Tax Day

We're really excited about having... ...Easter egg hunts in our back yards! Kids: color stuff in!

Newspaper Fun!

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"Hoppy" Easter!

I enjoy delivering Easter baskets. People say that I am as quick as...well...a bunny! I have strong back legs that allow me to jump as high as three feet and as far as nine feet. See if you can read the clues below to fill in this week's puzzle about me and a couple of other favorite "Easter" animals. Hop to it!

- The Easter Bunny is a young _____.
- No one is sure how the Easter Bunny started his work, but it is thought that he "hopped" across the ocean with the people who came to America from _____.
- It is believed that the first bunny-shaped treats were made out of pastry and _____.
- Today, milk, dark or white _____ bunnies are a favorite treat at Easter.
- Many families hard-boil, dye and decorate _____ to eat or to hunt at Easter.
- The Easter Bunny delivers _____ full of treats to children for Easter morning.
- Easter baskets began with children leaving their hats or _____ to be filled with treats by the Easter Bunny.
- The Easter Bunny hides colored eggs for _____ to hunt!
- Another popular Easter animal is the soft, yellow, peeping _____.
- On _____ they are often shown popping out of eggs or sitting in baskets.
- A woolly, soft, white baby _____ or kid is often shown as a cake.
- Baby animals are signs of new _____ in the springtime.

Chocolate, rabbit, Germany, life, baskets, chick, eggs, Whew!, lamb, sugar

Gosh! I don't like to complain, but shouldn't we be the ones who get to deliver the eggs?

Yay! I get to help with the eggs this year.

There are four sets of eggs that are exactly the same. Can you find and circle the 2 identical eggs in each set?

Have You Ever Seen?

In Australia, some families are choosing this chocolate animal for Easter celebrations rather than a chocolate rabbit. This animal is native to Australia whereas the rabbit is not. Wild rabbits were brought to Australia by settlers for food. Rabbits have grown in large numbers and compete with this animal for food. About the size of a rabbit, this animal carries its young in its pouch. **What is it?**

l i b y b

What on Earth is that? Hey, it's me in chocolate!

A Basket Full of Fun and Surprises!

What kinds of treats might the Easter Bunny put in baskets to delight children on Easter morning? **Unscramble the letters to fill in the blanks.**

- _____ and coloring book r s a c n
- small toy car or _____ k c r t u
- _____ tickets m e v o i
- _____ book m o c c i
- story _____ o o b k
- box of _____ c a h k l
- stuffed _____ n a i l a m
- rubber _____ b l l a
- jump _____ o r p e

Find and circle these favorite Easter candies in the basket:

- malted eggs
- cream-filled eggs
- marshmallow chick
- chocolate bunny
- jellybeans

Look what I can do!

Quack!

M A R S H M A L L O W C H I C K
C R E A M F I L L E D E G G S M
V C Y N N U B E T A L O C O H C
B C V O D S P O I Q W E N F R
L A P W O Q R U G F U S I E
O I E J E L L Y B E A N S O
W O I N F D S U I B R Q I
Z I U N O R G N J I O W
F S G G E D E T L A M

A Magical Job!

Uh-oh, what is Bunny worried about? After Easter, his magician friend wants Bunny to join his magic show. Bunny knows that the magician's favorite trick is to:

Geek, I delivered all the baskets and hid all the eggs! I'm pretty tired...

Follow the alphabet code to "see."

16 21 12 12 1 18 1 2 2 9 20 15 21 20

15 6 8 9 19 8 1 20

Alphabet key for secret message:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
H	I	J	K	L	M	N
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
O	P	Q	R	S	T	
15	16	17	18	19	20	
U	V	W	X	Y	Z	
21	22	23	24	25	26	

Puzzle Solution

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Xcel Energy Texas bills to drop with lower fuel costs

Low natural gas prices, new wind farms help slash fuel costs in half since 2017

The cost of electricity for thousands of customers in the Texas

Panhandle and South Plains will drop April 1 when Xcel Energy lowers its monthly fuel cost factor to reflect historically low natural gas prices and the increased use of low-cost wind energy.

Fuel costs across all customer classes are being reduced. For Texas residential customers using 1,000 kilowatt-hours a month, the total bill will decrease by \$4.35, or 4.3%. The lower fuel costs are being implemented on an interim basis pending final approval by the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

"Natural gas is as cheap as it has been in decades, and this is good for our customers because it fuels about half our annual supply of electricity," said David Hudson, president, Xcel Energy - Texas. "And the new Hale Wind Project near Plainview uses the power of the free and abundant wind to make electricity, further driving these savings."

In addition to the lower fuel costs, Xcel Energy is moving ahead with its plan to refund \$39.4 million to Texas customers in June - the third time Xcel Energy has refunded fuel costs since January 2019.

The fuel cost factor collects the pass-through costs of coal and natural gas that fuel area power plants, as well as the cost of electricity imported into the area from other suppliers. The factor was last changed in July 2019, resulting in a 5% drop in typical residential bills.

The 2019 fuel cost reduction was put in place after the Hale Wind Project began supplying electricity from its 239 turbines in Hale County. Since

then, construction started on Xcel Energy's Sagamore Wind Project near Portales, New Mexico, in Roosevelt County. Wind energy from Sagamore will benefit both New Mexico and Texas customers and reduce fuel costs even further in 2021.

New transmission lines are also helping to lower fuel costs by building efficiencies into the regional grid and creating additional pathways for the import of less expensive energy from the wider power market outside the area.

Additional Detail:

- Fuel costs currently make up about 17% of a typical residential bill and are passed through dollar-for-dollar to customers with no profit to Xcel Energy. Base rate charg-

es account for the remaining share of a monthly bill, and a separate proposal to increase base rates to cover grid enhancements is pending with the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

- From 2017 through 2019, the Texas average residential rate per kilowatt-hour declined 7.6% because of lower fuel costs.

- Xcel Energy's business and industrial customers in Texas also will see lower bills related to the April 1 change in fuel cost factors.

- The fuel cost factor in Texas can be adjusted up to three times per year to reflect changing market conditions.

- Fuel costs for New Mexico customers and wholesale customers such as electric cooperatives and municipal

utilities are adjusted monthly, and already reflect the savings that will reduce Texas bills.

- Xcel Energy passes along 100 percent of the wind energy federal production tax credits generated by the Hale Wind Project to customers through the fuel cost factor, further enhancing savings from using more wind energy.

- Both the Hale and Sagamore wind energy plants will play large roles in helping Xcel Energy reduce carbon emissions by 80 percent by 2030.

- Preliminary analysis shows that Xcel Energy's Texas-New Mexico generating mix in 2019 was 47% natural gas, 25% coal, 26% wind and 2% solar.



Courtesy Photo

Fatal accident west of Bovina

A two-vehicle accident around 9:46 a.m. last Friday just west of Bovina claimed the life of one person and seriously injured another.

According to the Texas DPS report, Antonio Gallardo-Lo-

mas was driving east on US 60 in a 1996 Peterbilt Tractor with a semi-trailer and was approaching the intersection of FM 1381 approximately 1.3 miles west of Bovina. A 2014 Chevrolet Silverado Pickup driven by Bessy Estrada Lainez was stopped at the stop sign on FM 1381 south of US 60.

The pickup then traveled from FM 1381 into the east-bound lanes of US 60 where it was struck by the tractor-trailer. Upon being struck, the pickup traveled across the westbound lanes of US 60 before coming to rest on FM

1381 north of the intersection. The tractor-trailer came to rest in the center median of US 60.

Bessy Estrada Lainez, 33, of Fort Worth, Texas was pronounced deceased on scene by Parmer County Judge Trey Ellis. A passenger in the pickup, Vincente Oropeza-Diaz, 33, of Fort Worth, Texas was transported to Parmer Medical Center with serious injuries. Antonio Gallardo-Lomas 42, of Clovis, New Mexico was not injured. All three individuals were wearing seat belts. The crash remains under investigation.

COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from March 26, 2020 to April 2, 2020

(3/26/2020) Jesus Cantu Ibarra, Jesse Cantu Jr, & Son OK Cantu - Francisco Javier Cantu - All of lots 7 and 8 inclusive block no 34 original town of Farwell in Parmer County.

(3/26/2020) Juanita Campos - Johnny Alvarez - All of lot 4 block 5 Drake addition to the city of Friona.

(3/26/2020) Robert Hurst, Roxanne Hurst - Jeremy Hart, Marla Hart - Tract 5 block 1 Western addition city of Friona in Parmer.

(3/26/2020) Brookie L Johnson, Billy Robert Johnson - Billy Scott Johnson, Patrice Dawn Johnson - A tract of land out of tract commonly referred to as the state line strip city of Farwell Parmer County in S 75FT of N 275 FT of tract of land described by Metes and Bounds.

(3/26/2020) South Plains Ag Enterprises CR23 LLC - Jerry Brian Glover, Shanna Deanne Glover.

(3/30/2020) Child Support Office - Tena Daniel Elberto Jr - Child Support Division MC 102 office of the Attorney General 6302 Iola Ave ste 400 Lubbock TX

(3/30/2020) Michael Miller, Gail Rex Miller, Malyna Miller - Frank Martins Penner - All of sec 78 B H Thomas Kelly subdiv. in Parmer.

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SHERIFF'S REPORT

Reported by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office:
Randy Gerles, Sheriff

(4-1-20) — Manuel Carrizales, 31, of Amarillo was arrested by the DPS on a Taylor County warrant, bond and released.

(4-3-20) — Scott Smith, 44, of Texico, New Mexico was arrested by the Parmer County SO on a charge of possession CS Pg1 < 1 gram, pending District Court.

(4-5-20) — Jose Robledo, 23, of Bovina was arrested by the Bovina PD on a charge of 3 counts of aggravated assault w/ deadly weapon, pending Grand Jury and Criminal Mischief > \$750 < \$2,500, pending County Court.

Happy Birthday Friona Folks!

April 9
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Dale Williams
Isabel Martinez
Amy Wylie

April 13
Mike Neill
Reagan Schueler
Sami White
Kyle Barnett
Sharolyn Cline

April 10
Louise Walker
Mitchell Reeve
Brittany Reeve
Julie Echevarria
Victor Gonzales
Evan Rapp
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Jose Carranza
Juana Baldwin

April 14
Melvin Smith
Erin (Anthony) Busch
Morgan (Anthony) Tanner
Charlie Pope
Greg Stowers
Patti Widner
Butch Barker
Bennett Neill
Jaguelin Guevara

April 11
Audra King
Jared Boyd
Heather Lewellen
Lisa Alaniz
Lindsey Gurley
Sloane Neill

April 15
Bruce Gipson
Jay Potts
Christian (Hanes) Lee
Anna Murphree
Justin Bridges
Kevin Veggeberg
Kelsey Davis
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Llamados a Conocerle Friona Para Cristo

By Pastors Aurelio & Cynthia Silva

Beloved it has been a while. But with all that has been and is going on I just have to declare what 2 Chronicles 7:13-15 says. Sometimes we just focus on the forgiving of our sins and healing our lands. But there is so much more at stake than what we can see on the surface. We are in Holy week right now. When we celebrate the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, what better time for us to realize the times we are living in. We are seeing prophecy fulfilled right before our eyes. Let us therefore truly HUMBLE ourselves, PRAY and SEEK HIS FACE, and TURN FROM OUR EVIL WAYS and REPENT. Then GOD will hear from heaven, forgive our sins and heal our Lands. Let us remember the reason we Celebrate. Because JESUS CHRIST HAS RISEN. GOD BLESS!!!!

Amados a cido un largo tiempo. Con todo lo que ah pasado y lo que esta pasando tengo que declarar lo que dice la biblia en 2 de Cronicas 7: 13-15. Hay veces que en focamos en el perdon de nuestros pecados y la sanidad de nuestra tierra. Pero ay mucho mas que eso de lo que esta pasando. Estamos en la semana Santa. Donde celebramos la muerte y Resurecion de Nuestro Salvador y Senor Jesucristo. Que major tiempo de saber los tiempos que estamos viviendo. Estamos siendo testigos del cumplimiento de lo profetico. Entonces dejanos HUMILLARNOS,ORAR, BUSCAR SU ROSTROY CONVERTIRNOS DE NUESTROS MALOS CAMINOS Y AREPENTIRNOS.. para que entonces Dios oira de los cielos y perdonare nuestros pecados y sanara nuestra tierra. Y recordamos la razon por lo cual que Celebramos!!!! QUE JESUSCRISTO A RESUCITADO!!!! Bendiciones a todos!!!

Empty Tomb, Full Joy

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Jesus' reminder throughout his ministry was crystal clear. He would be betrayed, tried, crucified and he would rise again. Matthew 26:31-32 was the most recent reminder just hours after the Last Supper, yet when Christ was crucified and his body was dead in the tomb, the grief of the tragic events induced a plague of amnesia in Jesus' followers, where they forgot that the cross and the occupied tomb were not the end.

Although Jesus' devotees were forgetful, they were dedicated, especially the women disciples who were closest to him. They were the last ones to leave the cross, they ensured his body was buried as properly as possible along with Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea, and they were the ones first to the tomb three days after Jesus was crucified. Their plans to grieve over his body and anoint it with more spices were upended when the stone was rolled away and fearsome angels greeted them. The angel of the Lord gave comfort, not condemnation,

as he called them to see that Jesus had risen indeed. The next directive was to share the wonderful news with the other disciples, and in the process of leaving the tomb, Matthew 28:8 says they were filled with "fear and great joy." Imagine that, an empty tomb led to full joy, because Jesus did what he said he would do! In fact, in their exciting errand to relay the news, they met the risen Lord himself. Worship was their immediate response, adoring their king who conquered death, hell and the grave.

We Can Change

By Teena Hughes

Do you believe people can change? I mean a person who goes from being pretty sorry to one who is respected and upstanding? We studied Genesis 43-44 today in Community Bible Study, and I was interested in Judah's changed life.

Judah was Jacob's fourth son, and it was Judah who suggested that he and his brothers sell their brother Joseph to the Ishmaelites rather than kill him.

Judah had three sons. Tamar married the first two, but God killed them. Based on tradition and culture, she was supposed to marry the third son. Judah said he was too young for Tamar to marry, but when he was old enough, he would send for her. When that didn't happen, she pretended to be a prostitute and became pregnant by Judah. Nothing is said about his relationship with his twin sons she bore him.

All in all, Judah and his brothers had no use for their

brother Joseph. They knew he was their father's favorite; they didn't like him telling them their dreams; they didn't like his attitude. They also never got over the guilt of what they did to him.

Later on, a famine hits the lands, and thanks to Joseph, there was grain for everyone, including Jacob and his family. When Joseph wanted to see his younger brother Benjamin, he found out that Judah had indeed changed. After testing the brothers, Judah was the brother who was willing to change places with Benjamin so he could go home and be with his father. He went from selling a brother to exchanging himself for a brother.

Now, that is the "Cliffs-Notes" version of one of the greatest stories in the Bible, and much can be learned.

Time, maturity, experience, and wisdom all help us grow up and become the person God created us to be. So does a man who gave His

life for each and every one of us, Jesus Christ. Without His sacrifice, His forgiveness, His love, His Word, and His salvation, we would be absolutely lost. Some days we all wonder why He doesn't come back when we look at the world, but just imagine how terrible things really would be if He hadn't died on a cross for us.

Jesus wants us to be like Him. Do you have the desire to be like Jesus? Are you willing to let Him do what He needs to do so that you can become the person He desires you to be? Are you willing to sacrifice some of the things you have, or do, or say to become more like Jesus?

Jesus made the greatest sacrifice for you and me...He gave His life. He is not asking us to sacrifice our lives for Him, just be willing to listen to Him and make the changes He says we need to make! It is our choice, but hopefully you do want to be more like Jesus. Happy Easter!!! He is Risen!!!

Panhandle Parables

A Prayer For Our Nation

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

What a time to be alive. Who could have imagined a virus so small could make a world practically stop for any period of time much less the amount of time it has been and likely the amount of time left to overcome this great trial and struggle for all of us. It is important that believers remain steadfast in hope and seek opportunities in love during such times and especially pray for each other.

Father God, Creator and Master of all we thank you for today. Like many days of recent Lord, we beseech You asking for safety, wisdom and guidance as we navigate these uncharted waters in our time.

God, we pray for our nation and all those within its borders that we would seek what is common and overcome what divides us that

we may find purpose in our common plight. We ask that You would be with our leaders, the President, Vice-President, the House of Representatives and the Senate. Give them wisdom to make decisions that will help in protecting us all during this time. We ask, Lord, for you to be with our state governors and governments too as they make decisions that impact each of us that they will seek Your counsel in guiding us.

Father, there has been much life lost not just in this pandemic, but for many reasons and we pray that we see how precious and fragile life truly is today knowing there are no guarantees living in the world tomorrow.

Lord, we thank you that although thousands have died millions have survived. For those who have lost loved ones we pray for comfort as

their normal processes of mourning have been disrupted during this time of quarantine.

We ask, God, for strength for the road ahead that we may keep our eyes on Jesus and do His will in this time in history that others may find hope. We do thank you for Jesus who DOES give us the victory even over death, may we cling to this as our journey unfolds before us. Help us to help those You put before us that their lives may be eased in someway of the burden they carry. We ask for Your forgiveness where we have failed that we may be renewed in our efforts to serve You and our fellow man.

Thank you for this community and help us to use this time well and to know that this too will pass. It is in Christ Jesus we pray, Amen



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Senior Adults or people with serious medical conditions, if you need help picking up essential goods such as groceries or medicines, call the Friona Community Helpline. Volunteers with the Helpline can pickup your groceries, medicines or other essential goods and deliver them to your home. There is no cost for this service, we just want to help take care of our community during the coronavirus crisis. Further, if you need prayer, encouragement or other assistance we will do our best to help meet your need or get you connected to the right person or agency who can.

Psalm 46:1
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State Capital Highlights

By Ed Sterling



Abbott calls on Texans to help limit spread of coronavirus

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on April 1 posted an online video message seeking Texans' individual and collective help to reduce the spread of the deadly new coronavirus, COVID-19.

In the message, Abbott requires all Texans to stay home unless they are participating in an essential service or activity, such as going to a grocery store. "Now I know this is a great sacrifice and we must respond to this challenge with strength and with resolve. By following social distancing practices, we will slow the spread of COVID-19. We will save lives. And we will make it through this challenge together. Thank you and God bless you all," he said.

On April 3, Abbott joined other high-ranking state officials in a news conference, saying that hospital bed availability in Texas had increased by more than 140% since March 18. Every Texan who needs a hospital bed will have access to one, Abbott said.

On April 4, Abbott called Dr. Anthony Fauci of the White House Coronavirus Task Force and discussed the importance of adhering to federal guidelines to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Abbott talked about "a uniform standard among Texans" to stay home unless performing an essential service or activity as well as other actions the state of Texas has taken to combat the virus. The two also discussed the trajectory of COVID-19 in Texas, the importance of continued social distancing through April 30 and the expansion of COVID-19 testing in Texas.

Abbott issued earlier executive orders to:

- Expand hospital bed capacity, direct all licensed health care professionals and facilities to postpone all surgeries and procedures that are not immediately, medically necessary to correct a serious medical condition or to preserve the life of a patient;

- Suspend regulations to allow for increased occupancy of hospital rooms;

- Suspend regulations to increase the number of emergency medical services personnel;

- Require hospitals to submit daily reports of hospital bed capacity to the Texas Department of State Health Services; and

- Waive certain hospital licensing rules.

On March 29, Abbott announced a joint effort of the state, the Texas Military Department and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to identify and equip additional locations to serve as health care facilities if hospital capacity is exhausted. Abbott announced the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center in Dallas as the first of such sites.

According to figures posted by the state health department at noon on April 5, some 6,182 people in Texas had been diagnosed with COVID-19 and 127 deaths resulting from the disease had been confirmed.

Revenue increases in March

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on April 2 announced state sales tax revenue totaled

\$2.69 billion in March, 2.9% more than the amount reported in March 2019.

The modest growth in state sales tax revenue was led by collections from the retail trade sector, while collections from oil- and gas-related sectors declined from a year ago, Hegar said.

"While some businesses may have begun to experience slowing traffic in late February, formal social distancing measures in response to the coronavirus pandemic were not adopted until well into March and the impact of those measures would not be reflected in this month's sales tax collections based on February sales," he said.

Hegar added that he expects future sales tax revenue would be "drastically affected because much of the economy has been shut down to combat the coronavirus pandemic and because of the negative impact of a global oil price war."

Worshippers get consideration

Gov. Abbott and Attorney General Ken Paxton on April 1 issued joint guidance regarding the effect of Abbott's Executive Order GA-14 on religious services.

Under the order, houses of worship must, whenever possible, conduct their activities from

home or through remote audio or video services.

"For example," according to the official guidance, "a church may hold Easter services in its parking lot, with attendees remaining in their cars (windows down), parked in every other parking spot, with the minister using amplification to preach. Or because Executive Order GA 14 permits drive-thrus to operate, then a house of worship may, according to their faith practices, provide communion or a blessing through a similar drive-up service. Or pastors with smaller congregations may consider conducting multiple services of 10 people or fewer in their sanctuaries, so long as they maintain appropriate social distancing, properly sanitize the building between each service, and provide hand sanitizer."

"All Texans must work together to stop the spread of COVID-19 and houses of worship face a particular challenge as we work to combat this pandemic," said Paxton. "This guidance provides clear direction for houses of worship to protect the health and safety of Texans as they continue to hold religious services, exercise their religious liberty and serve their faith communities."

Unemployment 'bot' debuts

The Texas Workforce Commission on April 1 announced its launch of an automated virtual assistant to help answer Texans' questions on the unemployment insurance process and relieve pressure on the agency relating to the steep increase in unemployment claims as the COVID-19 crisis accelerates.

The artificial intelligence-enabled chatbot named "Larry" can instantly answer many of the most common questions about the process, the agency said.

Texas State Parks Temporarily Close to the Public

At the direction of Gov. Greg Abbott, Texas State Parks will be closed to the public effective at the close of business Tuesday, April 7 in order to maintain the safest environment for visitors, volunteers and staff. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) will continue to stay current with the latest public health recommendations and will announce when a definite reopening date has been determined.

"Given the myriad of challenges and heightened risks of operating the parks at this time, we believe this is the best course of action right now in order to meet the health and safety expectations the state has set out for the citizens of Texas," said Carter Smith, Executive Director of TPWD. "All state parks will remain temporarily closed until public health and safety conditions improve. During the closure, staff will continue to steward and care for the parks to ensure they can be immediately reopened to visitors at the appropriate time."

Outdoor recreational opportunities such as hunting, fishing, biking, jogging, walking, hiking, wildlife viewing, and the like are

essential activities for Texas citizens. TPWD will continue to do its part to actively encourage and promote these opportunities in ways that are safe and close to home, said Smith.

Through this trying time, TPWD has worked diligently to facilitate access to the outdoors across the state, including in the state park system, which hosted nearly 740,000 day and overnight visitors throughout the month of March.

Despite the implementation of increasingly restrictive visitor use measures to help minimize the transmission of COVID-19 at parks, TPWD has reached a point where public safety considerations of those in the parks, and in the surrounding communities, must take precedence over continued operations. Difficulty in ensuring compliance with social distancing, problems in maintaining adequate supplies and keeping park facilities sufficiently sanitized are only a few of the challenges encountered by state park staff.

While parks are closed to the public, staff will be working to help maintain the standard upkeep, maintenance, stewardship, and

continued regular cleaning of site facilities.

The Texas State Parks Customer Service Center is currently working toward contacting customers with upcoming overnight reservations to reimburse stays booked through the reservation system. Group and facility reservations have been cancelled until April 30. Cancelled reservations will not be charged normal administrative fees.

Day passes purchased through the reservation system, not associated to the Texas State Parks Pass, will also be refunded without penalties. The Texas State Parks Customer Service Center will automatically process cancellations of both overnight and day-use reservations. If your reservation is impacted by a facility or park closure, a Customer Service Center agent will contact you - you do not need to contact us. We are contacting customers in order of arrival date and appreciate your patience.

Questions regarding state park reservations can be emailed to customer.service@tpwd.texas.gov and general park information can be found at TexasStateParks.org.

Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



Sue Jane Sullivan is a freelance writer residing in Austin, Texas. She retired after teaching 41 years, all in the same public school district in Borden County (Gail, Texas).

"I have written this to tell you my worrying secret. Now don't cry when you read it because it is neither yours nor my fault. I suppose I will have to tell it now without any nonsense. To begin with, I was not meant to be an athlete. I was meant to be a composer and will be I'm sure. I'll ask you one more thing. --Don't ask me to try to forget this unpleasant thing and go play football." Letters of Note, composer Samuel Barber at the age of nine, writing to his mother in 1919

Barber wrote his first piece at age seven and attempted his first opera at age 10. *Adagio for Strings* has become "one of the most recognizable and beloved compositions" both in concerts and films (*Platoon, The Elephant Man, Outlander*). This classical composition could be considered our country's unofficial mourning song, played at services after the death of President Franklin Roosevelt and the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The gifted.

They are our reminders on earth that God can indeed do remarkable things with mere humans. How else can a boy write a composition at age seven or attempt to compose at opera at 10? Samuel Barber is our country's version of Mozart. The letter he wrote to his mother reveals that Barber knew his talent lay in something he must do whether he wanted to or not—because Barber saw himself as a steward of his gift.

His church of choice or his faith I do not know. I do know that music such as his can only come from the Giver of the gifts.

Your endowment may not be as pronounced. We may not profit financially or become famous for our talents; nonetheless, something has been placed inside all of us to use wisely.

The word "gifted" is not an adjective to describe a person. It is a verb—an action verb, no less—that reveals what the Almighty has



done for us and to us. And in turn, it is an instructive word on what we can do for others.

We have been gifted with the ability to be genuinely kind, to smile at just the right time, to sew, to cook, to play sports, to love purely, to be sensitive, to write, to draw, to comfort, to laugh and make others laugh, to take photographs and capture moments, to organize, to paint, to use technology, to teach toddlers or teenagers, to be devoted to those we love, to be patient, to

empathize, to sing, to listen without gossiping, to write letters, to visit the sick, to search for knowledge and dispense it thoughtfully, to make a phone call, to pray earnestly, to love those hard to love, to be nice to telemarketers, to care for the elderly, or to simply care.

You may not compose a beautiful adagio, but you can share your best qualities so that the people with whom you come in contact will be left humming a melody they won't soon forget.



OBITUARIES



David Jerome Smiser

David Jerome Smiser, 75, entered the gates of heaven with joy and thanksgiving on Saturday, March 28th, 2020. David was born on September 16th, 1944 to Jerome Standley Smiser and Lucile Yeager Smiser in Houston, TX.

He graduated high school from San Marcos Baptist Academy, attended TCU and graduated from North Texas State University with a BBA in Banking & Finance. He proudly served his country in the Air Force Reserves for six years.

His career included banking and small business ownership; he was also a ranch real estate broker but his favorite endeavor was being a white-tailed trophy deer rancher at his ranch in Blanco TX. David enjoyed all things in the great outdoors, especially golfing, hunting and fishing.

He loved his family and friends unconditionally, brought immense joy to all who knew him and was known for his quick wit and



sense of humor. David will be missed by so many but is at peace knowing he had a life well-lived.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brother, John Smiser, his precious son, Brian Clayton Smiser and his mother-in-law, Jean Murphree.

David is survived by his wife Virginia (Ginger) Murphree Smiser. They were married on March 7th, 1981 in San Antonio, TX and were able to recently and joyously celebrate

39 years of marriage. He is also survived by his sons and their wives; Tim Smiser & Jennifer Augustine and Michael & Madison Smiser; five grandchildren; Owen, Ayla & Jonah Smiser-Augustine and Braxton & Wesly Smiser; father-in-law, Ray Murphree; brothers and sisters-in-law, Ray Lynn & Cheryl Murphree and Gary & Phyllis Murphree; and special nieces and nephews and their families; Marsha & Boe Burrus, Jason & Paige Murphree, Jennifer Murphree and Lacey & Kenny Caswell; and brother, James Smiser.

A private family Celebration of Life memorial service was held at the Smiser's ranch home on Sunday, March 29th.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests a memorial may be made to the Cherokee Home for Children, Cherokee, TX.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent at www.schaetter.com

Funeral arrangements under the direction of the Schaetter Funeral Home

Wilma Louise King Shadix

Wilma Louise King Shadix, 86 of Lubbock, formerly of Texico, N.M. passed away April 5, 2020 in Lubbock. Private family burial will be held in the Hollene Cemetery Hollene, N.M. by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Mrs. Shadix was born August 14, 1933 in Bellview, N.M. to Charles Wesley and Jennie May Wilson King.

She later married Willie Clyde Shadix October 13, 1950 in Portales, N.M. They lived in Texico for many years before moving to Lubbock. She was a homemaker that loved gardening, and was a member of the Central Baptist Church in Clovis.



Wilma is preceded in death by her parents. 2 daughters-Thelma Landsparg and Wanda Allmand, 1 son-Willie Shadix, 3 brothers and 5 sisters.

Those to carry on her

legacy include 2 daughters-Pamela Williams and husband Dennis of Lubbock, and Billie Shadix of Clovis, 1 sister-Geneva Coleman and husband Wilburn of Richland, Washington, 2 grandsons-Kevin Landsparg of Muleshoe, and Dustin Allmand of Maxwell, N.M., 2 granddaughters-Belinda Allmand, and Priscilla Landsparg both of Clovis, and 6 great-grandchildren.

You may send condolences to the family and sign the online register book at www.hansardfamily.com

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Drive-by Education

Teachers from the Junior High, Elementary, and Primary schools are shown passing out homework assignments for the week. Stay safe!!!



Texas WIC Expands Eligible Foods, Launches Updated App

AUSTIN - Texas Health and Human Services announces Texas WIC, the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children, is expanding the number of food items eligible for purchase through the program. It is also updating the MyTexasWIC app to ensure Texans who need access to nutritious food will be able to find it in their local grocery stores.

"Grocers assure us they can meet this increased demand and have supply chains ready to respond," said Dee Budgewater, HHS deputy executive commissioner for Health Developmental and Independence Services. "The Texas WIC team is working around the clock to ensure families have access to healthy food, which is one of the best ways to support mothers and growing children and help them achieve a greater sense of health and well-being."

Effective immediately, there are additional options for certain food items WIC participants can buy. These food items include more options for milk, bread, rice, pasta and eggs. In addition, Texas WIC is permanently adding canned fruits and vegetables to the food package. Items at the grocery store with a pink sticker that says "WIC Approved" are products eligible for shoppers to purchase using WIC.

WIC participants can find detailed information on the Texas WIC website. WIC participants can also download the latest version of the MyTexasWIC shopping app on the Google Play Store or Apple App Store, which informs families what the allowable food items are on their benefit package.

Texas WIC is operating under modified services throughout the state to help keep clients and staff safe. Families may call their local WIC clinics to learn more about how they can receive services. Visit the Texas WIC website or call 800-942-3678 to find how your local clinic is handling local services.

Many have modified their services and applicants are encouraged to start their applications online to protect office workers and practice social distancing precautions.

About WIC

WIC, or the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children, is a U.S. Department of Agriculture program that is available to qualified pregnant women, new moms, and children younger than 5. Administered in Texas by HHSC, the program provides nutrition education, breastfeeding promotion and support, referrals and nutritious foods. Texas WIC helps approximately 678,000 clients on average each month with infant, child and prenatal nutrition and breastfeeding support.

State Sales Tax Revenue Totaled \$2.7 Billion in March

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.69 billion in March, 2.9 percent more than in March 2019. "The modest growth in state sales tax revenue was led by collections from the retail trade sector, while collections from oil- and gas-related sectors declined from a year ago," Hegar said.

Hegar continued, "While some businesses may have begun to experience slowing traffic in late February, formal social distancing measures in response to the coronavirus pandemic were not adopted until well into March, and the impact of those measures would not be reflected in this month's sales tax collections based on February sales."

The majority of March sales tax revenue is based on sales made in February and remitted to the agency in March. Total sales tax revenue in fiscal year 2020 through March 2020 was up 5 percent compared to the same period a year ago. The Comptroller's Certification Revenue Estimate released last October had projected a 4.8 percent increase in sales tax revenue in fiscal year 2020.

"We expect that future sales tax revenue will be drastically affected because much of the economy has been shut down to combat the coronavirus pandemic and because of the negative impact of a global oil price war," Hegar said.

Sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 57 percent of all tax collections. In March 2020, Texas collected the following revenue from other major taxes: (1) motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$388.5 million, down 2.6 percent from March 2019; (2) motor fuel taxes — \$293 million, up 2.6 percent from March 2019; (3) natural gas production taxes — \$101.6 million, down 30.1 percent from March 2019; and (4) oil production taxes — \$305.5 million, up 10.5 percent from March 2019.



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Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

Property owners have the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the appraised (market) value of your property
- the unequal value of your property compared with other properties
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxing units taxing your property
- the property ownership
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- failure of the chief appraiser or appraisal review board (ARB) to send a required notice
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, county appraisal district (CAD) or ARB that applies to and adversely affects you.

Informal Review

(Insert description of CAD's informal review process, if any, then give name and telephone number of person taxpayer should contact.)

Parmer County Appraisal District
305 3rd Street/PO Box 56
Bovina, Texas 79009
(806) 251-1405

Review by the ARB

If you cannot resolve your problem informally with the CAD, you file a notice of protest requesting to have your case heard by the ARB.

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that hears and determines protests regarding property appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes based on evidence heard during the ARB hearing.

If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing and send you written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening or on a Saturday or Sunday. You may use Comptroller Form 50-132, *Property Appraisal - Notice of Protest*, to file your written request for an ARB hearing.

Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD plans to introduce at the hearing to establish any matter at issue. Before a hearing on a protest or immediately after the hearing begins, you or your agent and the CAD are required to provide each other with a copy of any materials (evidence) intended to be offered or submitted to the ARB at the hearing. Evidence may be submitted for any hearing type either in paper or on a small portable electronic device (such as a CD, USB flash drive or thumb drive) which will be kept by the ARB. Do NOT bring evidence on a smart phone. The ARB's hearing procedures regarding all the requirements to properly submit evidence on a small portable electronic device must be reviewed.

To the greatest extent practicable, the hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person or you may by telephone conference call or submission of written affidavit to present

your evidence, facts and argument. If you decide to participate by telephone conference call, you must provide your evidence to the ARB with a written affidavit before the ARB hearing begins. You may use Comptroller Form 50-283, *Property Owner's Affidavit of Evidence to the Appraisal Review Board*, to submit evidence for your telephone conference call hearing or for hearing by affidavit.

You and the CAD representative have the opportunity to present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented by both parties. In most cases, the CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented.

In certain protests, the chief appraiser has the burden of proving the property's value by clear and convincing evidence. You should review ARB hearing procedures to learn more about evidence and related matters.

You should not try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. ARB members are required to sign an affidavit saying that they have not talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court, an Arbitrator or SOAH

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you are not satisfied with the ARB's decision, you have the right to appeal to district court. As an alternative to district court, you may appeal through binding arbitration or the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) if you meet the qualifying criteria.

If you choose to go to district court, you must start the process by filing a petition with the district court within 60 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. If you chose to appeal through binding arbitration, you must file a request for binding arbitration with the CAD not later than the 45th day after you receive notice of the ARB order. If you chose to appeal to the SOAH, you must file an appeal with the CAD not later than the 30th day after you receive notice of the ARB's order. Appeals to district court, binding arbitration or SOAH all require payment of certain fees or deposits.

Tax Payment

You must pay the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute, the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken or the amount of taxes due in the previous year.

More Information

You can get more information by contacting your CAD at (insert CAD name, address, telephone number).

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You can get Comptroller forms and additional information on how to prepare a protest from the Comptroller's website at comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/.

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB*

Usual Deadline

Not later than May 15 (or within 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed for good cause if you miss the usual deadline. The ARB decides whether you have good cause. Late protests are not allowed after the ARB approves the appraisal records for the year.

Special Deadlines

For change of use (the CAD informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the determination was delivered to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change did not result from a

protest you filed), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the change was delivered to you.

(You may insert deadline for protests concerning omitted property if doing so would avoid taxpayer confusion.)

If you believe the CAD or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually Feb. 1) or no later than the 125th day after the date you claim you received a tax bill from one or more of the taxing units that tax your property. The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or legal, state or national holiday.

PUBLIC NOTICE

LLANO ESTACADO REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP - REGION O

On February 19, 2020, the Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group (LERWPG) approved the 2021 Initially Prepared Plan (IPP) for the Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Area, also referred to as Region O. The LERWPG submitted the IPP to the Texas Water Development Board for review and comment on March 3, 2020.

Notice is hereby given that the LERWPG will conduct a public hearing at **5:30 p.m. on May 14, 2020** to receive comments on the Region O IPP related to the development of the 2021 Regional Water Plan. The comments will be used to develop an approved Regional Water Plan for Region O. On March 13, 2020, the Governor of Texas issued a Proclamation certifying that the COVID-19 pandemic poses an imminent threat of disaster and declaring a state of disaster for all counties in Texas. Thereafter pursuant to such Proclamation and in accordance with the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, the Governor of Texas temporarily suspended various provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, as amended, regarding the conduct of meetings of governmental entities effective as of March 16, 2020. Pursuant to such Proclamation and temporary suspension, the public hearing will be conducted by toll-free telephone conference call. All members of the public may participate by calling (408) 418-9388, access code 267-044-456.

SPAG is the designated political subdivision approved by the LERWPG and encompasses the following counties: Bailey, Briscoe, Castro, Cochran, Crosby, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Floyd, Gaines, Garza, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Parmer, Swisher, Terry, and Yoakum.

The LERWPG will be accepting written and oral comments at the public hearing. Oral comments at the public hearing are limited to 3 minutes per speaker. The public can submit written comments to Kelly Davila, Director of Regional Services, South Plains Association of Governments, P.O. Box 3730, Lubbock, Texas 79452 until July 13, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. The LERWPG will consider all comments received prior to taking any action.

A digital copy of the IPP is available for public viewing on <https://www.llanoplan.org/view-plan/>. A paper or digital copy of the IPP will be available for viewing on April 14, 2020, at the County Clerk's Office in the following counties: Bailey County, Briscoe County, Castro County, Cochran County, Crosby County, Dawson County, Deaf Smith County, Dickens County, Floyd County, Gaines County, Garza County, Hale County, Hockley County, Lamb County, Lubbock County, Lynn County, Motley County, Parmer County, Swisher County, Terry County, and Yoakum County.

A paper or digital copy will also be available for viewing at the following libraries: Muleshoe Public Library, Silvertown Public Library, Rhoads Memorial Library (Dimmitt, TX), Cochran County Library (Morton, TX), Crosby County Library (Crosbyton, TX), Dawson County Public Library (Lamesa, TX), Deaf Smith County Library (Hereford, TX), Dickens Co-Spur Public Library (Spur, TX), Floyd County Library (Floydada, TX), Gaines County Library (Seminole, TX), Post Public Library, Unger Memorial Library (Plainview, TX), Hockley County Memorial Library (Levelland, TX), Lamb County Library (Littlefield, TX), George & Helen Mahon Public Library (Lubbock, TX), Tahoka City County Library, Motley County Library (Matador, TX), Friona Public Library, Swisher County Library (Tulia, TX), Kendrick Memorial Library (Brownfield, TX), Yoakum County Library (Plains, TX).

For additional information, please contact Gyn Samples, gsamples@spag.org, (806) 762-8721 / fax (806) 765-9544.

Small Town Cookin'

By Jeri Lynn White

Jams and Jelly

Last week we celebrated peanut butter and jelly day with a look at peanut butter. But the combination isn't complete without the jelly. So this week let's explore the history of jelly.

Jams and jelly evolved from man's quest to find a way to make fresh food last longer. Historically food has been preserved by drying, smoking, salting, cooking with sugar, or storing vegetables and grain in dark, dry cellars. However, the modernization of preserving food began in 1785 when Napoleon Bonaparte wanted a way to feed his armies that was safe and reliable. After much experimenting, chef Nicolas Appert developed a method of heating food and sealing it in air-tight containers that revolutionized food preservation. He went on to discover that different foods must be processed at different temperatures depending on their acid content.

Recipes exist from the early first century showing how to make fruit preserves. One method involves using honey, but the best methods involve sugar. However, Europeans did not discover sugar until after the crusades in the 11th Century when soldiers brought it back home with them along with a process to preserve fruit. Since sugar was hard to come by and a luxury for the wealthy, preserved fruit was also a food for the rich, especially royalty. Marmalade is said to have been created by a physician in 1561 for Mary, Queen of Scots to keep her from being seasick.

From there the process of making gelatin was developed and was added to the fruit and sugar for preservation and texture. Gelatin was made by boiling animal and fish bones and connective tissues. This was added to the fruit for a "jelly" like texture. Aspic, made from meat and fish stock, was one of the first recipes to use the gelatin with fruit. It was first seen in Egyptian paintings but fell out of use until the 1400's in France where it gained popularity again. Powdered gelatin was invented in 1682 by Denis Pepin, a French physicist, mathematician, and inventor. From there a variety of fruit-based spreads were created.

Jelly in the United States began in the early 1800's when Jerome Smucker and his wife be-

gan to make apple butter and sell it in individual jars. Then around 1869, Dr. Thomas Branwell Welch used the newly developed Concord grape to launch his grape juice company, and continued on to make his first jam product, Grapelade. In 1918, the U.S. army bought the entire inventory of the jam for the soldiers battling in WWI. When the soldiers returned home, they were hungry for Welch's grape jam. After WWII, food scientists developed a method of canning that heated the food and the jar separately. This led to the many varieties of jams and jellies we see on the market today.

Have you ever wondered about the difference between jam and jelly? Below is a quick summary of the different types of fruit spreads.

Jam - made from crushed or chopped fruit cooked with sugar, pectin, and lemon juice; does not contain chunks of fruit

Jelly - sweetened and jelled fruit juice made by cooking fruit juice, and sugar with pectin; usually contains no pieces of fruit

Preserves - large or whole pieces of fruit are cooked with sugar to the point that the fruit is suspended in a syrup base

Chutney - a spiced condiment made of fruit or vegetable; usually served as accompaniment, not a spread; can range from mild to hot, and have the consistency from a fine relish to a preserve or conserve

Conserve - a mixture of more than one fruit often with nuts and raisins that is cooked until it becomes thick

Curd - a creamy spread made with sugar, eggs, butter and flavored with citrus juice and zest

Fruit butter - Fruit puree or pulp combined with sugar, lemon juice and spices slowly cooked down to a soft smooth consistency; the "butter" refers its smooth, spreadable texture.

Marmalade - soft jelly, often citrus based that contains the flesh and often the peel of the fruit

For more information on the history of jelly and jam, you can search lunagrown.com or blog.thenibble.com.

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Easy Instant Pot Blueberry Jam {just 2 ingredients!}

By Haniya Cherry

Ingredients

2 pounds blueberries fresh or frozen
 1 pound raw honey local

Instructions

Add blueberries to inner pot of pressure cooker. Pour in honey. Put pressure cooker on low heat (Keep Warm function if using Instant Pot or other electric cooker) until honey melts. If using frozen berries, this part may take a while, but don't worry. It's worth it! Stir occasionally. When melted, turn pressure cooker to high heat (Sauté function on Instant Pot) until honey boils. There will be white-pink bubbles all around the blueberries. When it boils, quickly put on the lid of your cooker, checking that the seals and all components are in good shape, including being in the sealing position. If using an electric cooker, hit the Cancel button, then set to high for 2 minutes. If using a stovetop cooker, bring to high pressure and maintain pressure for a cook time of 2 minutes. When cooking time is over, if using an electric cooker, hit the Cancel button to turn off the heat, and unplug. With a stovetop cooker, remove from heat. Let depressurize naturally. When depressurized, remove lid and turn pressure cooker back on to high heat

(Sauté function on Instant Pot). Let boil until some of the water has evaporated off, and the jam is nice and gelled when dripped off a spoon. Make sure to scrape the bottom frequently to ensure even gelling. Pour jam into clean half-pint jars. Store in the refrigerator. Servings: 3 half pint jars

Recipe Notes

*If adapting this recipe to another fruit, keep in mind whether it will need to be cut into smaller pieces, de-stemmed, or peeled.

*If freezing fruit to use for jam later on, make sure to freeze it ready-for-use, or else it'll be a hassle later on!

*If fruit has been frozen into bigger chunks (such as peaches), simply pressure cook for 3 minutes instead of 2, and then mash with a potato masher to get a smoother consistency.

*Also, feel free to play with the timing of the final boiling step. If your fruit is more watery (such as peaches), let the liquid reduce for longer.

*The beauty of this recipe is its versatility! Tweak the type of fruit, the size of your fruit chunks/slices, or how long you boil the jam at the end. Combine fruits for a unique jam combo. The possibilities are endless. Enjoy!

Homemade Apple Butter

www.foodnetwork.com

Ingredients

4 pounds assorted apples, peeled and chopped
 2 cups apple cider
 1 cup packed light brown sugar
 Kosher salt
 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 Pinch of ground cloves

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 250 degrees F. Combine the apples, apple cider, brown sugar and 1/2 teaspoon salt in a large ovenproof pot or Dutch oven over medium heat. Bring to a simmer, partially cover and cook until the apples are soft, about 20 minutes.

2. Remove from the heat and stir in the lemon juice, cinnamon, vanilla and cloves. Puree the mixture in a blender in batches until smooth (or use an immersion blender).

3. Return the mixture to the pot and bake, uncovered, stirring every 30 minutes, until thickened and deep amber, 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 hours (the timing will depend on the kind of apples you use). Remove from the oven and let cool completely, then transfer to an airtight container and refrigerate up to 5 days.

Strawberry Jam

www.tasteofhome.com

Ingredients

2 quarts fresh strawberries
 5-1/2 cups sugar
 1 cup light corn syrup
 1/4 cup lemon juice
 3/4 cup water
 1 package (1-3/4 ounces) powdered fruit pectin

Directions

Wash and mash berries, measuring out enough mashed berries to make 4 cups; place in a large bowl. Stir in sugar, corn syrup and lemon juice. Let stand 10 minutes.

In a Dutch oven, combine strawberry mixture and water. Stir in pectin. Bring to a full rolling boil over high heat, stirring constantly. Boil 1 minute, stirring constantly. Remove from heat; skim off foam.

Pour into jars or freezer containers, leaving 1/2 in. headspace. Cover and let stand overnight or until set, but not longer than 24 hours. Refrigerate up to 3 weeks or freeze up to 12 months.

Construction around town



In the photo above, Bermea Construction, Inc. employees are installing a new concrete driveway at the Friona ISD administration building. The entrance was also widened to allow for easier access to the facility. In the photos below, construction has begun at the various school campuses.



Marla Hart is the proud owner of Friona H&R Block and her newly remodeled office at 904 W. 11th (the old Sonic building). She reminds everyone that April 15th is Tax Day (sort of). The IRS has moved the required filing date back to July 15th. Call her at 806-250-3638 for more information.

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Pre-Construction
Steel Fabrication

New Primary School
Building Pad
Concrete Footings
& Grade Beams

High School Remodel
New Concrete Entry

New High School Band Hall
Building Pad
Concrete Piers & Grade Beams
Underground MEP Rough In

Junior High Remodel
New Concrete Entry

Elementary Remodel
Begins in June

Parmer County Extension News

Texas 4-H Roundup has been held on the Texas A&M campus since 1946. Texas 4-H has more than 46,000 members. Due to ongoing concerns with COVID-19 across Texas and the uncertainties this situation has created with regards to programming,

Texas 4-H Roundup will be cancelled this year. A&M is working hard to provide more virtual offerings to our 4-H members at this time. Steer Tags orders are due to your Ag Teacher or 4-H agent no later than April 15th. The price is \$17.00 per tag and

these will be for the 2020-2021 show season. Summer Lamb and Goat tag orders are due at the same time and for the same price. This will be for the State Fair of Texas



Daily Dining Dilemmas



TIPS FOR MINDFUL EATING IN THE MIDST OF TODAY'S CHAOS

Can't get to the grocery store? Don't want to go to the grocery store? Here are a few ideas about what to do with those left-over veggies...

- Chop them up, throw them on a sheet pan, drizzle with oil, add salt & pepper and roast them on 400 until caramelized
- Add to some broth or stock and make a soup
- Make veggie pizza - no pizza dough, no problem - tortillas make a great substitute as a crunchy, thin crust base
- Create a unique stir fry with the meat and seasoning of your choice
- Add chopped or diced veggies to eggs and make a nutritious omelet
- Cook whatever pasta you have on hand, add chopped veggies and shredded cheese, and toss with your favorite dressing for a quick pasta salad

Source: budgetbytes.com



Created by Wendy Case, FCH Agent - Parmer County



Friona Rainfall Data

1st Quarter 2020

	2017	2018	2019	10 year avg	2020
January	1.63	0.00	0.13	0.60	0.57
February	0.00	0.12	0.42	0.58	0.67
March	1.61	0.18	1.85	0.62	2.10
Total	3.24	0.30	2.40	1.80	3.34

Water Weekly

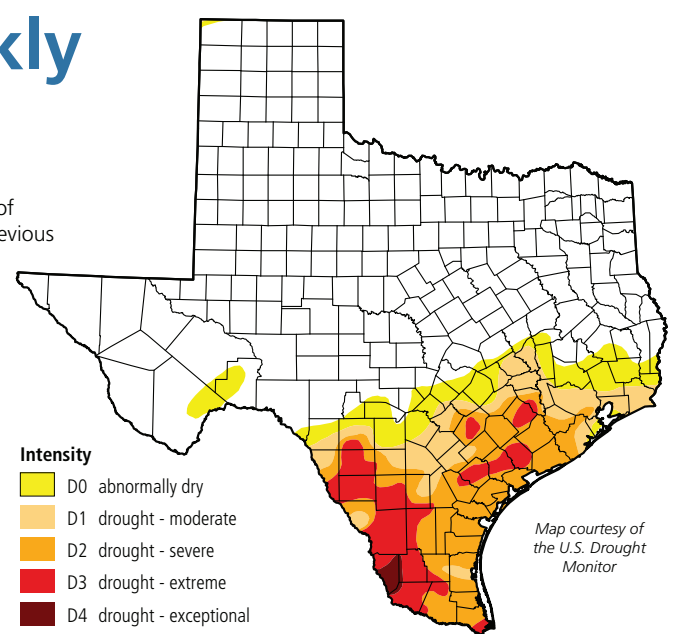
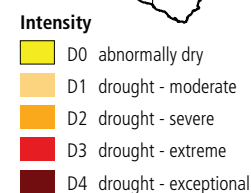
For the week of 04/06/20

Water conditions

The latest drought map for conditions as of March 31 shows little change from the previous week. The area of the state impacted by moderate or worse drought remains at 20 percent. Extreme or worse drought is up one percentage point and now covers 5 percent of the state.

Drought conditions

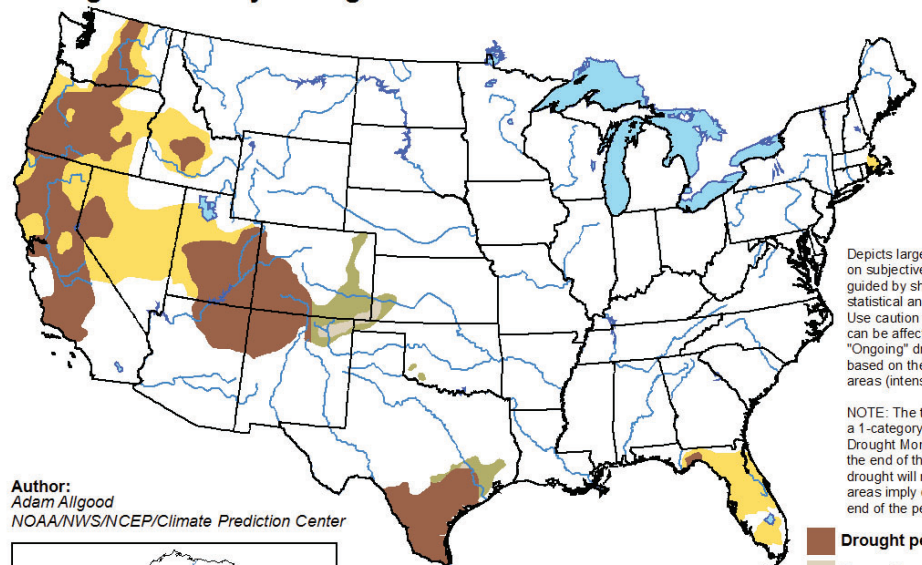
- ◆ 20% now
- ◆ 20% a week ago
- ◆ 36% three months ago
- ◆ 12% a year ago



U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook

Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

Valid for March 19 - June 30, 2020
Released March 19



Author: Adam Allgood
NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Climate Prediction Center

Depicts large-scale trends based on subjectively derived probabilities guided by short- and long-range statistical and dynamical forecasts. Use caution for applications that can be affected by short lived events. "Ongoing" drought areas are based on the U.S. Drought Monitor areas (intensities of D1 to D4).

NOTE: The tan areas imply at least a 1-category improvement in the Drought Monitor intensity levels by the end of the period, although drought will remain. The green areas imply drought removal by the end of the period (D0 or none).

- Drought persists
- Drought remains but improves
- Drought removal likely
- Drought development likely

<http://go.usa.gov/3eZ73>

April through June is normally the wettest season for much of Texas, but the National Weather Service (NWS) does not expect much drought relief for Texas in that time period for this year.