



Parmer County COVID-19 stats

As of Wednesday, May 6, 2020

Tested at Parmer Medical Center

57



Negative Results from Parmer Medical Center

34

Positive Results from PMC

12

Pending Results from PMC

11

Parmer County Residents Positive Results From All Test Sites

22

Here's your sign



FHS Senior Mariah Rivera is shown receiving her Class of 2020 yard sign from members of the Friona High School staff. Each senior received a sign earlier this year to highlight their achievements and approaching graduation. (l-r) Counselor Allison Johnston, Yearbook Advisor Benjamin Monk, Principal Erika Montana, Senior Mariah Rivera, and Assistant Principal David Woods.

The Show Will Not Go On

After much consultation and consideration, the Friona Fine Arts Council has announced that its 2020 Summer Drama Workshop has been cancelled. Factors such as district-wide construction and the need to err on the side of extreme caution due to the spectre of COVID-19, made the very difficult decision to cancel a necessity.

SDW Production Coordinator Allison Johnston said, "Please know that this decision was not made in haste, but after many tears and much reflection. The safety of our precious children is paramount." Last year marked the 50th anniversary of Summer Drama Workshop and featured the return of past directors and participants to help celebrate the milestone.

Allison continued, "Thank you for your understanding, and know that we love you all so much and will miss the magic that is Summer Drama more than you will ever know." If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Allison Johnston at 806-220-1610 or via email at allisonj1960@hotmail.com.

Friona ISD School Board Meeting

Monday May 18, 2020 at 7:00p.m.

To Log on you can use this link or call the number.

Meeting ID

meet.google.com/cct-kpub-fxe

Phone Numbers

(US)

+1 650-241-4101

PIN: 620 953 333#

Friona Primary & Elementary School Meeting

Wednesday May 20, 2020 at 7:00p.m.

Friona Elementary will be having two Title I Meetings on Wednesday, May 20, 2020. Due to COVID-19 will be having these meetings remotely. To join, please go to one of the links provided or call in on the phone number. A translator will be provided.

Friona Elementary tendrá dos juntas de Título I el miércoles 20 de mayo 2020. Debido a COVID-19 tendrá estas reuniones de forma remota. Para unirse, vaya a uno de los enlaces provistos o llame al número de teléfono. Se proporcionará un traductor.

Title I Meeting

Wednesday, May 20 • 10:00 - 10:30am

Join with Google Meet

meet.google.com/mfa-nvvv-pzr

Join by phone

+1 202-838-7672 PIN: 327 520 495#

Title I Meeting

Wednesday, May 20 • 5:00 - 5:30pm

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meet.google.com/zgi-zmrv-rta

Join by phone

+1 347-363-4100 PIN: 713 993 512#

Class of 2020 events are announced

FHS principal Erika Montana announced two upcoming events involving the Class of 2020. The Senior Parade is a new event and is an alternative way of honoring Seniors in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Graduation Ceremony will be held a week later than usual in order to comply with Governor Abbott's requirements regarding public graduation ceremonies.

Senior Parade is May 22nd

Since a formal Senior Reception is not possible this year, Friona High School will conduct a Senior Parade at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 22nd. Seniors will begin lining up at 6:15 p.m. in front of the elementary/junior high on Euclid, just like the parades held during Maize Days.

The parade will begin facing north on Euclid, then turn right onto 10th Street. Coach Arias and his helpers will be there to direct drivers when to turn onto Main

Street. The parade will proceed south down Main Street and will then turn right onto 5th Street and travel west to Grand Street. The parade will then turn right at Grand Street and in two blocks turn left at Chieftain Way and end up in front of Friona High School.

Seniors will be awarded their scholarships, receive their honor cords and stoles, athletic awards, and academic awards during this parade. Awards will be announced and handed out to each Senior as they pass through the City Park area of Main Street.

Parents, guardians, or family members will drive for the Seniors in the parade. They will be able to hear the presentation of the awards. Cars can be decorated as long as they are school appropriate. Other family members and friends will be able to be parked around the streets that are blocked off, but they will have to stay in their cars.

Friona High School would like to extend its gratitude to the City of Friona for al-

lowing this to happen by blocking off the streets, Friona Police for providing safety services during this parade, WT Services who will broadcast on the local Channel 6, and the countless others who will come together to make this a memorable event.

Graduation Ceremony is May 29th

Friona High School will hold its 2020 Graduation Ceremony at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, May 29th at Chieftain Field. Each member of the Senior Class will be allowed to invite 4 guests (includes children) to attend the event. Guests will be screened as they enter the stadium and will sit in designated areas according to social distancing guidelines. School officials and Seniors will also adhere to distancing guidelines on the field and stage. Everyone will have to exit the stadium and leave the parking lot immediately following the ceremony. The Graduation Ceremony will be closed to the general public.

Texas Ag takes a hit

New report estimates Texas' agricultural losses from pandemic could be \$6-8 billion

By Paul Schattenberg

The Agricultural and Food Policy Center at Texas A&M University has released a new report showing the economic impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on production agriculture in Texas.

Since the beginning of the pandemic many agricultural commodity prices have dropped 20% to 30%, according to the report. Many Texas producers have already experienced losses, and if prices do not recover soon for livestock and prior to row crop harvest, they could easily see losses in the range of \$6 billion to \$8 billion - down 27% to 36% overall.

"Our goal in producing the COVID-19 Economic Impact to Texas Agriculture report was to frame agricultural issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as provide insights and discussion on how various production agriculture commodities in Texas were affected," said Joe Outlaw, Ph.D., Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agricultural economist and co-director of the center.

Outlaw said Texas is an important agricultural state, ranking only behind California and Iowa in terms of cash receipts from the sales of agricultural commodities.

"In 2018, those agricultural receipts totaled about \$22 billion," he said.

Some of the factors affecting agricultural production include supply chain issues, labor shortages and instability in agricultural commodities markets, as well as the general change in where people are now spending their food dollars due to COVID-19-related restrictions.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has had a negative impact on the food production and supply and has also exposed many longtime vulnerabilities across the food and agriculture value chain," said Patrick J. Stover, Ph.D., vice chancellor of Texas A&M AgriLife, dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and director of Texas A&M AgriLife Research, College Station. "This has had a profound and far-reaching



Tristan Schueler- Motion & Action (Senior Div.)

impact on those front-line farmers we depend on to meet our needs for food and nutrition."

Shutting down schools and restaurants to dine-in customers has led to a dramatic shift in food purchasing and has affected agricultural supply chains for many food products, the report noted. Thus far, the effects have been particularly troublesome for producers of livestock, fruits and vegetables and dairy

products, including milk. It also noted many retail clothing outlets around the world have been closed as well, and that has dramatically decreased the demand for cotton, Texas' largest cash crop.

The Texas agricultural commodities most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic thus far are weaned calves, stocker calves, feeder steers, sheep and goats, fruits and vegetables, and dairy products.

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Friona Weather	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	Precipitation	Burn Ban:
May 14-20	90 54 WSW 10-20	83 54 NE 10-15	82 54 ENE 5-10	83 55 ESE 10-15	89 56 S 10-20	89 57 S 15-25	87 55 S 15-25	May 0.00 Year 3.84	No

Community Calendar

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

- May 19**
 - School Retiree Parade at 10:00 a.m.
- May 22**
 - Senior Parade at 7:00 p.m. on Main Street
- May 25**
 - Memorial Day
- May 29**
 - FHS Graduation Ceremony at 8:00 p.m.

COVID-19 News

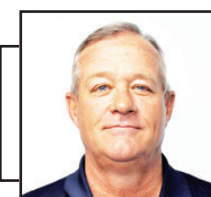
Coronavirus cases confirmed

- Texas Panhandle: 2642 cases, 38 deaths**
 - Armstrong County: 2
 - Briscoe County: 1
 - Carson: 3
 - Castro County: 23
 - Childress: 2
 - Collingsworth: 4
 - Cottle: 4
 - Dallam County: 15
 - Deaf Smith County: 59
 - Donley County: 26
 - Gray County: 76
 - Hansford County: 13
 - Hartley County: 8
 - Hemphill County: 1
 - Hutchinson County: 21
 - Lipscomb: 2
 - Moore County: 535
 - Motley: 1
 - Ochiltree County: 29
 - Oldham County: 3
 - Parmer County: 22
 - Potter County: 1,327
 - Randall County: 413
 - Roberts County: 2
 - Sherman County: 23
 - Swisher County: 12
 - Wheeler County: 15
- Eastern New Mexico: 52 cases, 1 death**
 - Curry County: 32
 - Quay County: 5
 - Roosevelt County: 12
 - Union: 3
- Oklahoma Panhandle: 446 cases, 4 deaths**
 - Beaver County: 20
 - Cimarron: 1
 - Texas County: 425
- Texas: 41,048 cases, 1,133 deaths, 22,674 recoveries**
- United States: 1,370,016 cases, 82,389 deaths**
- Worldwide: 4,281,838 cases, 292,619 deaths**

Wash your hands
Stay 6 foot away
Wear your mask

FRIONA STAR SUBSCRIPTIONS

IN PARMER COUNTY: \$30 PER YEAR
OUT OF PARMER COUNTY: \$40 PER YEAR
E-STAR (EMAILED): \$24 PER YEAR
Call 806-250-2211 for more information



Mayor's Minutes by Ricky White

Greetings!!!! I hope all mothers had a wonderful Mother's Day!!! We love our moms year-round and we spend one day out of the year to honor and recognize them in our own special way. As the pandemic prohibited us from celebrating our moms the way we would like, we are grateful for their unconditional love, strength and encouragement they have provided us throughout our lives. Thank you to all of the moms.

I am encouraged with Governor Abbott's recent comments allowing businesses that were mandated to close many weeks ago to re-open. There were 10 businesses in Friona that were able to re-open on Friday, May 8th. These businesses have been closed for many weeks, and I know they are anxious to be able to operate once again. I want to encourage these businesses to implement good hygiene practices for their safety and the safety of their patrons. All of us can do our part by washing our hands frequently, wearing our masks when going out to run errands or shop in stores, and limit gatherings to no more than 10 people. Currently in Parmer County, there are 19 positive cases and 7 recoveries. Be safe!!!

On Wednesday, May 6th around 6:30 a.m. the alarm sirens were set off due to an electrical malfunction. Each siren had to be manually turned off. The City has contacted Omega Electronics located in Amarillo to address the issue. This is a concern now that we are moving into tornado season. Until the issue can be resolved, each siren has been assigned to a City employee. In the event of a tornado warning, each siren can be manually turned on. Hopefully the issue will be resolved quickly, but if not, we will be prepared to sound the alarms.

On Saturday, May 2nd, the City had a huge turnout for the roll-off box. There were approximately 40 vehicles that came to dump their large bulk items which filled up our roll-off box in record time. We decided to open this past Saturday, May 9th, and once again we had many people show up to get rid of their large items. We want to encourage everyone to throw away their large bulk items at the city roll-off box. You can use the roll-off box Mondays thru Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. by contacting the City at (806) 250-2761.

We decided to cancel the City Council meeting scheduled for Monday May 10th. There were no pressing issues that needed to be addressed or voted on at this time. All items will be pushed back to the meeting scheduled for June 8th. Due to the pandemic, we thought it best to cancel the meeting and pick back up in June.

County Judge Ellis and I were invited to Cargill a couple of weeks ago by General Manager Scott Pohlman and Controller Casey Conrad to observe and witness firsthand the safety preventions and sanitary practices implemented since the COVID-19 pandemic hit our community. Scott, Casey, and the Cargill team have done a fantastic job to reassure employees that they have the best and safest environment possible in which to work. Their day begins as they enter the plant with temperature checks of every employee using the highest technology. There are certain precautions employees take as they suit up to work, enter their work stations, work with co-workers, during breaks, and at the end of the shift. It was impressive to see all the methods and techniques that have been implemented. Thank you to the Cargill team for all that you are doing.

Your Mayor

Commissioners discuss possible COVID-19 grants

The Parmer County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, May 11th at 10:00 a.m. in the County Courthouse 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. Commissioner Wilkins (Pct. 2) was absent.

There were no public comments. The Minutes from the April 27th meeting were read and approved. Commissioners approved the payment of the accounts payable as presented by County Treasurer Sharon May. The Treasurer's Report was also approved.

The Janitorial Contract for the Parmer County Courthouse and Parmer County Law Enforcement Center was renewed with Becca's Quality Cleaning.

Approval was given to reschedule the next Commissioners Court meeting for Tuesday, May 26th because the original date of Monday, May 25th is the Memorial Day holiday.

Commissioners voted to purchase another Electronic Pollbook from Election Systems and Software, LLC.

The county had originally purchased 10 new voting machines and only 9 pollbooks. One of the voting machines was designated as a back-up in case of an emergency. However, each machine has to have a pollbook in order to function. Cost of the additional pollbook was just under \$2000 and the county now has 10 fully operational voting machines for the fall election.

Bovina ISD made a request to utilize a portion of its Permanent School Funds for the district's current construction project. Bills which totaled \$122,229.32 were submitted and the court approved them for payment.

Sheriff Randy Geries reported to the court that the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) has grant money available for counties to use in combating the COVID-19 pandemic. The minimum grant is \$10,000 and is also available to cities. The PRPC serves the top 26 counties in the Texas panhandle. A possible use for the funds would be the installation of another "negative pressure" cell at the

Parmer County Law Enforcement Center. Currently there is only one such cell and it is for male inmates. The projected cost is \$15,000 for an additional "negative pressure" cell for female inmates. The intended use of the "negative pressure" cell was to separate an inmate who may have TB. Now, it could also be used for an inmate who has possibly contracted the coronavirus. Another possible use of grant money would be the installation of more plexiglass shields in the courthouse offices.

Judge Ellis reported that 19 cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in Parmer County with 7 recoveries. Judge Ellis would also like to encourage everyone to wash your hands often, wear a mask, stay 6' away, and stay safe!!!

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 to find meeting agendas. Information in this article is only a summary. Any questions concerning specific actions should be directed to the court.

Governor moves to protect nursing homes

Governor Greg Abbott has directed the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM), and the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to test 100% of residents and staff in Texas nursing homes. The Governor instructed HHSC, TDEM, and DSHS to develop and implement a plan based on the guidance of Vice President Mike

Pence and Doctor Deborah Birx.

"The State of Texas is working to rapidly expand our testing capacity—especially among vulnerable populations in Texas nursing homes," said Governor Abbott. "This important collaboration among HHSC, TDEM, and DSHS will ensure that any potential clusters of COVID-19 cases in nursing homes are quickly detected and contained."

Also, the Texas National Guard has activated Facilities Disinfection Teams to support Texans in nursing homes and to help limit the spread of COVID-19. These Facilities Disinfection Teams, formed in coordination with Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), provide a major boost to protecting Texans and limiting the spread of COVID-19. Six teams have already been mobilized to fa-

cilities across the state with more coming online.

Governor Abbott also issued a proclamation extending his Disaster Declaration for all Texas counties in response to COVID-19. Originally issued on March 13 and extended on April 12, the Disaster Declaration provides the state a number of resources to effectively serve Texans as the Lone Star State continues to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

TEXAS CROSSWORD
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ACROSS

- 1 TX Jessie who led anti-lynching fight in 1930s & 1940s
- 5 TXism: "___ your poison" (choose)
- 6 Matt Damon is a TX Ranger in 2010 film "True ___"
- 7 in Hidalgo County on highway 107
- 8 a former flag over Texas: fleur-de-___
- 9 heating ___ in dryer or on stove
- 16 a stylist's cut
- 18 seat of Anderson County
- 21 "good '___ boy"
- 22 subdivision map
- 23 unruly crowd
- 24 TXism: "she would have to stand up twice ___ a shadow" (skinny)
- 30 TXism: "___ a duck in water"
- 34 veteran agcy.
- 35 TX Larry Gatlin's "___ Gold in California" (1979)
- 36 TX George Jones' "She Thinks I Still ___" (1962)
- 37 actor Killam of film "Night School" with TX Anne Winters
- 39 this TX team became the Kansas City Chiefs (2 wds.)
- 43 "the echo," south of the border
- 44 waterlogged, low-lying areas

DOWN

- 1 Astros foe from Los Angeles
- 2 Falls County seat
- 3 gaseous discharge
- 4 "___ trap" (try to catch an animal)
- 9 "The King" (init.)
- 10 "the press," south of the border
- 11 TX Mildred ___ "Babe" Didrikson Zaharias
- 12 purchase at TX-based Luby's, e.g.
- 13 the one left by TX Howard Hughes was about \$2.5 billion
- 14 2nd part of the Bible (abbr.)
- 15 TX Brown who won Heisman while at Notre Dame
- 17 TX-based 1984 film: "___ the Heart"
- 19 this Jay helped the Cowboys win three Super Bowls
- 20 "Los ___ Ferry"
- 24 "___dah!" (fanfare)
- 25 TXism: "___ as dirt"
- 26 Gulf mollusk
- 27 book of maps
- 28 Cowboy and Texan tees, e.g.
- 29 TXism: "mad as a ___ snake"
- 31 Texas doesn't have an income ___
- 32 fictional sister of TX Ima Hogg
- 33 cracker that goes well with TX chili
- 38 this Morrison played for Texas State before going to the NFL in 1968
- 40 TX George Strait's "___ Let Himself Go"
- 41 Gulf coast seabird what happened to schools in TX in March of 2020
- 42 "Azle ___" paper
- 48 Claudia ___ "Lady Bird" Johnson
- 51 "tit for ___"
- 52 T.J. who is a Texas assistant coach
- 57 "new" in Mexico

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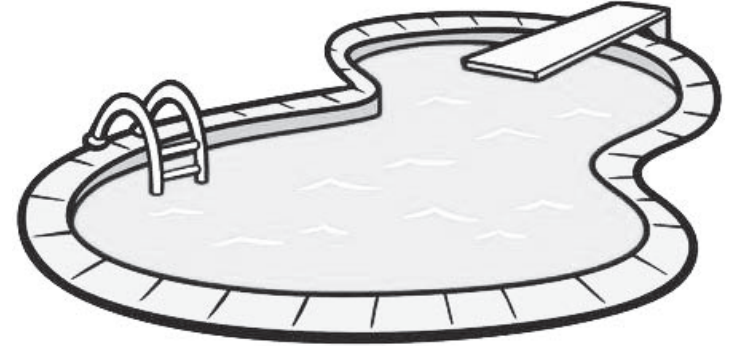
The Friona Independent School District board of trustees approved the purchase of the M&M Welding building located at 8th and Euclid south of the primary school. The building will be used for additional classroom, storage, and office space. The board approved a \$60,000 budget amendment for the purchase. Ron Carr photo (Friona Star, July 19, 2007)



Town Talk

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Not safe to go back in the water...yet. The City of Friona has decided not to open the swimming pool this summer. City Manager Lee Davila said, "After researching best practices for pools amid the COVID-19 pandemic, we don't think we can meet the best practice standards." The recent rise of coronavirus cases in the county was also a factor in the decision. Davila continued, "If things change later in the summer, we could have the pool ready in about 2 weeks' time."



Sign up is now underway for the 12th Annual Pudge Kendrick Memorial Golf Tournament to be held July 25th and 26th at the John Pitman Golf Club in Hereford, Texas. The annual event is a 36-hole two-person scramble and space is limited to the first 80 teams that register. Proceeds benefit the Parmer County and Hereford Cancer Coalitions which provide grants for local cancer patients. The entry fee is \$300 per team and you can call the John Pitman Golf Club at 806-363-7139 to sign up.

A "Retiree Parade" will be held on Tuesday, May 19th to honor seven FISD employees who are retiring this year. The parade will start at 10:00 a.m. on Euclid Street and will encompass 5th St., Grand, 9th St., Arrah, Western Edition, Springfield and Etta, Cottonwood Apartments, the City Park, and conclude back at the Primary School. Employees to be honored include Karen Barns (15 years), Judy Rhodes (40 years), Kathi Miller (30 years), Linda Welch (19 years), Loy McLellan (45 years), Beverly Ingram (27 years), and Lupe Shelby (15 years).

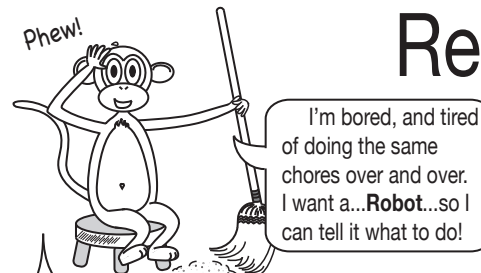
The Friona Noon Lions Club has created a Dale Houlette Scholarship Fund at Friona InterBank to accept donations in honor of Dale. He was a founding member of the Noon Lions Club in 1968. Proceeds from the fund will provide scholarships for Friona High School graduates. Donations will also be made to the Texas Lions Camp in his memory.

Texas Lions Camp offers a number of types of camps each summer, which are divided into three categories: Camps for children who have physical disabilities, camps for children who have Down Syndrome, and camps for children who have type-1 diabetes.

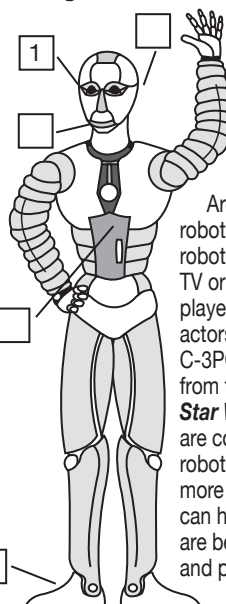
National Days

- May 14 — Dance Like a Chicken Day
May 15 — NASCAR Day
May 16 — Armed Forces Day
May 17 — Cherry Cobbler Day
May 18 — Visit Your Relatives Day
May 19 — Devil's Food Cake Day
May 20 — Rescue Dog Day

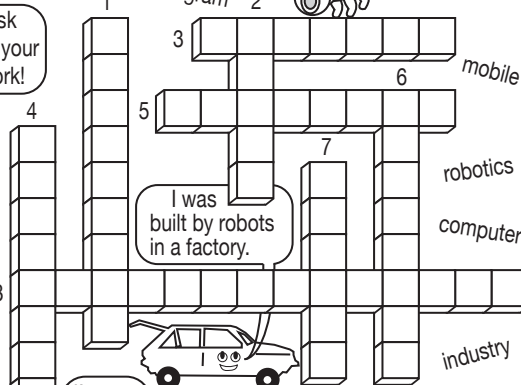
Newspaper Fun!



Ready for Robots?



Don't ask me to do your homework! Are you ready for robots? A lot of the robots we see on TV or in movies are played by human actors. Remember C-3PO and R2-D2 from the movie Star Wars? Many are computer generated robots. But, more and more "real" robots - that can help humans directly - are being built and put to use.



I'm not cleaning Chitter's room!

Fill in this puzzle to show how much you know about robots:

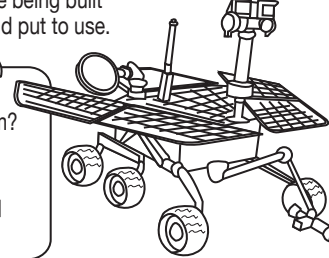
- 1. working, moving or acting by itself
2. machine that automatically does a job
3. set of directions put into the computer to tell the robot what to do
4. business, work that produces things we use, such as cars and bicycles
5. field of work designing, building robots
6. the "brain" of the robot
7. able to move from place to place
8. fun stories that show how a real or imagined scientific thing such as a robot might change our way of life

Can You Figure it Out?

Check out my robot! Can you fill in the number where he has:

- 1. cameras for eyes
2. feet for moving from place to place
3. computer "brain" area; panel for repairs
4. bendable, flexible arms to reach and stretch
5. microphones for ears to pick up sound
6. a loudspeaker for "talking"

Have you heard about NASA's Mars Exploration Program? Robots, like this one, are sent to Mars. They help scientists study the planet by sending photos and data from Mars to Earth.



Beep!...Identify These Robots

Here are some favorite and famous robots from cartoons, toys and real life! Can you match each one to its definition?

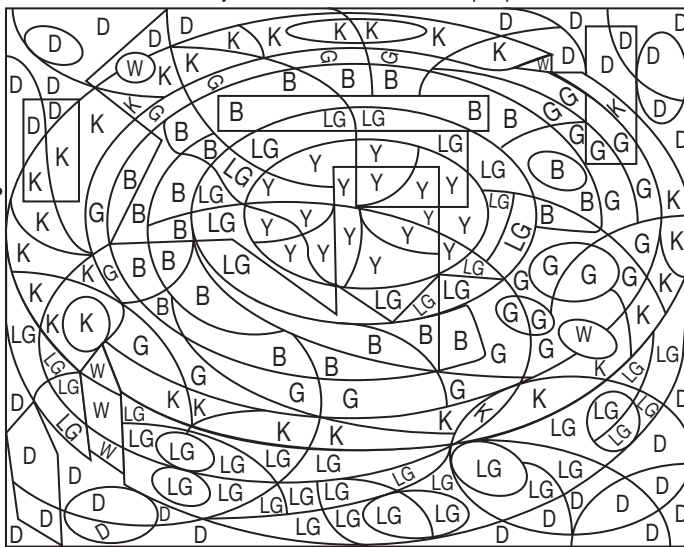
- 1. Baymax (Big Hero Six)
2. Mars "Curiosity" rover
3. Asimo (Honda)
4. Chip (by WowWee)
5. Mindstorms (by Lego)
6. Transformers

- A. robot dog that can play fetch and recognize you
B. colorful robots that you can build and program yourself
C. medical robot in "San Fransokyo" who wears a suit of armor to save the day
D. car-sized robot that helps NASA explore space and complete its science missions
E. robots from the planet Cybertron that can take the shape of cars or airplanes
F. real-life walking and talking robot, can climb stairs or serve you drinks

Is There A Robot in Your House?

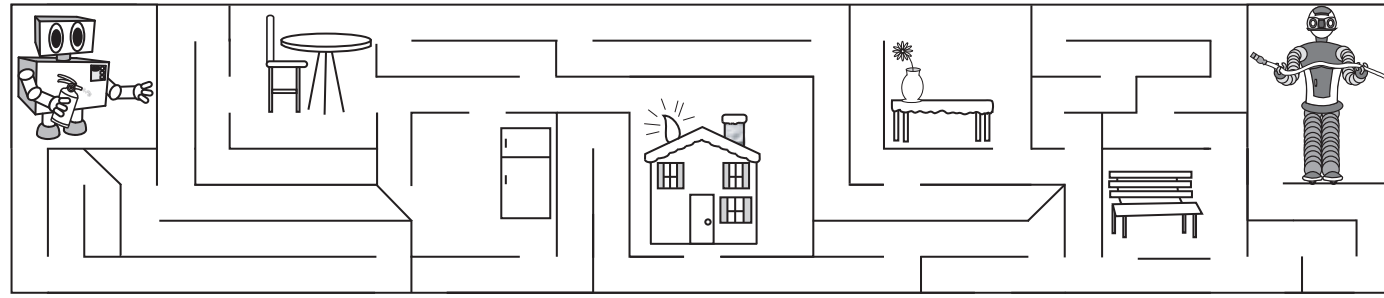
B = Bright Blue, D = Dark Blue, G = Dark Gray, LG = Light Gray, K = Black, W = White, Y = Yellow

A simple "robot" is an automatic machine that will complete an easy task, such as a microwave oven and dishwasher. Follow the color key to see a smart "robot" that people use to vacuum:



Robot Fire-Fighting Competition!

At this competition the 2 robots must find the house with the candle flame inside it and put out the flame. To get there, each robot must find its way "in and out" of the other 4 rooms first. Can you help each robot find its way through the maze?



Puzzle Solution grid with words like AMES, NAME, GRIT, ELISA, LIS, ELEMENT, SNIP, PALESTINE, OL, PLAT, MOB, TOCAST, NATURALAS, VA, ALLTHE, CARE, TARAN, DALLASTE, XANS, ELECO, MARSHES, SU, TEES, STEERIN, ASATICK, SD, NNE, PLANE, WYNETTE, SAUNA, TED, EVE, SOD. S-1479

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Gas Prices increase again

By GasBuddy | May 11, 2020

For the second consecutive week, the national average price of gasoline has increased, rising 6.4 cents over the last week to \$1.83 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 1.6 cents to \$2.41 per gallon.

"Gasoline demand continues to rebound across the U.S. as more states reopen, with a week on week rise of nearly 5%, according to data from GasBuddy's free payments card. The boost in demand has led oil and gasoline prices to rally, and as long as states continue to loosen restrictions, it'll mean more motorists on the roads and filling their tank," said Patrick DeHaan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "Most states saw prices rise last week, but yet again Great Lakes states, which were the largest beneficiaries of ultra-low prices, saw the most pain as retail gasoline prices fall back into their normal territory against the national average. For now, the continued recovery in gas prices will nearly completely depend on improvement in

the coronavirus situation, as so long as refineries boost production again as demand continues to rise again."

Crude oil prices continue to march higher as demand for gasoline weighs on the market, with a barrel of West Texas Intermediate crude oil fetching \$24.99, up from \$19.19 a week ago, an increase of over \$5 per barrel. Brent crude oil was last at \$31.11 per barrel, up from \$26.01 a week ago. Oil's rally has come as OPEC and other oil producing countries limit production and as U.S. gasoline demand has rallied as motorists in re-opened states and others alike take to the road. GasBuddy demand data showed a weekly increase in U.S. gasoline demand of nearly 5%, leading gasoline prices higher as supply remains lower as refineries slowly respond to the rise by raising refinery utilization to 70.5%.

Data from the Energy Information Administration last week showed a rise of 4.6 million barrels in crude oil inventories, to levels 14% above a year ago, while gasoline inventories fell for a second straight week by 3.2 million barrels. Gasoline inventories stand just 9% ahead of the five-year average for this

time of year, meaning surplus oil inventories have not translated into refined products as refiners were quick to stifle production back in March, responding to a steep dropoff in gasoline demand. Distillate inventories, however, continue to skyrocket, posting one of their largest weekly increases on record last week, rising 9.5 million barrels. Distillate inventories now stand 12% above the five-year average, a dramatic and large turn around from the deficits that were commonplace just a few weeks ago. Refinery utilization increased slightly (0.9%) to 70.5% as refiners likely see the bottom and begin cautiously increasing crude oil inputs.

The most common gas price across the country stands at \$1.89 per gallon, up 30 cents from a week ago. The average cost at the priciest 10% of stations stands at \$2.67 per gallon, up 3 cents from a week ago, while the lowest 10% average \$1.35 per gallon, up 8 cents from a week ago. The median U.S. price is \$1.75 per gallon, up 9 cents in the last week and about 9 cents lower than the national average. For cities and state data, visit <http://fuelinsights.gasbuddy.com>.

Comptroller Glenn Hegar Distributes \$824 Million in Monthly Sales Tax Revenue to Local Governments

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced that he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$824.1 million in local sales tax allocations for May. This amount is 5 percent less than in May 2019. These al-

locations are based on sales made in March by businesses that report tax monthly, and sales made in January, February and March by quarterly filers.

Widespread social distancing requirements were not in place across much of

the state until late March, meaning the impact of those measures affected only a portion of allocations for this month. The agency expects next month's allocations, based on April sales, will show steeper declines compared to a year ago.

The City of Friona will receive \$46,217.47 for May which is 14.46% higher than the \$40,378.06 payment made last May. The year-to-date payments for 2020 total \$200,424.26 which is 18.12% higher than the YTD total of \$169,675.70 for 2019.

Cornyn: USDA Approves Texas' Plan to Provide SNAP Benefits to Families with Kids on Free and Reduced School Lunches

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has approved Texas' plan to provide SNAP benefits to

households with children eligible for free and reduced price school meals, U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) announced today.

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act, which Sen. Cornyn supported when it passed in March, required states to submit

their plans for expanding SNAP benefits to these families to USDA. Texas officials will distribute Pandemic - Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) cards to families with children whose schools were closed for at least 5 consecutive days during the emergency designation and who would have received free or reduced price meals. Because distribution of school meals is limited due to school closures, families with children in the school meals program will now

be able to use EBT cards at grocery stores and online through the SNAP EBT program.

"During an already stressful time, many families find themselves without school meal benefits meant to provide nutrition and financial relief," said Sen. Cornyn. "Now, thanks to a coronavirus relief bill Congress passed in March, families of the two-thirds of Texas schoolchildren who receive school meals will get additional help putting food on the table."

Happy Birthday Friona Folks!

May 14

Cecelia Schueler
Andy Montana
Robin Houlette
Owen Drake
Amy Blankenship
Daniel Padilla
Kristie (Jack) Moore
Rene Hough
Casey Sharrock
Kayla Alger
Kalli Randall

May 15

Brittany Berend
Kinsey (Reeve) Gilter
Cooper Gilter
Denny Young
Avery Kendrick

May 16

Mariana Pina
Ruthie Hardin
Ron Procter
Lisa Lane
Deirdre (Johnston) Long
Gloria Reyes
Shirley Prokop

May 17

Glen Herring
Kristen Holland
Dario Hernandez
Tom Alger

May 18

Danny Carthel
John Crozier
Jacob Landrum
Jared Taylor

May 19

Lindsey Hoyle
Ramey Beene
Lynn Nelson
Carol Ellis
Naruby (Schlenker) Bollom
Blair Burney
Dillon Pool
Mike Ortiz
Junior Jiminez
Tyler Hough
Calvin Gee

May 20

Kim Barnett
Sherrie Baxter
Larry Manuel
Graham Edelman
Beverly Ingram
Edda Preyer

To have your birthdays listed in the newspaper, email them to frionastar@wtrt.net or call @806.250.2211

COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from April 23, 2020 to April 30, 2020

(4/30/2020) Brock W. Field, Deniss Field — Charles Nathan Matson, Emily B. Matson — Lot 4 B 4 First Installment Staley Addition No. 3

(4/30/2020) Brandon Kirkland, Carl Kirkland, Rhonda Kirkland — Tyler Brown, Tyler K. Brown, Tiffany Brown — W 1/2 of Garden Lot 42 Capitol Syndicate Subdivision Sec 31 T9S R1E

(5/1/2020) Sagebrush Construction, Ruben Lopez, Carmen Lopez — Security State Bank — NW 1/4 of Section 10 Block E Capitol

(5/1/2020) Robert Lepard, Kay Lepard — Caprock Dairy LLC — All SW/4 of Section 4 Block W Edward K

(5/1/2020) Texana Bank NA — Elveda Cantu — Lot 1 and N 20' Lot 2 Block 2 Ridgelea Subdivision City of Bovina

(5/4/2020) Michael Nieto — Michael Dewitt, Chelsea Dewitt — Lot 4 B 97 Original Town of Bovina in Parmer

(5/4/2020) Agri Plan Inc — Agri Pan LLC — Lot 1 and Lot 2 Block 4 Original Town of Bovina in Parmer County

(5/5/2020) Doris Barnett, David Barnett, Richard Barnett, Wesley Barnett — David Barnett, Chris Barnett, Barnett Family Trust, Richard Barnett — All of that certain tract of land in Parmer County all of S 1/2 of Section 6 of Herrah Subdivision of Capitol League 467 306.35 acres of land, The W 221 acres of the S 1/2 of Section 20 Township Number 1 N R Number 5 E of Capitol Syndicate Subdivision of Parmer County, The W 1/2 of N 320 acres of Section Number 29 Township N 1 N Range 5 E of Capitol Syndicate in Parmer County, All of Section 17 B C of Capitol Syndicate Subdivision in Parmer, the SE/4 The NW/4 and SW/4 of Section Number 2 Township 4 1/2 S R E and NE/4 of Section Number 21 Township 4 1/2, The same Land conveyed by Newman Jarrell Jr. ET Vol 125 Pg 244 and multiple tracts See Doc.

(5/5/2020) Doris Barnett — Doris Barnett, Ricky Barnett, David Barnett, Doris Barnett, Doris Barnett 2019 Revocable Trust — All of Lot 20, 21, and 22 of Block 3 of the Western Addition to the City of Friona in Parmer County

(5/5/2020) Javier Trevino, Benigna Trevino — Diversified IRA LLC — 0.430 acre tract of land out of Section 1 Township 3 S R 3 E Capitol Syndicate Subdivision in Parmer County

(5/6/2020) Baudelio Almeida, Onesima Almeida — Manuel Salinas, Claudia G. Salinas — A tract of land out of Lot 1-7 and NE half of B 79 Original Townsite City of Bovina in Parmer County, A tract of land of L 1-7 and NE half L 8 B 79 Original Townsite of Bovina in Parmer County

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SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

(5/7/2020) — Esperanza Mondragon, 24, of Clovis, New Mexico, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Possession Marijuana < 2 ounces, pending County Court.



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Book Blessings

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Renowned pastor, author and cancer survivor, John Piper recently wrote the small book *Coronavirus and Christ*, which addresses the current pandemic from a scriptural viewpoint. The call of the book is not to answer the difficult questions regarding when to reopen schools and the economy, but it is a tremendous work calling us all to consider God's hand and sovereignty through this pandemic. Piper says, "This book is my invitation for you to join me on the solid Rock, Jesus

Christ. What that means will, I hope, become clear. My aim is to show why God in Christ is the Rock at this moment in history—in this pandemic of the coronavirus—and what it is like to stand on his mighty love," (page 19).

This two hour long read is free from desiringgod.org in pdf form in many languages. As you read through the reality of God's sovereignty in the midst of this massive sickness believers are reminded of God's hand in the midst of a pandemic. The focus of the

book, though, is not a grim focus on the challenge of the coronavirus, its origin theories or even examining the economic and social impact, but the book is steadfastly focused on Christ in the midst of this storm. The reader wrestles through tough questions of God's goodness in the midst of worldwide tragedy, and is led to a place of greater trust, joy and strength in the Lord because of who he is and what he is doing in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic.

Forgiveness

By Teena Hughs

Last week, I was reading Psalm 25, a psalm of David. In verse 7a, David says, "Forgive the rebellious sins of my youth"; in verse 11, he says, "For the honor of your name, O LORD, forgive my many, many sins." When I read what David said in verse 18b, "Forgive all my sins," I had to wonder if David was having trouble believing God was actually forgiving him of his sins.

I am no Bible scholar, and I am not saying that is what David was dealing with, but it did speak to me.

Sometimes we all do or say things that we cannot imagine God forgiving us for. We don't feel like we deserve forgiveness from God

or anyone else. Worst of all, we cannot forgive ourselves for what we have said or done.

Scripture assures us that these are all wrong premises and feelings. 1 John 1:9 tells us that, "if we confess our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from every wrong." Hebrews 8:12b goes a step farther and says, "I will never again remember their sins." Isaiah 43:25 sums it all up: "I--yes, I alone--am the One who blots out your sins for My own sake and will never think of them again."

Just because God forgives our sins and forgets them, responsibility does not end there for you and me. We

have to repent. We have to turn around, turn away from our sin and change our life, so that, hopefully, we will not commit the same sins over and over.

God doesn't want us to hold on to our sins; He gave up His Son so that we don't have to. God also doesn't want us to feel like we don't deserve forgiveness, especially from ourselves.

God is a very compassionate, loving, merciful, and gracious God to forgive us of our sins. Let us honor and respect God by repenting of our sins; by leading a new, better life; and, by becoming more and more like Jesus every time we truly repent.

Panhandle Parables

Are We There Yet?

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

"Are we there yet?" has come from many a back seat as the journey sometimes seems longer than we want. I remember as a kid throwing that question towards the front seat only to have it lobbed back over as a statement, "No, no yet we still have a way to go." Then would begin the games of slug bug or car bingo or playing with the little water toys where you push the button and try to float the rings onto a hook. (Needless to say, trips were longer before the invention of the DVD player from the ceiling of your car)

Some trips require a little more perseverance than others. Some trips feel like they will never end, yet the reality is they always did in about the same time they always took. I am beginning to feel the test of patience with the whole Covid 19 challenges. Folks are starting to wear a little thin and I can understand, media bombards us with the play by play, rules constantly changing and you can find a doctor to agree with whatever you think. Like many of you I am weary of numbers, getting tired of the face mask and ready for some normalcy.

Which brings me to my point. There is no doubt the disruptive nature of this virus on our lives, but getting back to normal means what to you? There has been opportunity to stop whether we wanted it or not. There has been opportunity to help others whether we did or did not. There has been opportunity to reflect on what is important...the list could go on. If getting back to normal means neglecting those important to us or focusing solely on ourselves or moving further away from a walk with Jesus, then maybe you shouldn't go back to that. Everyone has an opinion and I have read enough on social media that concerns me that

we are not focusing on our relationship with Jesus.

God remains on His throne this will come to pass, and you will have a choice. What will you take from this time of shelter at home, quarantine, face masked journey? So, although we may not be there yet remember, others are struggling with all this too and it may be that you are who they need right now. So, spend a little more time in God's Word, pray for those who have lost someone dear during this time, and become what the Lord needs you to be that you will be able to serve with the same heart as Christ's. Be steadfast, persevere and continue moving forward. God bless.

Census News



2020 Census Self-Response Rate Information - May 6, 2020

National Response Rate	56.8%
Texas Self-Response Rate.....	51.5%
Parmer County Self-Response Rate	31.6%
Friona Self-Response Rate.....	47.1%
Bovina Self-Response Rate	5.0%
Farwell Self-Response Rate	15.7%



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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,
a very present help in trouble.

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Obituaries



Judith Beck

Judith Elaine Sylvester Fesser Taylor Beck, 77 of Albuquerque, New Mexico, formerly of Friona passed away May 5, 2020 in Albuquerque. Celebration of Life Services was held 2:00 P.M. Wednesday May 13, 2020 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home with Rev. Brett Hoyle, officiating. Burial following in the Friona Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.



Judy was born in Clovis on Jan. 11, 1943. She was raised in Bovina and Friona. She talked about knowing Dr. Paul and Lee Spring when they were young.

She went to Friona High School, and was a member of the honor society. She got to go Austin to the capitol building and see how government works.

She married Harold Taylor, of Friona, in Jan. of 1961 while she was a senior in high school. Debra Elaine (Debbie) came along in Dec of that same year. In Sept. of 1965, Jeffrey Blaine (Jeff), was born. That following Jan. (1966), Harold and Judy divorced. Judy, Debbie, and

Jeff went to live with Grandma, Ruby Wood, of Friona. During that time, Judy went to college in Canyon, TX to be a nurse. She did her nurse's training in Amarillo. Because of a family situation, She had to quit Nurse's Training and move back to Friona. She only lacked 6-9 hours completing her RN certification. Judy went to be a floor nurse in the Friona hospital.

In 1974, she met Robert Beck who was, at the time, a Lab Tech at the hospital. They married in Jan. of 1975, and in Apr. of 1976, their son, Christopher Lynn was born. Judy and Bob moved to many places in the Texas panhandle. When Christopher was

young, she became a den mother for his Boy Scouts troupe. She continued being his den mother for many years.

Bob died in 2011, while they were living in Plainview. Then in 2016, Debbie and her family, of Albuquerque, moved Judy to live with them.

Judy had one brother, Lynn Fesser, of Amarillo. She had two sisters, Janice Fesser and Sheily Fesser Hunley of Canyon. Janice died many years ago of complications from having Down's Syndrome.

Judy had 6 grandchildren, Genise, PJ, & Bethany Gregory, Kelsey & Katie Taylor, and Leola Beck.

Judy loved Britain's Royal Family, Jackie Kennedy and most of all, Elvis. She also loved being outside. She thought often of old friends.

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

Hansard Family
Funeral Home

Emilio Degollado

Emilio Degollado 79, of Friona passed away May 8, 2020 in Friona. Viewing was from 3:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. Monday, May 11, 2020 at Templo Bautista Damasco in Friona with Celebration of Life Services set for 11:00 A.M. Tues, May 12, 2020 at Templo Bautista Damasco in Friona with Pastor Rafael Cordero officiating. Burial following in the Friona Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.



Emilio was born August 3, 1940 in Mexico to Vicente and Maria Gonzales Degollado. He immigrated to the United States at age 22 and began working in Willadoro and then moved to Friona and began farming and helping Louis Welch. Later he worked for Cargill retiring at the age of 73. He was known as a very hard worker and was extremely

active in his church giving his time and finances.

Those to carry on his legacy include his wife Raquel Degollado, 2 sons-Juan Degollado and wife Mandy, and Enrique Degollado, all of Friona. 2 daughters Emily Hernandez of Denver City, Texas and Gabriela Benavides and husband Hugo of Amarillo, 2 sisters-Emelia Degollado and Felipa De-

gollado, both of Mexico, 5 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

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

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Local Students Graduate from South Plains College

South Plains College congratulates the more than 1,300 students who received their academic degree or certificate on May 8, 2020.

The following local students earned degrees:
Ruby Flores of Friona

(79035) graduated with an AA in General Studies.

Jacqueline Legarreta of Friona (79035) graduated with an AS in General Studies.

Guadalupe Martinez of Friona (79035) graduated with an AAS in Culinary

Arts.

Mariana Pina of Friona (79035) graduated with an AA in General Studies.

Emma Rector of Friona (79035) graduated with an AS in Business Administration.

Mariah Rivera of Friona (79035) graduated with an AA in General Studies.

Nancy Rocha of Friona (79035) graduated with an AS in General Studies.

Kassandra Villarreal of Friona (79035) graduated with an AA in English.

South Plains College is a comprehensive, two-year community college that serves the greater South Plains area of Texas with innovative educational programs that span the arts and sciences, technical education, continuing education and workforce development. Serving a 13-county area that comprises the southern portion of the Texas High Plains, the college's main campus is located in Levelland. SPC also offers educational programs at two locations in Lubbock - the SPC Lubbock Center and the SPC Reese Center - as well as an extension center in Plainview.

The following students are Fall 2019 Graduates:

Damian Rodriguez of Friona (79035) graduated with an AA in General Studies.

2020 Parmer County 4-H Photography Contest Results

1st place winners

Clover Buds:

Animals, Domestic - Madelyn Wium
Animals, Wildlife - Madelyn Wium
Catch -All - Aleta Kube
Details & Macro - Madelyn Wium
Dominant Color - Madelyn Wium
Elements Of Design - Madelyn Wium
Enhanced - Madelyn Wium
Motion/Action - Madelyn Wium
People - Aleta Kube
Shadow/Silhouette - Madelyn Wium
Theme - The Elements - Aleta Kube

Juniors:

Animals, Domestic - Mckyla Swierc
Animals, Wildlife - Ander Pomper
Catch -All - Ander Pomper
Details & Macro - Ander Pomper
Dominant Color - Ander Pomper
Elements Of Design - Mckyla Swierc
Enhanced - Audrey Rushing
Food - Ander Pomper
Landscape & Nature - Ander Pomper
Motion/Action - Ivy Schueler
Night - Ander Pomper
People - Mckyla Swierc
Plant/Flora - Ander Pomper
Shadow/Silhouette - Ander Pomper
Theme - The Elements - Ander Pomper

Intermediates:

Animals, Domestic - Jarrett White
Animals, Wildlife - Delynda Wium
Catch -All - Quay Schueler
Details & Macro - Jonathon Vasquez
Dominant Color - Jonathon Vasquez
Elements Of Design - Delynda Wium
Enhanced - Aubrey Schueler
Food - Rory Pomper
Landscape & Nature - Rory Pomper
Motion/Action - Jonathon Vasquez
Night - Jacob Vasquez
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Shadow/Silhouette - Rory Pomper
Theme - The Elements - Aubree Bunker

Seniors:

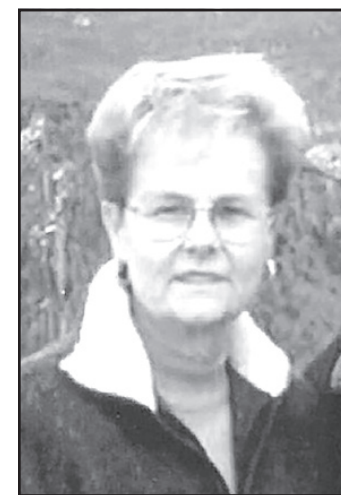
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Details & Macro - Tristan Schueler
Dominant Color - Tristan Schueler
Food - TJ Vasquez
Landscape & Nature - TJ Vasquez
Motion/Action - Tristan Schueler
Night - TJ Vasquez
Plant/Flora - TJ Vasquez
Shadow/Silhouette - Emma Schueler
Theme - The Elements - TJ Vasquez

Tommy Lou Goetz

Tommy Lou Goetz, 77 year old Cleburne, Texas resident and longtime Texhoma resident passed away Sunday, May 10, 2020 in Cleburne.

Tommy was born April 10th, 1943 to her parents Thomas Lewellen and Elva Lou Matlock in Plainview, Texas. When she was 5 years old her family moved to Colorado for 8 years and then to Friona, Texas where she graduated with the class of 1961. She married her husband Gary Goetz on June 10th, 1961 and had two daughters together Tonja and Nicki. They moved to Texhoma in 1964 and she helped on the farm with her husband. In 1990 she opened Tommy's Embroidery. Then they built The Hometown Inn in 1999 before retiring.

In 2004 they moved to South Fork, Colorado until 2015 when they began traveling between there and Cleburne, Texas.



Tommy enjoyed sewing and cooking for friends and family, she loved riding ATVs, going skiing and doing anything athletic.

Tommy is proceeded in death by her parents Thomas and Elva Lou Lewellen, her brother Joe Lewellen and her sister Ann Kelley.

She is survived by her husband Gary Goetz of Cleburne, TX. Her two daughters Tonja and her husband Bob Berry of Texhoma, OK and Nicki and her husband

Ronny Korb of Cleburne, TX. Her brother Delton and his wife Betty Lewellen of Friona, TX. Tommy leaves behind 3 grandchildren Britni and her husband Rory Buckmaster, Brody and his wife Erin Berry and Jade Korb. Along with four great-grandchildren Drake and Emersyn Buckmaster and Bennett and Ryann Berry.

Services are set for 9:00 A.M. Thursday, May 14th, 2020 at Henson-Novak Funeral Chapel in Texhoma. Chapel services will be private family due to Covid-19 pandemic guidelines. Visitation will follow open to family and friends following Covid-19 guidelines of 10 at a time. At 11:00 A.M. graveside services will follow at Texhoma Cemetery in Texhoma, Texas open to family and friends.

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Nathan Hrnicek

livestock farms face subsequent market challenges. Through this broad-based effort, local Vita Plus nutrition consultants and facilities will identify opportunities to make a difference in the communities where they and their customers

live and work.

Nathan Hrnicek is a Vita Plus forage consultant and designated his portion of the funds to Snack Pak 4 Kids, which "provides kids with reliable, nutritious food over the weekend so they can succeed." The contribution was used to purchase 1,100 bottles of Fairlife® milk to be distributed to kids in the Friona and Plainview areas.

"It's important to me that kids have the nutrition they need, and milk is a nutrient-packed food," said Hrnicek. "I am glad we can help put milk into the hands of rural youth because rural America is the backbone of this country, and I wanted to help make a positive impact for those in need in areas that may be

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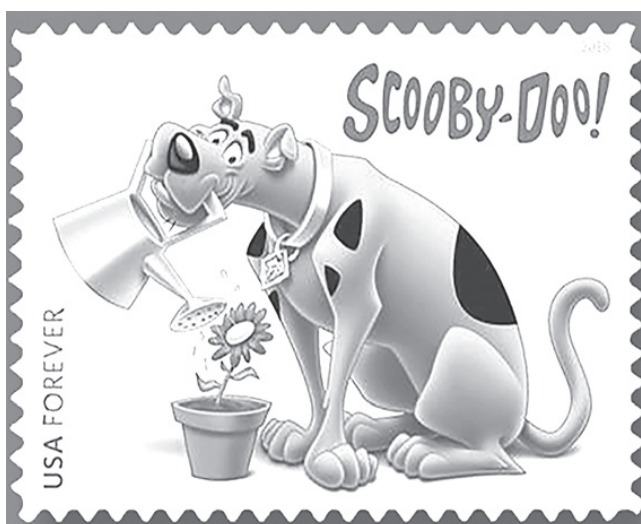
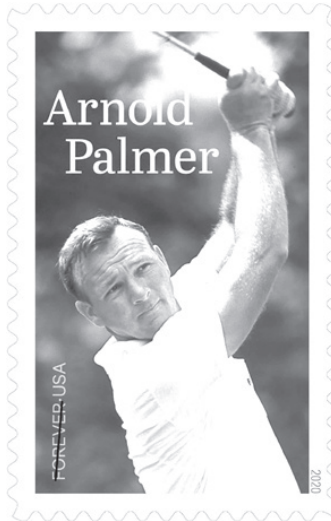
Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



Ode to the United States Postal System

Roses are red, stamps can be, too.
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The USPS needs our help since email came along;
'Cause fewer people mail letters and that is what's wrong.
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And much better than simply a click on a link.
A quick check of history tells a really good tale
Of how Ben Franklin started a system for colonists' mail.
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FSA News

In April, USDA announced the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP). CFAP will provide direct support based on losses for agriculture producers where prices and market supply chains have been significantly impacted and will assist eligible producers facing additional adjustment and marketing costs resulting from lost demand and short-term oversupply for the 2020 marketing year caused by COVID-19.

CFAP will provide assistance to most farms that have experienced at least a five percent loss and will be available to farms regardless of size. We are still working on the final details of the actual payment rates and those details will be determined and included as part of the rulemaking process. Once the rule making process is complete, the application period will be open and subject to the eligibility and payment limit criteria described in the rule.

As part of applying for the program, you'll need to contact the Farm Service Agency (FSA) county office to schedule an appointment. Your local FSA staff will work with you to apply for the program, and through forms asking for this type of information:

- Contact information
- Personal, including your Tax Identification Number
- Farming operating structure

- Adjusted Gross Income to ensure eligibility
- Direct deposit to enable payment

Please do not send any personal information to USDA without first initiating contact through a phone call. We take your privacy and security of your information very seriously.

If you are an existing customer, this information is likely on file at your local Service Center.

What Can You Do Now?

While the application process has not started, you can start gathering/understanding your farm's recent sales and inventory.

FSA has streamlined the signup process to not require an acreage report at the time of application and a USDA farm number may not be immediately needed.

How Will USDA Accept Applications?

USDA Service Centers are open for business by phone appointment only. Once the application period opens, please call your FSA county office to schedule an appointment.

Our staff is working with our agricultural producers by phone and using email, fax, mail, and online tools like Box to accept applications.

Information on CFAP can be found at farmers.gov/CFAP.

State Capital Highlights

By Ed Sterling



Governor, president spotlight actions in pandemic, economic downturn

AUSTIN — Texas, along with the rest of the nation and the world, continued to battle the COVID-19 pandemic last week as cases and deaths attributed to the novel coronavirus increased.

Gov. Greg Abbott on May 7 met with President Trump in the White House. The president praised Abbott's leadership in handling the months-long medical emergency and in managing the resulting slowdown of the economy in the Lone Star State.

Abbott said Texas has one of the lowest COVID-19 death rates in the country, noting that half of the state's 254 counties have no cases or five or fewer cases of the virus. He said we have the knowledge and resources to contain COVID-19, adding that "It's the people of Texas who have done a great job of slowing the spread" by washing their hands, wearing masks and practicing social distancing.

"Because of that, we are now seeing more and more businesses that are opening up gradually to make sure we don't expand the spread, but we're doing so in a way that we'll make sure Texas will once again reclaim its position as being the number one economy in the United States," the governor said.

Trump asked about the Dallas-area beauty salon owner who was arrested and jailed for violating one of Abbott's executive orders by prematurely opening for business. "She's free today," the governor said during the Oval Office meeting, adding that authorities should exercise common sense in carrying out his executive orders. In the wake of the beauty salon case, Abbott modified his executive orders related to COVID-19 to eliminate confinement as a punishment for violating the orders.

On May 10, cumulative figures posted by the Texas Department of State Health Services showed that some 37,860 people in Texas had been diagnosed with COVID-19, and 1,049 deaths resulting from the influenza-like virus had been confirmed.

TEA: Graduation guidance

The Texas Education Agency on May 5 announced graduation guidance for the class of 2020. Under the guidelines, ceremonies may take place as early as May 15 as the state continues the reopening of services in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

While school buildings remain closed to normal in-classroom instruction for the remainder of the 2019-20 academic year, the

TEA, in coordination with the governor's Strike Force to Open Texas, is providing four different pathways for schools to celebrate their graduating seniors:

— Virtual ceremonies that take place entirely online with the use of videoconferencing or other technologies;

— Hybrid ceremonies consisting of a compilation of videos of students being recognized in person as they celebrate graduation in small groups;

— Vehicle ceremonies, in which students and their families wait in their cars while other graduates are recognized one at a time with their families alongside them; and

— Outdoor in-person ceremonies, which are currently permitted for certain counties.

Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath said that "by taking the necessary precautions developed by medical experts, we can ensure we appropriately honor our class of 2020 graduates while keeping everyone safe."

AG joins in crackdown

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on May 4 joined a coalition of 52 attorneys general in a letter to the Washington, D.C.-based broadband industry association USTelecom, urging the association's members to continue developing robocall trace-back and other capabilities suited to law enforcement needs.

Paxton and his colleagues said they anticipate an increase in enforcement and a need for increased investigative support from leading voice service providers.

"Texans' private phones are bombarded by constant calls that invade their privacy and often attempt to defraud them of their hard-earned money," Paxton said.

Preparedness week proclaimed

Gov. Greg Abbott on May 4 issued a proclamation declaring May 3 through May 9 as Hurricane Preparedness Week in Texas.

In his proclamation, the governor asks all Texans to take steps to protect themselves and their loved ones from the danger and destruction that hurricanes can bring.

"There are no substitutes for having emergency supplies and a well-prepared emergency plan to protect yourself, your family," Abbott said. He encouraged Texans to visit the Texas Ready webpage, texasready.gov, to learn more about the steps they can take now to prepare for hurricane season. Hurricane season starts on June 1 and ends on Nov. 30.

Five Early Lessons the Pandemic Has Taught Us about Texas Schools

By Margaret Spellings

Texas has learned a lot about itself — and its education system — through the coronavirus crisis.

We've learned how critical education is to parents' work schedules, to civic engagement, to children's security and wellbeing, and to sports and culture. Texas' schools and universities have proven to be foundational to economic and community life — our society will not feel truly reopened until students return to school.

In the meantime, educators and administrators have scrambled to ensure students can learn without being in school. Many districts have been creative in connecting students with high-speed internet connections and hardware. Teachers have worked to provide remote instruction and structure. Kitchen staff and other workers have provided food and other needs for out-of-school students. And parents have stepped in to support day-to-day teaching, filling a critical gap at a critical time.

In all of these ways, Texas has responded to the coronavirus with determination. Now, Texans everywhere — from the Governor's Mansion to family dinner tables — are beginning to chart a course to the future. We must learn from the pandemic's lessons and work to address the weaknesses it has exposed.

Our schools are a good place to start.

First, the coronavirus has revealed stark gaps in how thousands of children in

urban and rural settings access help, resources, dependable meals, safe places, consistent schedules, counseling, and special education attention. Our state should redouble its efforts to address these gaps, and the pandemic should be viewed as our opportunity to do so — not an excuse to ignore them.

Secondly, access to broadband internet — connections strong enough to support video classes from home — has often determined whether students could continue learning through the pandemic. Millions of Texans live in houses without high-speed internet connections, meaning those households that do not have access to, or cannot afford, the infrastructure students need right now to learn online.

Third, there is no longer any doubt about the powerful impact of teachers. Sadly, they are in a baptism by fire, as the pandemic fundamentally alters their roles and responsibilities. Thousands of teachers have stepped up to the challenge, working to reach their students. It's important that Texas build on efforts to ensure our teachers are as effective as possible with additional tools.

Fourth, in restarting the education system, Texas must think about how to best use the school calendar and consider adding school days next year to help students make up for lost time and learning. I encourage Texas officials to build in more school days next year —

180 days probably will not be enough for most students, particularly as experts predict the coronavirus' return next fall.

Finally, this crisis has reaffirmed the importance of understanding how students are doing through assessments that evaluate learning. This year, for the first time in over a generation, students will not be given a state-administered test measuring what they learned during the school year. Texans already knew that achievement gaps were wide — but this year, it's impossible to know how wide, where students are, or where improvements are needed. When schools finally reopen their doors, I urge Texas officials to administer diagnostic tests to determine learning loss and which students need further instruction and help catching up.

We cannot let this crisis undermine progress and learning — the stakes are too high. Steps taken over the coming months have the potential to propel our next generation forward; doing nothing will cause too many students to fall behind.

Texans must seize this moment to support our schools, hold ourselves accountable, and do what's right for the future of Texas.

Margaret Spellings served as Secretary of Education under President George W. Bush and is executive director of Texas 2036, a non-profit group focused on long-term, data-driven planning through Texas' bicentennial year.

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New report estimates Texas' agricultural losses from pandemic could be \$6-8 billion

By Paul Schattenberg

Continued from Page 1.

"These commodities are currently selling at substantially lower prices than prior to the pandemic," Outlaw said. "Agricultural producers marketing products now are losing money, and if this pandemic persists, there may be even greater losses than what we have currently estimated."

Row crops

The report notes row crops such as corn, cotton, wheat, sorghum, rice and soybeans have been especially hard hit. "Farmers are going into this crop year with crop insurance price elections that are lower than in the past two years," Outlaw said. "This means farmers could lose 20% to 30% of their crops before getting any benefit from insurance."

He said row crops in Texas are either planted and growing in most regions or are about to be planted in the northern part of the state.

"The only losses row crop farmers would currently be incurring are from the sale of 2019 crops from storage," Outlaw said. "And while Texas producers typically do not store commodities this far into the marketing year, many continue to work through carryover stocks from the 2019 crop year."

He said while all row crops are affected, wheat and rice may fare somewhat better due to their being consumer

staples.

Outlaw said risk management strategies, crop insurance and farm bill program provisions will play a key role in providing relief for depressed prices, but absent additional aid, the financial stress producers were already facing is likely to grow significantly.

"Row crop producers are now being asked to take on a lot of risk to grow crops that very well may lose them a lot of money," Outlaw said.

For Texas row crop agriculture, the most immediate and visible impact is on commodity market prices, he said, but effects can reasonably be expected to ripple through the industry supply chain from production inputs to retail consumers.

Livestock and dairy

Many of the losses related to livestock are a result of shifting demand from food consumed away from home to food consumed at home. Processing plant closures also threaten to drive prices paid to producers even lower in the wake of reduced demand. At the same time, retail prices are increasing due to reduced supply.

"While a lot of losses have yet to materialize, for those producers marketing now, including dairy products, which are marketed daily, the pain is immediate," Outlaw said.



Ander Pomper - Food (Junior Div.)

Texas is the fifth-largest milk-producing state in the U.S., and the shift from restaurants to grocery store sales has hit the industry especially hard. A large share of milk products, including cheese and butter and other products, goes through food service outlets and with the loss of those outlets, milk processing quickly found themselves with more milk than they could sell as finished products.

On the livestock side, the report notes both futures and cash prices of stocker cattle, feeder cattle and calf prices have dropped dramatically as the societal impacts of COVID-19 took hold.

"Stocker cattle producers are facing significant price losses as calves purchased in the autumn, long before the COVID-19 pandemic, have been selling at much lower prices. The impacts of COVID-19 on individual ranches will depend on the production system but will eventually accrue to all cow-calf producers."

The COVID-19 pandemic has created substantial economic losses across all livestock agriculture, Outlaw said. This impact will be felt over the course of the year as sales occur, production responds to financial losses and more long-term economic effects become apparent.

tion in demand in some areas has translated to higher demand at grocery stores, different packaging requirements, changes in volume demanded, altered consumer purchasing habits and overall uncertainty are all having a negative effect on produce prices—mainly at the farm-gate level.

If COVID-19 issues persist, Texas fruit and vegetable producers could be left without outlets for their highly perishable products and ultimately could lose over \$397 million.

Financial relief for farmers and ranchers

The report also notes the federal government has responded with a series of three stimulus or relief acts agricultural producers may benefit from—the most useful likely being the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, also known as the CARES Act. Along with authorizing additional funding for the U.S. Department of Agriculture so it may provide direct assistance to agricultural producers, the CARES Act established the Payroll Protection Program.

A detailed description of all three legislative responses can be found in the "Initial

COVID-19 Response for Agricultural Producers" publication recently issued by the Agricultural and Food Policy Center.

"While farmers and ranchers are grateful for the assistance the federal government is providing, many of their financial difficulties are immediate, and if not quickly addressed could have long-term negative effects on much of the state's agricultural production," Outlaw said.

How Texas A&M AgriLife is helping

Along with providing useful information on federal relief provisions from which agricultural producers may benefit, Texas A&M AgriLife has provided online trainings for its statewide network of agents and for government officials and others involved in disaster response.

Collaborating with Gov. Greg Abbott, AgriLife is working to help local officials understand, acquire and administer federal assistance available to help their communities recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly through the CARES Act.

Photos from Parmer County 4-H Photography Contest



McKyla Swierc - People (Junior Div.)



Emma Schueler - Shadows & Silhouette (Senior Div.)



This photo was posted May 11th by Debbie Wium on her facebook page. The picture was taken by her husband, Manie Wium, looking east from Jason Wright's barn 2 miles west of Friena.



The family of Heritage Estates resident Mrs. Lorraine Jarecki hung this banner outside her window while visiting for Mother's Day through the window. It certainly made her Mother's Day!

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March	1.61	0.18	1.85	0.62	2.10
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