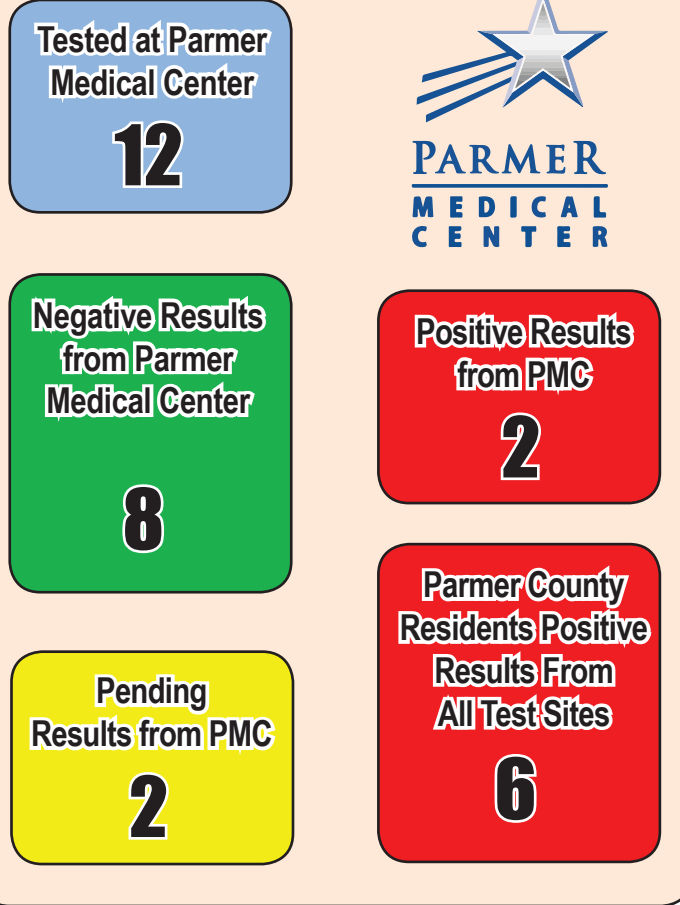




## Parmer County COVID-19 stats As of Tuesday, April 28, 2020



## Keep Friona Clean Roll-off box to open up for waste items

The City will open up the roll-off box this Saturday, May 2, from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Please come by to dump those items that don't belong in your dumpster and do your part to help Keep Friona Clean!

The roll-off box is located at East 8th and South Jackson Ave. It is a free service provided to Friona residents. Examples of items not allowed in dumpsters includes: steel and metal, mattresses and furniture, refrigerators/AC units, paint



cans (with or without liquids), electronics and appliances, drums/barrels, brick, wood and concrete, railroad ties. Items not accepted in the roll-off box are tires, oil and tree limbs. To dispose of these items, please contact the City office at 806-250-2761.

# Texas set to re-open

Governor Greg Abbott Press Conference  
April 27, 2020 | Pool Reports 1-3  
Paul Weber, The Associated Press

Governor Greg Abbott said Monday that Texas would begin a gradual re-opening of retail stores, restaurants, movie theaters and other businesses starting May 1. He also said Texas should soon have the ability to test 25,000 people a day for the coronavirus.

He said details of how the state would get back work are laid out in his "Governor's Report to Reopen Texas," available here.

"It's hard to get rid of this virus because it is so contagious," Abbott said. "So we're not just going to open up and hope for the best. Instead we will put measures in place that will help businesses open but also contain the virus and keeping Texans safe."

es, which he said will be measured by data including hospitalizations and deaths.

Abbott said barbershops, hair salons, bars and gyms must still remain closed for now, with the hope those businesses will be able to resume business on or no later than mid-May.

Abbott made the announcement at his office in the Texas Capitol alongside Lt. Gov Dan Patrick, House Speaker Dennis

Bonnen, Texas Department of Health and Human Services Commissioner John Hellerstedt, Texas Department of Emergency Management Chief Nim Kidd and James Huffines, the chairman of Abbott's "Strike Force to Reopen Texas."

Abbott began the news conference by saying Texas has the third-most recoveries in the U.S. and that the number of people who have recovered from CO-

VID-19 would soon exceed active cases.

He also announced plans to build a team of 4,000 contact tracers in May. Hellerstedt said the federal government has also committed to "solving some of the supply chain problems that have been limiting some of our ability to test." He said when those scarcities ease, Texas will be able to ramp up testing.

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## Mayor offers ideas for moving forward

At a press conference on Monday, Governor Greg Abbott said he will let the state's stay-at-home order expire on April 30, 2020 as scheduled and give businesses the opportunity to reopen (in a limited capacity) in phases the next day, May 1st. This is the latest push in the Governor's effort to restart the Texas economy amid the coronavirus pandemic. The Governor stressed that his order "gives permission to reopen, not a requirement," and businesses, such as restaurants, can continue their current practice of providing pick-up and drive-thru service.



At the same time, Governor Abbott said he is holding off on reopening certain businesses for the time being, which includes barbershops, hair salons, bars, and gyms. He said he hopes those businesses can open "on or no later than mid-May."

Parmer County is seeing an increase in the num-

ber of COVID-19 cases in the county. At this time last week, we had 2 confirmed cases in the county. Currently, we have 6 confirmed cases. With the recent testing that occurred with the Texas National Guard, that number may continue to increase. I highly encourage all local restaurants to continue their current practice of providing pick-up and drive-thru service. Additionally, we appreciate the efforts of every

church choosing to have online/remote services. I ask that you continue this practice until we see a decrease in the number of cases in Parmer County.

I'm also encouraging you to wear a face mask when you are at grocery, retail, and convenient stores in Friona. Please understand that the safety and well-being of you and your family is my highest priority. Your Mayor, Ricky White.

# Friona gets visit from Texas National Guard

The Texas National Guard brought its Mobile Testing Site to Friona last week. Calvary Baptist Church provided the venue for the free COVID-19 testing session which ran from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. last Saturday. Potential participants had to make a reservation and present

at least one of the symptoms of the virus to be eligible for testing.

In an on-air interview with KAMR Channel 4 Amarillo, City Manager Lee Davila explained to the reporter that, "He's [Governor Abbott] wanting to reach out to the rural communities who may

not have the testing capabilities at their local or community hospitals and Friona was designated as one of those areas."

The 45-member testing team consisted of 11 medical professionals & support staff as well as 34 soldiers. They were all extremely appreciative of



Calvary Baptist for allowing them to utilize church facilities for the testing event. Rodney Hunt, coordinator for the Texas Emergency Medical Task Force, thanked interim pastor Gary Johnson and church members for their hospitality.

Later in his interview, Davila said, "We...try to

be a leader. We tried to get on the virus as quickly as we could, once we heard that it was spreading. Our meat processing plant took several safety measures to assure that their employees were taken care of. Our nursing home, they went through great measures to make sure our elderly community was

protected."

In a statement to the Friona Star, Parmer County Judge Trey Ellis said that 59 people were tested during the event and that results have not yet been released. Judge Ellis also recommended that everyone wear a mask when out in public settings.

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<b>Friona Weather</b> April-May 30-6	T 91   62 SW 20-30	F 96   58 W 10-20	S 95   58 W 15-25	S 91   56 NNW 10-20	M 96   55 SW 10-20	T 82   49 NE 15-25	W 83   52 SE 10-20	<b>Precipitation</b> April 0.50 Year 3.84	<b>Burn Ban:</b> <b>No</b>
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**Community Calendar**

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call (806) 250-2211 or fax (806) 250-5127

- May 10**  
• Mother's Day  
**May 25**  
• Memorial Day

**COVID-19 News**

**Coronavirus cases confirmed**

<b>Texas Panhandle:</b> 1124 cases, 16 deaths	<b>Eastern New Mexico:</b> 29 cases, 1 death
Armstrong County: 2	Curry County: 14
Carson: 1	Quay County: 4
Castro County: 13	Roosevelt County: 8
Childress: 1	Union: 3
Cottle: 2	
Dallam County: 10	<b>Oklahoma Panhandle:</b>
Deaf Smith County: 26	111 cases, 1 death
Donley County: 24	Beaver County: 3
Gray County: 39	Cimarron: 1
Hansford County: 5	Texas County: 107
Hartley County: 4	
Hemphill County: 1	<b>Texas:</b>
Hutchinson County: 13	25,297 cases
Moore County: 294	663 deaths
Oldham County: 3	
Ochiltree: 21	<b>United States:</b>
Parmer County: 6	1,034,588 cases
Potter County: 430	58,955 deaths
Randall County: 200	
Roberts County: 2	<b>Worldwide:</b>
Sherman County: 14	2,828,728 cases
Swisher County: 9	198,612 deaths
Wheeler County: 6	

**What is the status of the Fisd Building Project?**

Friona ISD's building projects are up and running. The silver lining (if there is one) to COVID-19 is that with the student's distance learning, and school buildings being closed to the public the project is about three weeks ahead of schedule. I expect by the time August rolls around that we should be a couple of months ahead of schedule if weather allows.

**What can parents do to help their kids and teachers finish the school year strong?**

There are three things parents need to be doing for their kids during this time.  
1. Let their kids know they are safe at home.  
2. Encourage the kids as much as possible. Kids and parents are going to get frustrated at times, but it is important that kids see encouragement and a positive attitude from their parents. Kids will reflect their parent's attitudes.



3. Structure. Parents need to give their kids structure in their daily lives. It is as important as any school work that everyone in the household have a routine for the day. After a time build another schedule to keep the routine from being monotonous.

**How can the community show support for our students?**

Friona's community is the strongest I have ever been associated with in my 30 years as an educator. It is important that we as a community be as supportive as possible. Put signs in business windows encouraging our kids to finish the year strong, Reach out to families that may be in need of the things some of us take for granted.

**You train for severe weather, natural disasters, and even active shooters. What have you learned about your job and the education system in dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic?**

I have always known that teachers have a heart for kids and they want to mentor them, and be of service to them in order for them to grow into good people. COVID-19 has taught me those are not just words. Our teachers have re-invented the way we deliver instruction to our students. We have teachers that I know love their kids, but would not change the way they deliver their time proven strategies on how to best deliver them. These teachers have overnight, adapted and overcome hurdles and their whole way of thinking because that was what was best for kids.

**Do you have a message for the FHS Class of 2020?**

I am committed to having a ceremony that honors your hard work you have put in over the years. It may look different than other graduations, but there will be one. I hope to make that announcement by May 4, 2020. I believe God is in control and we need to trust that the plans He has for us will benefit His name.



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**Texas set to re-open**

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Abbott also took questions, including:

- Asked about thresholds Texas will set to determine whether stricter measures need to be restored, Abbott said officials won't just look at testing because there will be an expected increase in positive cases as the state tests more people. The number of people tested, he said, is not "decisive criteria." He said the state would instead look at hospitalization rates, whether deaths are increasing and any new hot spots. "There's no one single factor we'll look at. We look at all the data and consider what the data means."
- Asked about hair salons and barbershops that still can't reopen, Abbott said he understands the frustration

of those business owners. Abbott said they have explored strategies, including having just one customer come in at a time. "The goal is just to find safe ways in which people can work in close contact with customers while preventing the spread of COVID-19. We think we have some potential solutions, let us continue to work on it."

Asked whether this new phase of reopening would include more monitoring of African-American communities, which have been hit disproportionately hard by the virus around the U.S., Abbott said he is evaluating that and "looking forward to working with legislators on trying to formulate strategies that will help us be able to track and monitor and respond."

On whether Texans should wear masks, Abbott said his report recommends that everyone wears face coverings but that no jurisdiction can impose a penalties for not doing so. He said his executive order supersedes any local orders, including those that impose fines for not wearing a mask.

Asked about polling that shows favorability toward stay-at-home orders, Abbott said the goal was to find strategies that would ensure safety and allow businesses to open up as much as possible. "I know there are people who are still concerned about this. There is no requirement that those people leave their home. If you want to stay at home, continue to stay at home."

Asked about enforcing occupancy levels under the first phase of his plan, Abbott said \$1,000 fines and 180 days in jail applies to violating his executive orders. He said primary enforcement would happen at the local and regulatory levels.

With summer approaching, Abbott said his medical team is still working on finding ways for kids to be able to attend summer camps safely. He did not say when a decision or guidance on summer camps might come.

Abbott said libraries and museums can reopen under the same 25% occupancy guidelines as businesses, but that interactive exhibits must remain closed. He said the state will work to open its libraries on May 1 or soon after.

**ACROSS**

- Lone \_\_\_ State
- in Hays County north of San Marcos
- TXism: "beller"
- "yes" in Mexico
- TXism: "table grazed"
- TX Mandrell sang "Sleeping Single in a \_\_\_ Bed"
- Abilene's Dyess is a base for this mil br.
- he starred with TX Farrah Fawcett in "The Burning Bed"
- this Maverick, Roy was banned from the NBA
- Travis drew \_\_\_ in the Alamo dirt
- "\_\_\_ up" (get wise to reality)
- state where TX Buddy Holly died target of a Halloween ghou?!
- allowance during a shortage
- TXism: "she has \_\_\_ up on a mirror to fix her hair" (homely)
- Cowboys won Super Bowl \_\_\_ in 1971
- TXism: "\_\_\_, \_\_\_ and barrel"
- African gazelle you can see in a TX zoo
- TXism: "hombres"
- Soviets had a \_\_\_ file on Lee Harvey Oswald
- salad \_\_\_
- "good \_\_\_ boy"
- capital of Iran
- exam
- this TX-born Willie won the Kentucky Derby four times (init.)
- TX's Piney Woods area gets a lot of this weather
- TXism: "he \_\_\_ short arms and deep pockets" (frugal)
- TXism: "useless as \_\_\_ door on a submarine"
- the pope: "\_\_\_ Rome"
- film for TX-born Reynolds: "\_\_\_ One for Me" (1959)
- what RNs give
- Grand \_\_\_ Opry
- safety certification for products
- TXism: "\_\_\_ inside of a coffin"
- mother of TX Ginger
- Muslim head of state
- knives and forks
- "Sunday go to meetin'" benches
- "State Fair of Texas" is \_\_\_ that happens every fall
- activity of 43-down: "\_\_\_ up"
- TX Strait's "You \_\_\_ So Good in Love"
- dad to "W" (abbr.)
- TX-born Whitfield who won gold in 1948
- young child (2 wds.)
- private university in Houston
- "good \_\_\_" (heard useful stuff)
- TXism: "cut from the \_\_\_ bolt"
- TXism: "bring home the bacon"
- Texan ex-def. coach is now head coach in this state (abbr.)
- a mo. for 17-down
- TXism: "will \_\_\_ it if you blink"
- former Spurs star, Elliott
- this golfer Bill won the Ben Hogan Award in 2004
- TXism: "cream \_\_\_ the top"
- Rolls-\_\_\_ auto
- TX-born Reynolds was married to this Eddie (init.)

**DOWN**

- TXism: "\_\_\_ pilot" (preacher)
- in Taylor County on highway 84
- Mavs' Luka started in 2020 NBA \_\_\_ - \_\_\_ Game
- Jose Leclerc's job for the Texas Rangers (2 wds.)
- TXism: "mean \_\_\_ old range cow"
- TXism: 'can ride all \_\_\_ night' (stamina)
- Texas-\_\_\_ Weekend

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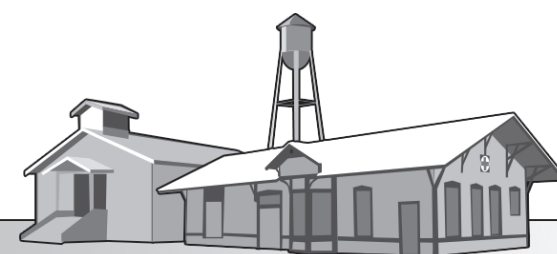
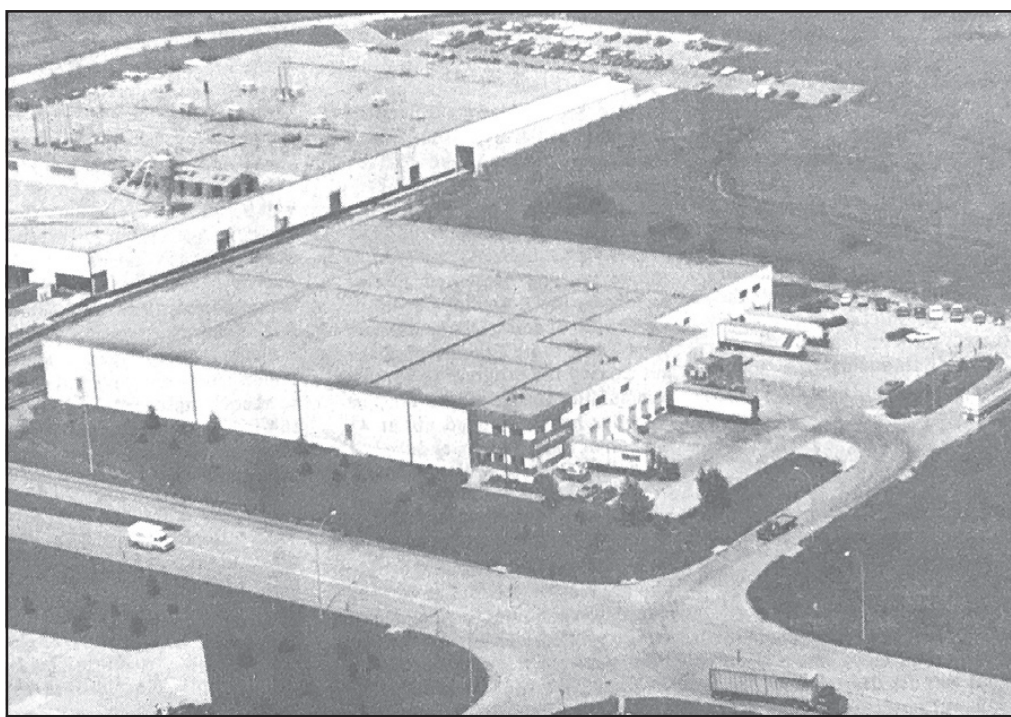
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### Friona Flashbacks

**PLANT MODEL...**The Millard Warehouse plant in Lincoln, Nebraska is shown in the above aerial photo. Company officials say that the Friona plant, to be constructed off East Highway 60, will be a virtual carbon copy of this plant. Preliminary dirt work on the new plant was begun this week. (Friona Star, March 25, 1984)



## TOWN TALK

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First Baptist Church Friona ladies originally made about 150 cloth masks for anyone who needed one. They took approximately 45 to the residents at Prairie Acres. They gave out 50 or more at the church office and now have about 50 more available to pick up in the lobby of Parmer Medical Center. You also can call the church at 806-250-3933 for more information. The masks are FREE. Masks are also available from Leslie Ware @ (806)-225-7443 for \$7 each, Pam Haseloff @ (806) 481-9964 for a donation, and Ivy Cottage @ (806) 250-8073 for \$12.99 (made in Dallas).

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FYI!!! The City of Friona is on the lookout for the best-looking face mask. If you think your face mask is a winner, email a picture of yourself sporting it to cityinfo@frionatx.us. The winner of the contest will be announced on Friday, May 8th and receive \$100 worth of Friona bucks to be used at local restaurants.

★★★

Construction is underway at the new EMS building. Plans include 2 new office spaces with temperature controlled closets, a living area, 4 bedrooms, a laundry area, 1 bathroom and a full kitchen. Also included in the building are 3 separate bay areas for each of the three ambulances, plenty of storage space for training materials, medical records and other necessities.

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Our U.S. Rep. Jodey Arrington released a statement after Governor Abbott announced the state's plan for a phased-in reopening. He said, "I'm pleased Governor Abbott has begun reopening our state. It's time we responsibly get businesses back online, people back to work, and communities back to some semblance of normal." Arrington continued, "Given the Lone Star State's resources, resolve and risk-taking ethos, I fully expect Texas to lead in the nation's recovery." Congressman Arrington is a member of the U.S. House of Representatives serving the 19th Congressional District of Texas. He serves as a member of the House Ways and Means Committee.

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#### National Days

- April 30 — Bugs Bunny Day
- May 1 — Space Day
- May 2 — Fitness Day
- May 3 — Lemonade Day
- May 4 — Star Wars Day
- May 5 — Cinco de Mayo
- May 6 — Nurses Day

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Don't be chicken! Some of the words are long, but I sprinkled in letters to help you fit them into the crossword!

personification  
onomatopoeia  
spoonerism

### Play On Words

Read the clues to fill in the crossword puzzle with different kinds of word play that we have fun with:

- a \_\_\_\_\_ word shrinks a word making it easier to say; airplane = plane
- word that is spelled the same backwards and forwards; kayak
- series of words with the same starting sound; big bad boy
- words with the same letters, but moved around; cat - act
- words that resemble the sound they are talking about; whiz, bang
- set of "opposite" words; jumbo shrimp, small crowd
- swapping of letters or syllables in words; bunny rabbit = runny babbitt
- a tongue \_\_\_\_\_ puts together words that are hard to say in a row; Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers
- an exaggerated statement; I died laughing
- putting two words together to make a new word; squeeze + crunch = scrunch
- words that have the same ending sound; very cherry
- a humor-filled story or trick; knock, knock!
- giving human-like abilities to something non-human; the wind howled, time marches on
- a word named after a real person; teddy bear (Theodore Roosevelt)
- a clever question that needs thought to be answered; What loses its head each morning, and gets it back in the evening? A pillow!

Match each expression to its meaning:

- man of few words
- man of his word
- get the word
- play on words
- mum is the word

A. receive the message  
B. to use words with more than one meaning in a joke  
C. to keep quiet, secret  
D. keeps his promise  
E. doesn't talk very much

Dear Forest,

At the picnic today, a fast *pitch* from the baseball *pitcher* broke a *pitcher*, and the pieces flew into a warm *pitch* patch that sealed a hole in the walkway! A bowl of *squash* skidded off the table and *squashed* tomatoes in a basket. After I clean the mess and the *rest* I will need a *rest*!

And so I *seal* my letter with a *seal* to send to you!  
P.S. Follow the numbers to see it.

Your Pal,  
Squeak

### Word Ex-Change!

You can make a play on words just by exchanging letters in words. After you finish the activity below, try to write one of your own and share it with a friend.

snail

- Change the "sn" to "tr" and see the "goo".
- Add an "n" to this word and you'll know what the cow said and what she jumped over.
- Change the first letter to "b" and you'll know what happened to my car.
- Change the "k" to "t" and you'll see what a dog gave me as I was riding by.
- Change the "ch" to "cl" and it will close your snack bag.

moo  
fender  
bike  
chip

### Too Hot to Hoot!

A 'palindrome' is a word that can be read forward and backward. Sometimes a person thinks up a sentence that can be read forward and backward too! Read these words and sentences, then find them in the puzzle!

mom noon  
dad deed level sees  
pop peep racecar kayak  
did toot madam radar  
eve  
dud Step on no pets.  
nun Was it a rat I saw?  
eye No lemon, no melon.  
bob  
tot Too hot to hoot!

Whew!  
It really is.

T GRMADAMYXUCXWDEEDFIGFPNTS  
TOOHOTTOHOOTVLSWKWFHRLLOOP  
KSTAEERWXKRPOPFBRFVJYALOOE  
UKBABSISIKAYAKONOBWAADDENTE  
PREOSFWPHYERACECARJNAAVNDP  
USCEBADUNDIDLCOCHTYFDREUEB  
NEECBPUWASITARATISAWZALMTN  
VSYODNOLEMNONMELONMJMOMIW  
OUPEVESTPEPONNOPETSPONGZYBM

### New Friona ISD Meal Schedule

FISD and Aramark will now be offering breakfast and lunch for any student 18 years and younger seven days a week. Meals will be distributed on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 am to 12:45 pm in front of the Junior High Cafeteria.

### Puzzle Solution

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# 9 Straight Weeks Of Falling Gas Prices

By GasBuddy

For the ninth consecutive week and now 66 straight days, the national average price of gasoline has dropped, falling 4.4 cents over the last week to \$1.74 per gallon according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million individual price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country. The average price of diesel, meanwhile, fell 3.9 cents to \$2.45 per gallon.

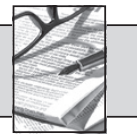
"Unsurprisingly, for the ninth straight week average gas prices have fallen across every state in the country, with more downward potential likely, especially in today's highest priced states," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "While much of the talk last week was about the West Texas Intermediate benchmark falling to \$0 per barrel and then into negative territory, it was very isolated and oil eventually rebounded back to the current \$15 per barrel level. As a result, gasoline prices will likely remain subdued until meaningful demand for petroleum returns, and that may not be for weeks or perhaps longer. In addition, every day until OPEC's oil production cuts come into force on May 1st, is another day where global supply drastically outpaces demand, flooding the market with more oil, prolonging the time gas prices will remain low- something that easily could last into the summer, when motorists may be better positioned to take advantage."

History was written last week with West Texas Intermediate crude oil prices that opened the week at \$11.47 per barrel, eventually falling to \$0 and then to negative \$37 per barrel, something never before seen. Brent crude oil, a competing international benchmark, did not follow WTI into negative territory. It was certainly one of the most challenging weeks for oil, falling to multi-decade and then historical lows. Look for oil's struggles to continue as GasBuddy data showed gasoline demand last week remained among the weakest levels since the coronavirus situation began. While demand likely has seen its worst destruction already, we're now faced with millions of job losses, further reducing demand.

Last week's report from the Energy Information Administration showed another whopping build of 15 million barrels in crude oil inventories, but a vastly toned down 1 million barrel rise in gasoline inventories. Distillate inventories, meanwhile, surged by nearly 8 million barrels. It appears that refiners have gotten the gasoline production rates closer to reality, but may have to adjust runs lower as distillate output surges. Utilization rates fell by an additional 1.5%, with total rates amounting to 67.6% of capacity, nearing record lows last seen during Hurricane Harvey, which led to power outages and flooding damage in the nation's refining hub of Houston. Gasoline demand, rebounded, according to the EIA, to 5.31 million barrels, a rebound that may be overstated, according to GasBuddy data.

At the nation's gas pumps, prices extended their downward move in every city and state. Over 125,000 gas stations are selling gasoline under \$2/gal today, with nearly 50,000 stations under \$1.50/gal. The most common gas price across the country stands at \$1.49 per gallon, down 20 cents from a week ago, followed by \$1.69, \$1.59 and \$1.79. The average cost at the priciest 10% of stations stands at \$2.69 per gallon, down 9 cents from a week ago, while the lowest 10% average \$1.16 per gallon, down 3 cents from a week ago. The median U.S. price is \$1.65 per gallon, down 4 cents in the last week and about 9 cents lower than the national average.

## Letter to the Editor



Dear Clint and Company,

In these long days of social distancing, I have started a new project which might be of interest to some of your readers. It's a public Facebook page called Building Friona. I have posted several albums:

- Main Street West Side
- Main Street East Side
- Hardware Stores
- Sidetracked (elevators and train tracks)
- Nearly Main
- Schools
- Community (civic buildings)
- Gas Stations
- Highway 60 part 1
- Highway 60 part 2
- Friona Churches

This has been a work in progress, and I have experimented with three formats. If you go to the page, Building Friona, you need to select photos, and then all albums. Comments, corrections, memories, and photographs are always welcome.

This has been a considerable amount of work, and I would like for as many people to enjoy it as possible. My thanks to the authors of the three Parmer County history books, old yearbooks, the Friona Star archives found on the Texas Tech site, and numerous advisors.

Thank you,  
Connie Slagle

## Commissioners award contract and approve report

The Parmer County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, April 27th 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 the Texas Flag.

There were no public comments. The Minutes from the April 13th meeting were read and approved. Commissioners approved the payment of the accounts payables as presented by County Treasurer Sharon May. The quarterly Treasurer's Report was also discussed and approved.

A contract for cleaning services for the Justice of Peace Pct. #1 office and the DPS office located in Friona was approved and awarded to Tonda Clark.

A proposed change to the Parmer County Policy Manual concerning employees giving a two week notice before they leave their job was discussed. It was a general consensus that a more detailed policy in writing was needed before any action could be taken. The item was tabled until a later date.

Sheriff Randy Gerles reported that the Parmer County Law Enforcement Center is currently housing 19 inmates. There are currently no inmates from other counties in the facility. Sheriff Gerles also stated that his officers are out on their routine patrols and worked a couple of minor accidents during the past few weeks.

Judge Trey Ellis would like to remind Parmer County residents who test positive for the virus to follow the directions given in the quarantine letter that they receive. Judge Ellis will also receive a copy of the letter and has the authority to have those who violate the letter's directions prosecuted. Two more Parmer County residents tested positive for COVID-19 this past week. The Texas National Guard tested 59 people last Saturday in Friona at their Mobile Testing Site. Results of those tests have not been released.

Judge Ellis would also like to encourage everyone to wear a mask when out in public settings. Wearing a mask is not mandatory. **Governor Abbott has made is very clear that the wearing of masks is only a recommendation and the purpose of masks is simply an effort to protect the health of the community.**

All meetings are open to the public. The Commissioners Court reserves the right to go into Executive session at any time. Go to [parmercounty.org](http://parmercounty.org) to find meeting agendas. Information in this article is only a summary. Any questions concerning specific actions should be directed to the court.

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## COURTHOUSE NOTES

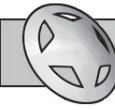
Susie Spring, County Clerk

### Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from April 16, 2020 to April 23, 2020

(4/17/2020) ERM Trust — Antonio Galaviz IV, Santiago Lara Leal — All of L 2, 3 & 6, 7 B 10 Drake revised to the City of Friona Volume 104 Page 212

(4/17/2020) GARWALCAR Inc. — Klinger Cattle Company — All of Section 29 and 30 Township 2 N R 4 E Capitol Syndicate Subdivision in Parmer County

(4/20/2020) Thomas B Mason Jr, Barbara Mason — Charles W. Summers, Rena Sue Summers — All of S 1/2 of Section Number 9 Block R Sullivan Subdivision in Parmer County containing 320 acres



## SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

(4/21/2020) — Joel Mejia, 26, no residence, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Possession CS Pg 2 < 1 gram, pending Grand Jury.

(4/24/2020) — Manuel Gutierrez-Cortez, 19, of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of Reckless Driving, pending County Court.

(4/24/2020) — Alejandro Castro, 36, of Muleshoe was arrested by the Bovina Police Department on a charge of DWI, pending County Court.

(4/25/2020) — Matthew Castillo, 31, of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of Possession of Marijuana < 2 ounces in Drug Free Zone, pending County Court.

## Happy Birthday Friona Folks!

### April 30

David Rebber  
Brennen Montoya  
Quentin Shelby  
Jade Mills

### May 1

Kayla Smiley  
Vickie Copley  
Amy Knowles  
Will Schueler  
BaiLee Brallif  
Amanda White  
Amanda Stephenson

### May 2

Larry Drake  
Julie (Bracken) Davidson  
Becky Riethmayer  
Sheryl Bartels  
Marc Haile  
Jennifer Kendrick  
Tom Randolph  
Cierra Tongate  
Maria Tarango

### May 3

Zachary Carr  
Cathy Spencer  
Jenae Fleming  
Angie Gomez  
Zachary Chavez  
Joseph Ramirez  
Lori Austin

### May 4

Dr. Gary Cash  
Nathan Brockman  
John Duke

### May 5

John Osborn  
Peggy Neely  
Ralna (Roden) Bailey  
Lucinda Stokes  
Nate Keyes  
Jackson Stewart

### May 6

Calvin Shields  
Nancy Peace  
Staci (Mueller) Duran  
Blake Williamson  
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Hadley McGowan

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# Census News



## 2020 Census Self-Response Rate Information - April 29, 2020

National Response Rate .....	53.7%
Texas Self-Response Rate.....	48.9%
Parmer County Self-Response Rate .....	30.2%
Friona Self-Response Rate.....	46.2%
Bovina Self-Response Rate .....	4.6%
Farwell Self-Response Rate .....	14.2%

## Resisting Demonic Temptations

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

I love to fish, especially bass fish. Growing up in Mitchell County, Texas, there was always an abundance of places to fish, whether in ponds on the farm or one of the 3 lakes within 30 miles of where I grew up. There is something exciting about being able to lure a fish to bite a fake bait, and then be able to reel it in.

Although most of my fishing was catch and release, Satan does not practice catch and release when it comes to tempting saints with enticements from his tackle box. In fact, Jesus said Satan is the Father of lies and has come to steal, kill and destroy (John 8:44; 10:10). In fact, 2 Corinthians 11:14 says, "...for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light." Due to the nature of the devastation he wants to bring upon and in your life and those around you, be on red alert and know how to resist demonic temptation.

Satan will cast his fiery darts, but the shield of faith will protect (Ephesians 6); Satan will tempt with fame, fortune and power, but the Word of God will make him flee (Matthew 4); Satan will roar as a prowling lion, but believers must resist him neither fearing or faltering in their faith (1 Peter 5). Demonic temptation and influence in our world is a very real thing,

and you must be on alert against the schemes of the devil, and submit yourself fully to God, following his pathway to victory over demonic temptations. To experience victory over the demonic first make sure you are on the winning team. Jesus Christ came to destroy the works of the devil (1 John 3:8), and the only way to be an overcomer, is to give you life to the one who has already overcome death, conquered Satan, and causes demons to shudder in his presence, Jesus Christ. Second, be surrendered fully to the Lord. A preacher once said, "Don't be playing games with the devil, when the devil plays for keeps," and this is so true. Full surrender means all of you belongs to the Lord Jesus Christ; no more dabbling in the demonic, reading your horoscopes, being a ghost hunter or anything else that opens your life to demonic influence (James 4:6-10). Finally, get suited up for battle. Ephesians 6 details the christian's spiritual armor needed to fight the good fight of the faith. Is your shield up and your sword sharp, tie your shoes and put on the helmet, buckle that belt, secure the chest-plate, and battle in prayer, perseverance and purpose as you resist the demonic temptations and opposition that comes your way!

## Praise Jesus

By Teena Hughs

Sunday morning, I was listening to the praise group from Quail Creek Church in Amarillo. One of their songs about praising God got me to thinking about praise and who is worthy of it.

It is easy to "praise" a child for doing something well; it is easy to "praise" an employee for a job well done; it is easy to "praise" someone for accomplishing something, like graduating from high school or college. But, do these kinds of praises define who the person is? Do these praises describe the person? Do these praises say who the person is?

You see, after thinking about it, I believe the only person who deserves praise is Jesus Christ. Everything we "praise" Him for defines Him; it describes Him; it says who Jesus really is.

For example, when we praise

Jesus for being our healer, we tell Him we know He is the One who heals. When we praise Jesus for being our provider, we are saying to Him that we know all things come from Him. When we praise Jesus for being our problem-solver, we are saying that all advice and wisdom come from Him. We praise Jesus for being our Lord of Lords and King of Kings, because we know He is the only Lord and King of our lives. When we praise God for being our Father, we acknowledge He chose us and we are His adopted child.

When we praise Jesus, we are telling Him we know who He is, what He does for us, what He means to us. However, we keep reading and studying the Bible, praying and working on our relationship with Jesus, and seeking Him in all things because we need to know as

much about Him as we can; we need to know who He really is.

So, what does Jesus mean to you? Look for the ways He has touched your life; look for the things He has done for you; look for all the things you love about Him; then, tell Him. Praise Him and acknowledge who He is to you and what He has done for you. It will help you to focus on Him more. You will be telling Jesus that you know Him, and you are working to know Him more and more each day.

I encourage you to praise God; praise Him every time you think about Him; praise Him at the beginning of your prayer time; praise Him. The more you do, the more you get to know Him, and the more you will want to have your life transformed and be more like Him.

## Texas A&M Veterinary Lab Tests People for COVID-19 Despite Federal Red Tape limiting Capacity

(COLLEGE STATION, Texas) — The Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory is helping increase the state's capacity to test people for COVID-19.

But federal red tape is holding back the state agency from widespread testing — even in Amarillo as the Panhandle has become a hotbed for the coronavirus.

"Increased testing is the key to safely opening up the economy," said John Sharp, chancellor of The Texas A&M University System. "The federal government needs to let us unleash the full potential of our diagnostic veterinary labs."

The Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL), a component of Texas A&M AgriLife, has more testing capability than any public lab in the state. It could run as many as 300 samples per day in its Center and Gonzales labs, another 1,000 per day in Amarillo and as many as 1,800 per day in College Station.

Monday, the TVMDL lab in College Station began limited human testing through a temporary partnership with a local health care provider. However, for more than a month, Texas A&M System officials have hit a roadblock at the U.S. Depart-

ment of Health and Human Services (HHS) while trying to fully scale up TVMDL labs for human testing.

Amarillo Congressman Mac Thornberry has joined the effort.

"Many of the steps we can take to deal with COVID-19 are really common sense," Thornberry said. "Animal health professionals, such as those at the Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory in Amarillo, maintain the highest medical standards and can make a major contribution to more testing in the Panhandle. I will continue to push federal agencies to make better use of the resources we have available in this fight"

Veterinary diagnostic laboratories test at high-volumes for flocks and herds of animals. TVMDL routinely performs 900,000 tests annually, with over 64,000 of those tests using the same method used to test for COVID-19, a process called polymerase chain reaction or PCR.

While the supplies to run the human PCR test are different than those used for animals, the equipment and the testing process are the same.

TVMDL staff have years of formal education, training, and

experience in the procedures.

HHS generally requires people with human lab experience to oversee human testing. The Texas A&M System is seeking a waiver in light of the pandemic. Texas has one of the nation's lowest rates of COVID-19 testing per capita.

TVMDL would use the same FDA-approved test kit as other labs.

"There are not a lot of differences between human and animal PCR tests," TVMDL Director Dr. Bruce Akey said. "Aside from the testing reagents used, the equipment and testing process are identical."

TVMDL is a natural fit to provide such a public service. The agency is a part of the National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN), a group of state and regional veterinary laboratories performing surveillance testing for the US Department of Agriculture. They follow strict federal standards to ensure the quality and reliability of testing.

"We provide the highest quality service every day to veterinary clients," Akey said. "Although this will be the first time in TVMDL's history to test human clinical samples, we have all the equipment, supplies, and expertise to help make a lasting impact in Texas."



## Friona Community Helpline

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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  
God is our refuge and strength,  
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# State Capital Highlights

By Ed Sterling



## Texas bolsters COVID-19 testing capabilities, moves toward reopening

AUSTIN — Texas continued to feel the effects of the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic last week as Gov. Greg Abbott and advisors worked on a plan to ease his statewide stay-at-home order.

Abbott set April 27 as the target date for announcing his plan for the state to move toward normalizing business activities.

The Texas Democratic Party criticized the governor for following President Trump in rushing “to reopen Texas for business against the advice of experts and medical professionals.” Democrats said doing so would risk “a new surge of cases and deaths, threatening not just the public health, but also the health of the economy in the long term.”

Meanwhile, on April 24, Abbott announced that the Texas Division of Emergency Management and the Texas Department of State Health Services have launched an online COVID-19 test collection map.

The interactive map on the Texas.gov COVID-19 resource page displays information on public and private mobile, walk-in and drive-thru test collection sites around the state. A search feature allows users to locate test collection sites near them and includes details such as contact information and hours of operation for each location.

“By using this map,” said Abbott, “Texans will have access to pertinent information on a variety of test collection options that will help fulfill testing needs in communities across the Lone Star State.”

More than 340 test collection sites are currently listed on the map. Additional locations will be added as more sites are identified across the state, Abbott said.

On April 20, Abbott said the Texas National Guard would mobilize more than 1,200 personnel operating in 45 teams to share the work of other COVID-19 mobile testing teams in various parts of the state. Guard personnel also have helped local communities manufacture more than 4 million pieces of personal protective equipment, have helped conduct more than 9,000 COVID-19 tests and have helped distribute food and supplies to thousands of Texans each day, according to the governor’s office.

## Update: COVID-19 numbers

Figures posted by the Texas Department of State Health Services at noon on April 26 showed that some 24,631 people in Texas had been diagnosed with COVID-19. Officials had confirmed 648 deaths resulting from the virus.

## SBOE approves course

At its first-ever virtual meeting on April 22, the State Board of Education gave final approval to include an African-American Studies course for high school students as a component of Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills. More than 1,100 viewers tuned in for the live stream of the meeting, the Texas Education Agency said.

This is the second ethnic studies course adopted by the board, following the passage of Mexican-American studies in 2018. Texas is now the first state in the nation to offer stand-alone Mexican American studies and African American studies courses for its students.

African American Studies will provide a broad overview of African American involvement in history, geography, economics, government, citizenship, culture and science and technology.

The board also gave final approval to a legislature-mandated career and technical education plan to help students master academic, technical and employability skills. The intent is to prepare students for high-skill, high-wage and in-demand occupations in current and/or emerging professions.

## Price drop hits hard

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on April 20 issued a statement on the historic drop in oil prices to less than \$0 per barrel last week.

Hegar called the decrease “unprecedented and likely indicative of very limited storage capacity” and that “supply gluts continue to strain storage capacity.”

Hegar pointed out that severance tax reductions would primarily affect the state’s Rainy Day Fund and State Highway Fund and to a lesser extent the amount of general revenue available to meet budget needs. Contraction in the energy industry also will affect other sources of tax revenue, including sales and franchise taxes.

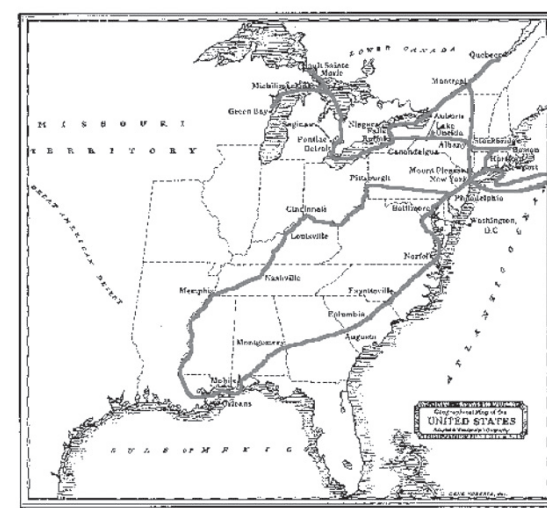
“The Texas budget is based on the average price of oil in each year of the biennium, thus daily market activity doesn’t significantly affect revenues, which are forecast based on average prices rather than spot prices or prices for specific futures contracts. That being said, given the historic nature of today’s market moves, we are carefully monitoring trading as June contracts come into focus. Should prices remain depressed over a long period of time, we anticipate the impact will be reflected in a reduction in the revenue forecast we’ll be releasing in July,” Hegar added.

# Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



## A Map of Tocqueville’s travels



Americans of the United States version have been labeling each other since 1775. Almost one-third of the colonists called themselves Loyalists and wanted King George III to remain in power; the Patriots wanted independence. Then followed the labels related to states’ rights and those who advocated a strong central government. Read David Stewart’s *The Summer of 1787* to see how contentious these divisions were when our founders were sweltering in the Philadelphia heat. Today, our Facebook posts, Twitter feeds, news network preferences, and grocery store comments made on Aisle 5 are proof we Americans continue the labeling tradition. One designation, however, we claim in unison is the word “free.”

French political scientist and historian Alexis de Tocqueville traveled the United States for nine months in 1831-1832 to observe democracy’s influence. His motive was “to return with knowledge of a society that would mark them as especially fit to help mold France’s political future.” (Encyclopedia Britannica) The French Revolution in 1789 had hoped to ride the American coattails into democracy, but the guillotine during the Reign of Terror became its symbol rather than a constitution.

Tocqueville’s *Democracy in America* captured the uniqueness of the United States and its “great experiment” that has become its “great accomplishment.” The art of being free, as the author wrote, is our most wonderful quality. During this pandemic, we are discovering again, however, that learning how to manage freedom is hard work.

If common sense were a valued commodity, the art of freedom would come effortlessly. What is it that has destroyed the better nature of our senses? Why is common sense not so common? Because we cannot reconcile this dilemma, Americans have sometimes made a monumental task of learning how to conduct our liberty.

**Common sense:** a contagious respiratory virus without a vaccine is dangerous

**Common sense:** anticipation and detailed preparation

for a pandemic save lives

**Common sense:** economic safeguards need to be in place

**Common sense:** local, regional, and national concerns will vary

Americans are able to accept the common-sense matters of this pandemic, but our reactions and responses to it go from conspiratorial to apathetic to paralyzing fear. Economic security over health risks? Federal or state assistance? Individual versus the common good?

Breathe.

Tocqueville, who traveled by foot, wagon, and boat during his nine-month visit, might just be providing us with the answers we need: liberty cannot be void of morality, and morality must demonstrate faith. In other words, the truest form of freedom has a conscience.

Moral freedom in 2020 would look something like this: an elderly at-risk couple staying home but understanding workplaces must find some normalcy so the father of four can provide for his family. Moral freedom is exercised when restless young people craving parks and beaches and restaurants prioritize their desires out of concern for frontline workers. And holding off on that celebratory cheer when refueling vehicles respects the hardships faced in the oilfield. **Freedom with a conscience makes democracy stronger.**

Opinions matter. If we have time to post that rant on Facebook, we have just as much time to call our representatives in government. Suggestions and

solutions for the upcoming phase of re-entry to an unfamiliar world are in our hands as well as our government officials.

It would be this foreigner who pointed out that Americans’ best quality will save the day, if we allow it.

*“I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her commodious harbors and her ample rivers – and it was not there . . . in her fertile fields and boundless forests and it was not there . . . in her rich mines and her vast world commerce – and it was not there . . . in her democratic Congress and her matchless Constitution – and it was not there. Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits aflame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because she is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, she will cease to be great.”*

Our church doors are closed now, for the most part, but shouldn’t goodness be found outside of those buildings anyway? When society is not modeling those “righteous” lessons, it would be fair to question the lessons taught inside the building or question the hearts of those who listen but do not hear.

So, do not be the person on Aisle 5 in a grocery store who chastises a shopper wearing a mask. At the same time, have faith that the calls for stores to open will stimulate the economy and that people will follow the new protocols for the sake of others’ health.

Be good. Be the American Tocqueville would still recognize today.

## Neighbors helping neighbors virtual concert planned to benefit the panhandle disaster relief fund

AMARILLO, TX - Amarillo Area Foundation is proud to host the Neighbors Helping Neighbors virtual concert benefiting the Panhandle Disaster Relief Fund. The concert will be live on Facebook and feature 9 nights of local artists Monday, April 27 - Tuesday May 5 (#GivingTuesday Now)

Each artist will be paid a stipend from the Amarillo Area Foundation and they will be asking for donations through Facebook’s donation feature. All the funds collected through Facebook

will go directly into the Panhandle Disaster Relief Fund to benefit nonprofit organizations

throughout the top 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle.

### The schedule of performances: (all at 8:00 pm)

- Monday 4/27..... Randy Palmer
- Tuesday 4/28..... Michael Coon
- Wednesday 4/29 ..... Dana Hubbard
- Thursday 4/30 ..... Mike Fuller
- Friday 5/1 ..... Jim Laughlin
- Saturday 5/2 ..... James Lee Baker
- Sunday 5/3 ..... Devlon Jones
- Monday 5/4..... Yvonne Perea
- Tuesday 5/5..... Tennessee Tuckness

### Legal Notice

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## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The City of Friona, Texas (“City”) and the Friona Economic Development Corporation (“FEDC”) will receive Proposals for the designation of a Depository Institution for the period beginning July 10, 2020, and ending July 9, 2023. Such proposals, addressed to the office of the City Manager, City Hall, 623 Main Street, Friona, TX 79035, shall be received until 4:00 PM, Friday, May 29, 2020, at which time the same shall be publicly opened and examined. Such proposals may be presented to the Mayor and City Council at the scheduled meeting at 6:30 PM, Monday, June 8, 2020, for consideration and awarded to the successful bidder.

The City reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals, waive formalities and accept the bid deemed most advantageous to the City.

Proposals shall be made in accordance with the attached Special Conditions and Proposals and any deviations there from shall be clearly identified.

Copies of specification for proposals can be picked up at City Hall, 623 Main, Friona, Texas.

Leander Davila, City Manager

## COVID -19 Safety Tip: Cinco de Mayo a time to Celebrate ... Safely! Drink and Drive on the 5th of May — Be in Jail by the 6th of May

With Covid-19 shelter in place orders being lifted in May in many areas of the state, there will be many reasons to celebrate including the traditional celebration of Cinco de Mayo, and many will choose to celebrate with margaritas, beer, or tequila shots. However, if you have been drinking to celebrate this day, deciding to drive home will be risky for you and others — and could even be deadly.

The consequences of getting caught driving while intoxicated are life changing and are never worth the risk. If you choose to drink, designate a sober driver ahead of time, call a cab, use public transportation, stay put, or call a friend or family member for a ride. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Family and Community Health Agent Wendy Case, Parmer County, reminds drivers that the risks of driving impaired are not worth it.

Drinking and driving on Cinco de Mayo is a real problem in Texas and across the nation. Impaired drivers

can kill or injure themselves and others — often their own friends or family members. The consequences and costs are significant if caught driving while intoxicated, costing \$17,000 or more.

This Cinco de Mayo, do not drink and drive. If you see a suspected drunk driver, report it to law enforcement immediately. Make sure this traditional Texas celebration does not turn into a tragedy. After all, you do not want to miss seeing May 6.

Remember: If you drive drunk, you may lose money, your reputation, your car, and even your life. Everyone should know by now that it is illegal to drive impaired. Even still, thousands die each year in drunk-driving-related crashes. In 2018, there were 10,511 people killed in drunk-driving crashes.

People caught drinking and driving can face jail time, lose their driver’s license and vehicle, and pay up to \$10,000 in attorney’s fees alone, fines, car towing,

higher insurance rates, and lost wages.

For more information, contact: Nancy Winn, Watch UR BAC Program, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Services, by phone: 979-862-1911; or email: Nancy.Winn@ag.tamu.edu. Website: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: <https://www.nhtsa.gov>.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service’s Watch UR BAC program is a free, statewide program to promote alcohol awareness, the dangers of impaired driving, and friends watching out for friends.

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# OBITUARIES

## Doris Jane Barnett

Doris Jane Barnett, 81 of Friona passed away on April 26, 2020 surrounded by her family after a short illness. Celebration of Life Services will be held at a later date. Arrangements by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.



She will best be remembered for the amazing mother, grandmother and friend that she was to so many. She lived a selfless life, always focusing on others and their needs. Doris was born in Hereford, Texas to Granville and Irene McFarland on March 21, 1939. She was raised in Friona, Texas and attended the Friona schools. She was a high school twirler, Homecoming Queen, and it is in high school that she met the love of her life, Wesley Barnett. They were married just short of 60 years, raised five children which grew into 12 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren. She was lovingly known as Grammy. She loved her family dearly and loved traveling around to see the events that were taking place in their lives.

funeral dinners at the church. Years ago, she took the weekly taped sermon to the elderly and those that were unable to leave their homes. Doris was a BSA Hospice Volunteer for several years and received the "Volunteer of the Year" award.

Doris loved quilting. Her legacy will live on through the quilts that family and friends have received over the years. She frequently attended quilting shows, having won many awards and ribbons for her work. She loved going to Celeste, Texas to quilting retreats where she received quilting instruction and sewed all day long.

Doris received the Chamber of Commerce "Woman of the Year" Award in 1997. She was involved in United Methodist Women, the Friona United Methodist choir, and served on the committee for

She is preceded in death by her husband, Wesley Barnett; her parents, Granville and Irene McFarland; two sisters, Janice McFarland and Gay Clarke; and one sister-in-law,

Betty Douglas.

Doris is survived by her five children, four daughters-in-law and one son-in-law; Chris (Renae) of San Angelo, Texas; Kyle (Melissa) of Salt Lake City, Utah; Kim (Scott) of Aubrey, Texas; Ricky (Erin) of Friona, Texas; and David (Heather) of Little Rock, Arkansas; sister Lunell Horton of Friona, Texas; brother John McFarland of Austin, Texas; brother David McFarland of Smithville, Texas; sister-in-law Judy Davis of Irving, Texas. Grandchildren are Morgan Lane, Macy (Harvey) Williams, John, Kyle Jr., Delaney, Zach, Emily, Josh, Kendall, Wes, Grace, May and great-grandchildren Emma and Claire Lane. There are also numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made to Friona United Methodist Choir Fund in memory of Doris Barnett, 301 East 8th Street, Friona Texas 79035.

You may send condolences to the family and sign the online guest book on Mrs. Barnett's memorial page at: [www.hansardfamily.com](http://www.hansardfamily.com)



# Spur drawing to benefit King's Manor Benevolence

Among this year's coronavirus cancellation casualties is the annual King's Manor Founders Day barbecue and auction, a vital fund raiser for benevolent care of Manor residents who have exhausted their resources that is traditionally held in mid-July. The project, that would have marked its 42nd year this summer, has long aided those who might be out of a home but for the existence of the Founders Board Benevolent Fund.

Seeing Founders Day go by the wayside this year just didn't sit well with Kris Dollar, a member of the Founders Board, and her husband, Wayne. The couple brainstormed for ideas and were literally spurred into action to make sure that fund raising on behalf of the Benevolent Fund carries on despite the virus.

Wayne, a veteran spur maker for 40 years, hand crafted his 1,000th pair of spurs, a very special set of "boot jewelry" on behalf of King's Manor benevolent care, that the Dollars are donating to the cause. They are being offered in a drawing to be held August 18 at a price of \$100 per ticket.

The spurs have a 1 1/4 inch heel band and a 2 3/4 inch shank. The 2 1/2 inch rowel has 15 spokes. The heel bands and shanks are completely overlaid with sterling silver. Mountings atop the silver are 14 karat gold. Eight 4mm AA grade rubies are set in gold rosettes. Hand engraving covers the precious metals. The swings, rowels and shank tops are also engraved. Antique browning is the finish on the exposed steel. Material costs alone in making the spurs exceeds \$2,200. Estimated retail value of this "boot jewelry" is \$4,000.

"In today's economic downturn folks living at King's



**PRIZE BOOT JEWELRY--**These unique spurs hand crafted by Wayne Dollar will be awarded in a fund raising drawing to benefit the Benevolence Fund at King's Manor. The spurs have a 1 1/4 inch heel band and a 2 3/4 inch shank . The 2 1/2 inch rowel has 15 spokes. The heel bands and shanks are completely overlaid with sterling silver. Mountings atop the silver are 14 karat gold. Eight 4mm AA grade rubies are set in gold rosettes. Hand engraving covers the precious metals. The swings, rowels and shank tops are also engraved. Antique browning is the finish on the exposed steel. Material costs alone in making these spurs exceeds \$2,200. Estimated retail value of this "boot jewelry" is \$4,000. (Photo by Jim Steiert)

Manor already were on a limited budget, and in this market down time they don't have time for the economy or their savings to recover. Folks whose resources were already limited suddenly may not have enough to cover the cost of living at a facility like the Manor," said Wayne Dollar. "I've been a supporter of King's Manor for a long time. The elderly who built our country and raised us need some help from us now. They are part of the family ties that have held us together for many years and King's Manor is part of our extended family here in Hereford."

A purchased ticket has a one in 200 chance of winning. Only 200 tickets are being sold.

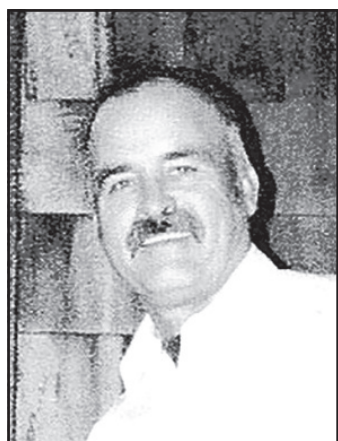
The spurs can be viewed or tickets purchased on Facebook and Pay Pal payments can be made to benevolent-care@kmmrs.com or they may be seen on the website link kmmrs.com.

Tickets may also be purchased from any member of the Founders Board or by calling King's Manor at 364-0661.

The spurs may currently be seen on display at Purcella's Western Allee, 513 North 25 Mile Avenue, where tickets are also available for purchase.

## Nemesio Martinez Velasco

Nemesio Martinez Velasco, Jr. 72 of Friona passed away Thursday, April 23, 2020 in Friona. No services are scheduled. Cremation and arrangements by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.



Castañeda and husband Jessie of Friona, 2 sisters-Jovita Saiz and husband Daniel of Oklahoma, and Delores Silva and husband Leopodo of Mexico, 3 brothers Fernando Velasco of Cactus, Texas, Manuel Velasco and wife Mary of Hereford, and Jessie Velasco of Friona, 8 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

You may send condolences to the family and sign the online register book at [www.hansardfamily.com](http://www.hansardfamily.com)



Nemesio was born January 4, 1948 in Mexico to Nemesio and Jovita Martinez Velasco. He later married Rosa Victoria Basaldua August 8, 2003.

He was an area farmer that loved spending time with his family and watching western movies and TV shows.

Those to carry on his legacy include his wife Rosa Velasco of Friona, 2 sons- Nemesio Velasco III and

wife Angelina of El Paso, and Juan Gabriel Basaldua and wife Carol of Dumas, 3 daughters- Noelia Arkansas and Noemy Velasco both of Mesquite, Texas, and Nancy

## New Coronavirus Relief Program Announced

Austin - USDA announced the details of a new, \$3 Billion Coronavirus relief program for growers, producers, and families facing the economic effects of COVID-19.

The Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) will deliver boxes of dairy, produce and meat through an open solicitation to local and regional food distributors, who must partner with food banks or other local nonprofits to distribute the food. USDA will spend at least \$300 million per month for six months on produce, meat, and dairy products. There are no eligibility restrictions (such as income) for the people who receive food boxes.

This "truck to trunk" model is designed to meet the current need for social distancing and the dearth of volunteers at many organizations.

"This additional food will be critical to feeding families in every corner of Texas," said Celia Cole, CEO of Feeding Texas. "We encourage

all bidders to partner with Texas food banks to make it a success."

The new program aims to keep workers in the food industry employed, reduce food waste streams, and provide food to families by harnessing the capacity of underutilized food distributors to source, create and ship food boxes to local nonprofits. Food banks can provide the logistics, food safety, and distribution expertise to make sure that the perishable food safely makes it into the hands of those most affected by COVID-19.

"We urge all Texas companies interested in this opportunity to partner with our network," said Cole. "Collectively, we can make sure this food reaches every community in Texas."

Feeding Texas' twenty-one member food banks serve every county in Texas. Interested parties should contact their local food bank or Jamie Olson, [jolson@feedingtexas.org](mailto:jolson@feedingtexas.org).

## Nickie Ray Hand

On 26 April 2020, Nickie Ray Hand, loving husband and father, passed away at the age of 70 in Dumas, Texas.



Alaska. On and off the highway he was best known for his no-nonsense personality, his unwavering sense of professionalism, and his wry sense of humor.

Nick was preceded in death by his father, LR Hand; his mother, Dimple; and his brother, Burke. He is survived by his wife, Deni; his children, Stacey, Lynn and Kami; his sister, LeVada; and his brother, Mike.

A public viewing will be held at Morrison Memorial Chapel, 1015 S. Dumas Ave, Dumas, Texas, on Monday, May 4, 2020 from 2 o'clock in the afternoon until 8 o'clock in the evening. A private graveside service will be held in Friona, Texas. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that a memorial donation be made in Nick's name to [Tunnel2Towers.org](http://Tunnel2Towers.org).

As a dedicated public servant, Nick took great pride in serving his beloved state of Texas and upon his retirement in June of 2016, he was appointed as a Texas Special Ranger. He and Deni shared a deep passion for hunting, fishing, wildlife, and the outdoors that took them on unforgettable trips to places across the country, including Colorado, South Dakota, and

Nick was born on December 18, 1949, in Clovis, New Mexico, to LR Hand and Dimple (Brannon) Hand. He was raised in Friona, Texas, where he started his law enforcement career as a city police officer in 1977. He went on to graduate from the Texas Department of Public Safety Academy in October 1981 and served as a Senior Corporal State Trooper for the Texas Department of Public Safety working on the highway for almost 36 years, with assignments in Vega, Dimmitt, Claude, and Dumas. On January 23, 1999, he married his best friend and the love of his life, Deni, with whom he just celebrated 21 wonderful years.



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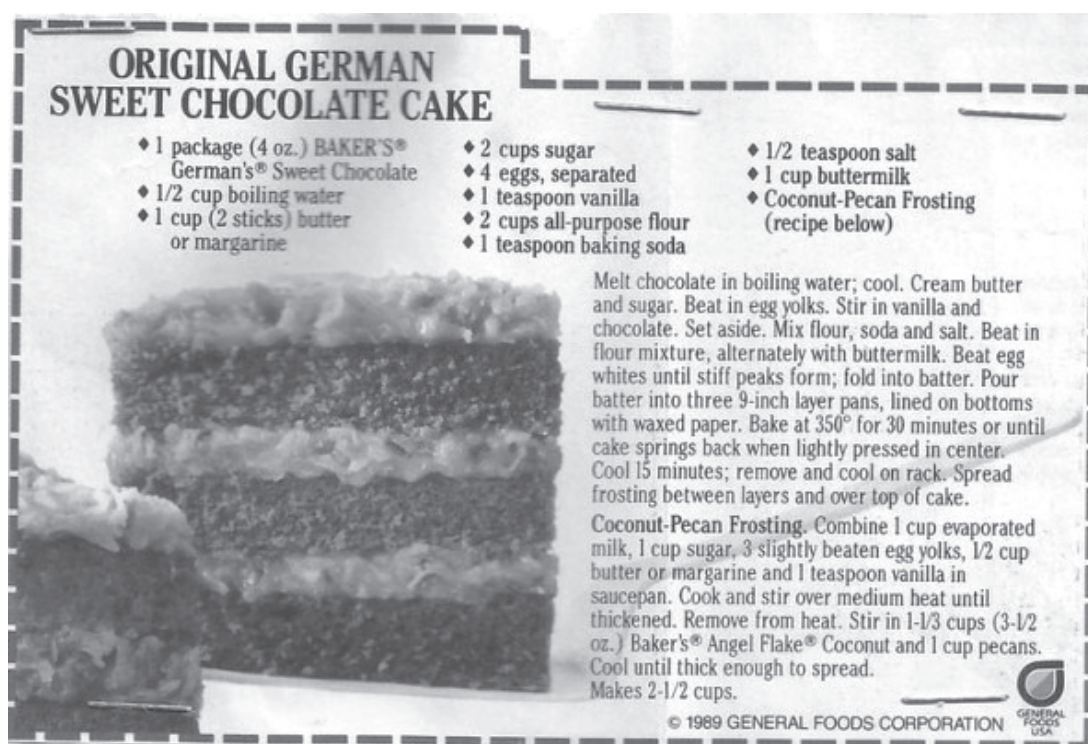
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# Small Town Cookin'

By Jeri Lynn White

## Texas Sheet Cake



Honestly, the hardest part about writing this article, or writing anything really, is choosing a topic and getting started. I was at a loss again this week so I asked my sister-in-law, Jodi, what I should write about. She quickly answered Texas sheet cake. She said her mom always made these growing up. And although she grew tired of the cake as a child, she has recently learned to appreciate the chocolaty deliciousness of a sheet cake.

Texas sheet cake was also popular in my family growing up. I especially remember my Aunt Karen making this cake on many occasions. I loved the chocolate but was never a fan of the pecans.

I didn't expect there to be much history to go along with a Texas sheet cake, but as it turns out, when you Google it, you get a few hits. It is unclear why it is called a Texas sheet cake, but most people believe it derived from a recipe in a Dallas newspaper around 1957 called German's chocolate cake. This cake was named after the sweet dark baking chocolate used in the recipe. The chocolate was developed by a man named Sam German when he worked for the Baker Chocolate Factory in Massachusetts. Not long after the recipe was printed in the newspaper, it became popular across Dallas and the southern states.

A German chocolate cake and a Texas sheet cake are similar recipes both of which usually include buttermilk and pecans. However, there are differences. For exam-

ple, the icing of a German chocolate cake has coconut included, and it is meant to be a layered cake.

Then somewhere along the way, the layered cake became one baked in a cookie sheet or jelly roll pan, so the cake was large, but only about one inch thick. This is what became a Texas sheet cake. Some recipes began to call for sour cream rather than buttermilk as well as adding cinnamon. Although the most popular name for this recipe is Texas sheet cake, at least in Texas, the recipe can be found going by a variety of names including buttermilk brownies, brownie sheet cake, chocolate sheet brownies, Mexican chocolate cake, Texas cake, Texas sheath cake, or plain old chocolate sheet cake.

The recipes this week are family recipes - one from my sister-in-law and one from

my aunt. I also included the original German sweet chocolate cake recipe that was published in the Dallas paper and included on the box of Baker's German choc-

olate. For more information you can look online at the Library of Congress - The Great Sheet Cake Mystery or on [blog.relish.com](http://blog.relish.com) - The History of Texas Sheet Cake.

## Texas Sheet Cake

Submitted to the Friona United Methodist Cookbook by Karen King

This is the recipe I remember from my childhood. Notice it has cinnamon as an additional ingredient.

Preheat oven to 400oF. Grease and flour 16"x11" pan.

Sift together in large bowl:

- 2 cups of sugar
- 2 cups flour
- 1 tsp. soda
- 1 tsp. cinnamon

Mix in a saucepan:

- 2 sticks of oleo
- 4 Tablespoons cocoa
- 1 cup water
- Dash of salt

Stirring all the time, bring to a rapid boil and pour over dry ingredients. Mix well by hand.

Now add:

- ½ cup buttermilk
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 2 eggs - slightly beaten

Mix well by hand and pour in pan. Bake 15-18 minutes.

As cake is baking:

Stirring all the time, melt and bring to boil:

- 1 stick of oleo
- 4 Tablespoons cocoa
- 6 Tablespoons milk
- Dash of salt

After above is melted, add, and mix by hand:

- 1 box powdered sugar
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Spread over warm cake.

## Texas Chocolate Sheet Cake

Family recipe from Jodi LaFrance

- Cake:**
- 2 c. flour
  - 2 c. sugar
  - 2 tsp. soda
  - 2 c. buttermilk
  - 1 c. oil
  - 2 eggs
  - 1 tsp. vanilla
  - 4 Tbsp. cocoa

- Icing:**
- 1/3 c. milk
  - 1 stick of butter
  - 1 box of confectioner's sugar
  - 1 c. chopped pecans
  - 1 tsp. vanilla

Preheat oven to 350o F. To prepare cake add all the ingredients together in a large mixing bowl and stir until well mixed. Then pour into a jelly roll sheet pan or for a thicker cake, a 9x13" baking dish. Bake for 30 minutes.

To prepare the icing bring the milk and butter to a rolling boil. Then remove from heat. Add sifted confectioner's sugar and cocoa. Add the chopped pecans and vanilla. Pour over cake while still warm.

# Sun Protection and Skin Cancer Awareness During the COVID-19 Pandemic

## What The Skin Cancer Foundation Wants You to Know

The spread of COVID-19 (also known as Coronavirus) has sparked concern worldwide and prompted many leaders to take decisive action to contain the virus. Several states have mandated citizens to stay home from work, socially distance and remain indoors, meaning people have found their time outside has been drastically reduced. Although we may not be exposed to direct sunlight as often, The Skin Cancer Foundation advises everyone to remain vigilant in regard to protecting your skin and checking your body for suspicious lesions.

While spending most of your time indoors, it's instinctive to gravitate toward places in your home that receive natural light, like windows and skylights. It's important to exercise caution while enjoying this little slice of the outdoor world, however — sunlight streaming through glass can still harm your skin. Two types of UV light are proven to contribute to the risk for skin cancer: ultraviolet A (UVA), which has a longer wavelength, and ultraviolet B (UVB), which has a shorter wavelength. UVA and UVB rays can cause sunburns and tanning, but UVA rays penetrate deeper into the skin, which can contribute to signs of premature aging, like dark spots and wrinkles. They're also better at finding you. "UVA rays can penetrate window glass, meaning you can still be at risk of exposure while inside," says Deborah S. Sarnoff, MD, president of The Skin Cancer Foundation. "Even when home, it's important to be cognizant of UV radiation and apply sunscreen to the face and

exposed areas of the body."

For times like this, The Skin Cancer Foundation recommends using a sunscreen with an SPF of at least 15 or higher for daily use, especially if you're going to be working right by a window. Try placing your sunscreen beside your toothbrush so you have easy access while getting ready in the morning, as it might be difficult to remember to apply when you know you won't be venturing outside. For indoor workers who receive a significant amount of incidental sun exposure, it's important to reapply sunscreen, especially before going outside for breaks or errands. You can further protect your skin by pulling down the window shade during peak sun hours (10 AM to 4 PM), installing UV-protective window film and covering up with clothing.

While preventing skin damage that can lead to skin cancer is imperative, now is also a good time to revisit skin cancer warning signs and perform at-home skin exams. The Skin Cancer Foundation recommends you examine your skin head-to-toe every month, and all you need is a bright light, a full-length mirror, a hand mirror, two chairs or stools, a blow-dryer, paper and a pencil. Look for for anything new, changing or unusual on your skin, and reach out to a dermatologist if you see something concerning. You can find more information about skin cancer warning signs and how to perform a self-exam at [TheBigSee.org](http://TheBigSee.org).

If your dermatologist is no longer seeing patients in the office or is extra busy due to COVID-19, see if your doctor offers any teledermatology options. Teledermatolo-

gy is a rapidly developing subspecialty using the latest technology to allow patients better access to high-quality dermatologic care without traveling to the clinic. If you have a medical emergency, you should still try to get in to see a dermatologist as soon as possible. But for non-emergencies, here's how you can use teledermatology to help when it comes to skin cancer:

- Take photos on your phone of anything new, changing or unusual on your skin and monitor it over time. There are even apps that will send you a monthly reminder to check on the spot to see if it has evolved.
- Share the photos with your dermatologist who can look them over virtually and provide advice over the phone. They will determine if you need to come into the office or not.
- If you've recently been treated for skin cancer, your dermatologist can provide follow-up care over the phone or via video sessions.

**About The Skin Cancer Foundation:** *The Skin Cancer Foundation is the only global organization solely devoted to the prevention, early detection and treatment of skin cancer. The mission of the Foundation is to decrease the incidence of skin cancer through public and professional education and research. Since its inception in 1979, the Foundation has recommended following a complete sun protection regimen that includes seeking shade and covering up with clothing, including a wide-brimmed hat and UV-blocking sunglasses, in addition to daily sunscreen use. For more information, visit [SkinCancer.org](http://SkinCancer.org).*

# Parmer County Treasurer's Report

REPORT OF Sharon A. May County Treasurer of PARMER County, Texas, of Receipts and Expenditures from January 01, to March 31, 2020 Inclusive:

## JURY FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2019 .....112,578.05  
 Amount Received Since Last Report.....16,381.99  
 Amount Paid Out Since Last Report .....2,752.28  
 03/31/20 Balance ..... \$ 126,207.76

## GENERAL FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2019 .....3,494,048.41  
 Amount Received Since Last Report.....2,754,508.20  
 Amount Paid Out Since Last Report .....1,161,394.81  
 03/31/20 Balance ..... \$ 5,087,161.80

## FARM TO MARKET FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2019 .....1,872,477.03  
 Amount Received Since Last Report.....944,575.54  
 Amount Paid Out Since Last Report .....292,772.91  
 03/31/20 Balance ..... \$ 2,524,279.66

## CONTINGENCY FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2019 .....99,490.54  
 Amount Received Since Last Report.....216,226.95  
 Amount Paid Out Since Last Report .....0.00  
 03/31/20 Balance ..... \$ 315,717.49

## PARMER COUNTY FORFEITURE FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2019 .....26,784.01  
 Amount Received Since Last Report.....79.86  
 Amount Paid Out Since Last Report .....895.00  
 03/31/20 Balance ..... \$ 25,968.87

## PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2019 .....105,925.79  
 Amount Received Since Last Report.....57,902.04  
 Amount Paid Out Since Last Report .....0.00  
 03/31/20 Balance ..... \$ 163,827.83

## REVENUE FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2019 .....135,290.16  
 Amount Received Since Last Report.....44,333.38  
 Amount Paid Out Since Last Report .....623.20  
 03/31/20 Balance ..... \$ 179,000.34

## JUVENILE PROBATION FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2019 .....4,927.32  
 Amount Received Since Last Report.....14.81  
 Amount Paid Out Since Last Report .....75.00  
 03/31/20 Balance ..... \$ 4,867.13

## COUNTY ATTORNEY - CHECK COLLECTION FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2019 .....3,420.01  
 Amount Received Since Last Report.....1,579.09  
 Amount Paid Out Since Last Report .....1,643.12  
 03/31/20 Balance ..... \$ 3,355.98

## DISTRICT CHECK COLLECTION - 287TH FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2019 .....2,850.96  
 Amount Received Since Last Report.....489.21  
 Amount Paid Out Since Last Report .....0.00  
 03/31/20 Balance ..... \$ 3,340.17

## DISTRICT ATTORNEY FORFEITURE FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2019 .....50,999.36  
 Amount Received Since Last Report.....141.78  
 Amount Paid Out Since Last Report .....4,881.58  
 03/31/20 Balance ..... \$ 46,259.56

## COUNTY ATTORNEY FORFEITURE FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2019 .....4,827.56  
 Amount Received Since Last Report.....14.69  
 Amount Paid Out Since Last Report .....0.00  
 03/31/20 Balance ..... \$ 4,842.25

## INTEREST & SINKING FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2019 .....138,350.42  
 Amount Received Since Last Report.....172,177.52  
 Amount Paid Out Since Last Report .....226,462.50  
 03/31/20 Balance ..... \$ 84,065.44

## LATERAL FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2019 .....0.00  
 Amount Received Since Last Report.....0.00  
 Amount Paid Out Since Last Report .....0.00  
 03/31/20 Balance ..... \$ 0.00

## PARMER COUNTY ATTORNEY PRETRIAL DIVERSION FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed December 31, 2019 .....8,210.82  
 Amount Received Since Last Report.....134.22  
 Amount Paid Out Since Last Report .....1,084.91  
 03/31/20 Balance ..... \$ 7,260.13

## RECAPITULATION

Jury Fund .....126,207.76  
 General Fund.....5,087,161.80  
 Farm To Market Fund .....2,524,279.66  
 Contingency Fund .....315,717.49  
 Parmer County Forfeiture Fund .....25,968.87  
 Permanent Improvement Fund .....163,827.83  
 Revenue Fund .....179,000.34  
 Juvenile Probation Fund .....4,867.13  
 County Attorney - Check Collection Fund .....3,355.98  
 District Check Collection - 287Th Fund .....3,340.17  
 District Attorney Forfeiture Fund.....46,259.56  
 County Attorney Forfeiture Fund .....4,842.25  
 Interest & Sinking Fund.....84,065.44  
 Lateral Fund .....0.00  
 Parmer County Attorney Pretrial Diversion.....7,260.13  
**TOTAL..... \$ 8,576,154.41**

## LIST OF BONDS AND OTHER SECURITIES ON HAND

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT  
 GENERAL FUND  
 JURY  
 PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT  
 INVESTMENTS  
 TOTAL

## TREASURER'S REPORT PARMER COUNTY, TEXAS THE STATE OF TEXAS

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Sharon A. May, County Treasurer of Parmer County, who by me duly sworn, upon oath, says that the within and foregoing report is true and correct.

**Sharon A. May**  
 County Treasurer

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 7th Day of February, 2020.

**Trey Ellis**

County Judge - Parmer County, Texas  
 Examined and approved in open Commissioners' Court this 7th Day of February, 2020.



### Quilts of Love



In her honor, the family of Doris Barnett created a display of the various quilts she had made over the years. Without leaving the vehicle, visitors could proceed through the driveway and view the many "quilts of love" Doris had created. You can view a short video of the display on the facebook page of Kim Martz.



### Soil & Water Stewardship Week

Parmer County Judge Trey Ellis has proclaimed April 26th to May 3rd as Soil & Water Stewardship Week. Stewardship Week is one of the largest national programs to promote natural resource conservation. Celebrated annually since 1955 between the last Sunday in April and the first Sunday in May, Soil & Water Stewardship Week reminds us of our individual responsibilities to care for natural resources. This year marks the 65th Anniversary with the theme "Where Would We BEE Without Pollinators?"



### Discovery Center announces new outside science park

The Don Harrington Discovery Center is excited to announce an extension to the museum that will be opening soon. The Groundbreaking on the new Outdoor Science Park, located on the southeast side of DHDC's front entrance, is on hold until we can reopen but construc-

tion has begun and will continue. We invite you and the public to WATCH US GROW! We will be posting updated photos as major updates to the construction have been completed and pieces have been installed, on our website. Click the link below for more information about the

Outdoor Science Park and to see any updates. I will also send out any major updates to you all by email.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to myself or to the DHDC's Executive Director, Dr. Aaron Pan at 806-355-9547 ext. 101.



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# Thank You!

## From the Parmer County Junior Livestock Show

The 2020 Junior Livestock Show Premium Sale was highly successful. The sale made \$201,300.00 and add-ons were \$105,595.16 for a grand total of \$306,895.16. We truly appreciate the buyers clubs, individuals, businesses, and add-ons that support our talented youth. Thank you for your part in rewarding their hard work!!!

**2020 Top Buyers: Gold – LoneStar Ag Silver – Optima Dairy Bronze – Bunker Tire & Truck Service**

Ab Hendley  
AgTexas  
AgTexas - Friona/Muleshoe  
AgTexas Insurance  
Alan Monroe  
Altman Land & Cattle  
Bar G Feedyard  
Bar G Trucking  
Bill & Jeri Lynn White  
Blake Prather  
Blue Sky Farms  
Bovina Ag Boosters  
Boyd Irrigation  
Brett & Lindsey Hoyle  
Bunker Tire & Truck Service, Inc.  
C & D Land & Cattle Inc.  
Cal Maine Foods  
Capital Farm Credit - Dimmitt  
Capital Farm Credit - Muleshoe  
Caprock Dairy  
Casey & Keisha Russell  
Charlie & Ginger Trimble  
Charlie Rogers  
CHS - Friona  
CHS - Muleshoe  
Citizens Bank - Clovis  
Clays Corner Gin  
Cris & Sylvia Ingram  
D & D Aviation  
Dakota Lewis  
Dale & Donna Schueler  
Dale Gallman  
Dale Hart Farm & Cattle  
Danny & Holly Campbell  
Danny & Jiselle Hand

Darren & Lorre Haseloff  
Davy & Kathy Carthel  
Deaf Smith Electric  
De'Aun Willoughby - CPA  
Delbert Sours  
Dustin & Jodi Urbantke  
Dusty & Lindsey Ramage  
Ed Wright  
Farmers Pump  
Farwell Buyers Club  
Fernando & Cindy Moreno  
Foote & Rogers  
Friona Banking Center  
Friona Buyers Club  
Friona Farmers Co-Op Gin  
Friona Feedyard  
Gallman Equipment  
Gary & Sheryl Morris  
Gayle Murdock  
George & Nickie Villarreal  
Good Shepherds  
Greg & Jamie Wellen  
Greg & Kay O'Brian  
Guy & Kimberly Nickels  
Happy State Bank - Hereford  
Heartland Co-Op  
Henry & Paula Clark  
Indian Ink Leasing  
Jarecki Custom Farms  
Jason & Tami Schilling  
JeDon & Kitty Gallman  
JEL LLC  
Jim Bob & Teddy Jones  
Jimmy & Elizabeth Burns  
John & Beverly Ingram

John & M'Lynda Jarecki  
K Bar T Farms  
K3 Towing  
Kent & Connie Lewis  
Kevin & Ami Schueler  
King Country Trailer  
Kody & Kim Kimbrough  
Lazbuddie Buyers Club  
Lee Dennis Jesko  
Lee Jesko  
Legends  
Les & Kathy Curtis  
LoneStar Ag  
Lonnie Robb  
Loves - Friona  
Mike Camp Insurance Agency  
Miller Trucking  
Mitch & Kathy Terry  
Monty & Tessa Schueler  
Muleshoe Animal Clinic  
Muleshoe Vet Supply  
NewTex Feedyard  
NightNvision Outfitter LLC  
Optima Dairy  
Parmer County Cattlemen  
Parmer County Cotton Growers  
Parmer County Feedyards:  
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• Foote & Rogers  
• LoneStar Ag  
• NewTex  
• Parmer County Cattlemen  
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RCS Farms, Inc.  
Rex Black  
Richard Hadley  
Richie & Blaire Herring  
Ricky & Erin Barnett  
Ronnie & Sheryl Altman  
Ronny & Nicki Korb  
Rudy Baeza  
Rusty McDaniel  
S & T Farms  
Scott & Megan Terry  
Scott & Patty Johnson  
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Southwest Commodities  
Steak Dinner  
Steve & Sherri Kennedy  
Swierc Land & Cattle  
Teddy & Sharon White  
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Texas Threads  
Tim & Dana Foote  
Town & Country Veterinary Clinic  
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*See you next year!*

