



Parmer County COVID-19 stats

As of Tuesday, July 6, 2020

Tested at Parmer Medical Center

580



Negative Results from Parmer Medical Center

392

Positive Results from PMC

171

Pending Results from PMC

17

Parmer County Residents Positive Results From All Test Sites

215

Semper Paratus — I have the watch

It has been an eventful first year back in "civilian" life for retired Commander Arturo "Art" S. Perez, United States Coast Guard. The Friona native stood the watch for 27 years and we thank him for his service.

Retirement allowed Arturo to follow another dream which is also his nickname. Who better to be an artist than a person named "Art"? On his facebook page Arturo said, "Art is my passion and as a prior U.S. Coast Guardsman, it is an honor to illustrate my military experience within my art."

Unfortunately, things do not always go as planned. Earlier this year as Arturo was starting to draw out his future, he had to battle 12



Arturo Perez, Covid-19 Survivor

rounds with COVID-19. Arturo said he went down hard with the virus and was in the VA hospital for awhile. He reported, "This virus is no joke!!!!!! Hardest thing I've ever fought..." Arturo eventually won the battle and with his energy level back to normal his new sense of duty is to honor the medics and doctors who are on the front lines.

Arturo would like to thank everyone for their support! Like and follow him at <https://www.facebook.com/SoldiersandSailorsStudio/> if you would like to request a drawing, see his previous work, or see his next drawing/painting,

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

The City will open up the roll-off box this Saturday, July 11, 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.



Multiple firework shows highlighted the July 4th evening at Reeve Lake. Everyone was ready to get out of the house and enjoy the fresh air and celebrate the birth of our country. Thanks to all the pyrotechnic enthusiasts who provided the explosive entertainment. Thanks to the Friona Volunteer Fire Department supervising the event, putting out dumpster fires, and keeping everyone safe!



Becky Jones, Crystal Moroney (owner), and Melissa Randolph hosted Milk House Market's 6th birthday celebration last Friday and Saturday. There were popsicles, cold drinks, and plenty of July 4th sales. See other photo on back page.

September celebrations cancelled

The Friona Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors issued a press release announcing the cancellation of the Cheeseburger Festival and Maize Days Celebration. The Miss Friona Pageant was also postponed.

Due to Governor Abbott's most recent state mandate and the increase in COVID-19 cases in our county, we have made the difficult decision to cancel our Annual Cheeseburger Festival and Maize Days Celebration scheduled for September 19th.

We had been hopeful that we could put an event together that would fall within the state mandates, but with the recent increase in COVID-19 cases, the Governor has issued new mandates related to the number of attendees at large gatherings. The Cheeseburger festival and Maize Days celebration would be in direct conflict with these new guidelines.

We are currently exploring other options for the Miss Friona Pageant to be held at a later

date.

This was a difficult decision to make, but we need to prioritize the health and safety of our community members, businesses, volunteers, and staff. We also must comply with the

new COVID-19 mandates. We greatly appreciate your support, especially during these uncertain times.

Thank you, Friona Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

It was also announced by the All School steering committee that the All School Reunion Celebration scheduled for September 19th has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



The Friona Vocational Agriculture Association and the Friona Buyers Club would like to thank everyone who bought a "Pulled Pork Lunch" at their fundraiser last Friday. They sold over 500 plates which was almost double what they were guesstimating. Good food, good cause. Proceeds will benefit local 4-H and FFA kids at the County Stock Show.

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

Friona Weather July 9-15	T ☀️ 105 71 WNW 10-20	F ☀️ 106 73 SW 10-15	S ☀️ 108 73 SW 10-20	S ☁️ 104 71 SSW 10-20	M ☁️ 105 74 SW 10-20	T ☁️ 107 73 SW 10-20	W ☀️ 105 71 SSW 10-20	Precipitation July 0.44 Year 5.14	Burn Ban: Yes
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Military Service

After graduating from Friona High School in 1992, Arturo began his career at the Naval Academy Preparatory School and later earned his Bachelors Degree from the United States Coast Guard Academy in 1997. He earned his Masters of Science in Organizational Management from Eastern Connecticut State University in 2002.

From 1997-1999, ENS Perez was assigned to the Coast Guard Cutter CHASE, stationed in San Pedro, California where he qualified as a Deck Watch Officer and completed a PACMEF, ALASKAN, and 2 Drug Enforcement Patrols with a total of 25 port calls in 10 different countries.

During his second tour, in 1999-2003, LTJG Perez was assigned to the CG Research & Development Center where he worked several projects in CG Crew-Endurance Management, Safety & Human Resources, and Command Center Communication Systems. His most notable project was Global Incident Notification Project involving research for the integration of the enhanced 911 emergency notification system into CG Command Centers.

Between 2003-2014, LT Perez served at Marine Safety Office San Juan, Puerto Rico, which transitioned to Sector San Juan; CG District Eleven in Alameda, California; and Sec-

tor Houston-Galveston, Texas. His role at each of these units consisted of Chief of the Port Waterways Coastal Security Division; assistant Chief for Incident Management; and Assistant Logistics Department Head.

In August 2014, LCDR Perez was assigned to Deputy, Chief of Defense Cooperation, US Embassy Hanoi, Vietnam. He executed the first significant Foreign Military Financing assistance of 18 patrol boats, the transfer of the first High Endurance Cutter, installation of the Search & Rescue Software, and implemented comprehensive capacity building program for the Vietnamese Coast Guard.

In August 2017, CDR Perez assumed the role of Sector NOLA Logistics Department Head, CO of Military Personnel, responsible for logistical support & operational readiness of 18 CG units and over 900 Active & Reserve members.

On July 26, 2019 a Retirement Ceremony was held in honor of Commander Arturo S. Perez, United States Coast Guard, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Family

Arturo Perez is married to Maithong Yang-Perez, and they have 3 children: Isabelle (18), Orion (16), and Catalina (14). He is a triathlete, avid tennis player, and self-taught artist.

Arturo is the son of Felix and Socorro Perez who reside in Friona, Texas. They were married on October 4, 1970 and will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary this year. Felix has been a truck driver for the past 45 years. Socorro "Coco" worked in maintenance for the Friona Independent School District for 20 years.

Felix and Socorro have three sons; Natividad, Arturo, Armando, and one daughter, Jessica Ann. All four children graduated from Friona High School. Natividad & Georgia Perez live in Friona. He is employed with the USDA. Arturo and his wife Maithong Yang live in New Orleans. Armando



Felix & Socorro Perez

lives in San Antonio. He works in electronics. Jessica Ann lives in San Antonio. She is a nurse. Felix and Socorro also have 9 grandkids.



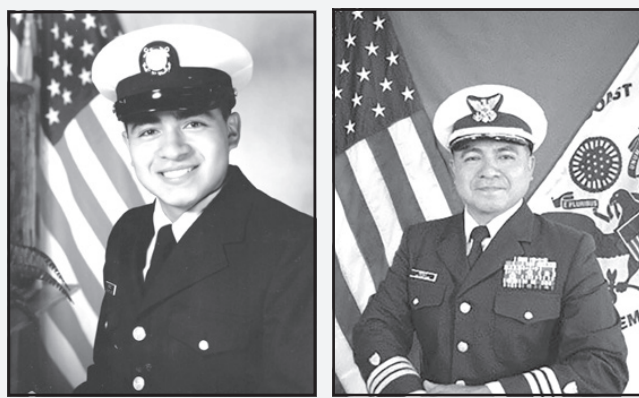
The Perez Kids



USCG Corpsman Caduceus



1993-94 Coast Guard Academy



Commander Perez's Awards and Decorations:

- Defense Meritorious Service Medal
- Coast Guard Commendation Medals (4)
- Coast Guard Achievement Medal
- Coast Guard Presidential Unit Citation
- Joint Meritorious Unit Award
- DOT Outstanding Unit Citation
- Coast Guard Unit Commendation (4)
- Navy Unit Commendation
- Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation (3)
- Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation (7)
- Coast Guard "E" Ribbon
- National Defense Service Medal
- Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
- Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
- Armed Forces Service Medal
- Humanitarian Service Medal
- Coast Guard Sea Service Ribbon
- Coast Guard Rifleman Sharpshooter
- Coast Guard Pistol Sharpshooter

Community Calendar

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

July 20

- Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at noon at The Farmwife Kitchen

COVID-19 News

Coronavirus cases confirmed

Texas Panhandle: 6,150 cases, 103 deaths 5,235 recoveries	Eastern New Mexico: 286 cases, 2 deaths Curry County: 199 Quay County: 7 Roosevelt County: 72 Union County: 8
Armstrong County: 3 Briscoe County: 7 Carson County: 7 Castro County: 99 Childress County: 7 Collingsworth County: 6 Cottle County: 4 Dallam County: 100 Deaf Smith County: 355 Donley County: 27 Gray County: 121 Hall County: 2 Hansford County: 31 Hartley County: 44 Hemphill County: 15 Hutchinson County: 70 Lipscomb County: 11 Moore County: 897 Motley County: 1 Ochiltree County: 53 Oldham County: 4 Parmer County: 215 Potter County: 3,008 Randall County: 971 Roberts County: 4 Sherman County: 10 Swisher County: 38 Wheeler County: 20	Oklahoma Panhandle: 1,030 cases, 6 deaths, 1,015 recoveries Beaver County: 32 Cimarron County: 1 Texas County: 997
Texas: 211,000 cases 2,715 deaths 108,000 recoveries	United States: 3,050,000 cases 133,000 deaths 921,000 recoveries
Worldwide: 11,800,000 cases 544,000 deaths 6,420,000 recoveries	

Wash your hands
Stay 6 foot away
Wear your mask
Stay at home if sick

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- Search

TEXAS CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- TX Dan Jenkins novel and film: "___ Oklahoma"
- TXism: "bellered like ___ bull"
- TXism: "pay ___ never mind (ignore)"
- Houston university between "texas" and "gov" in the official website
- early group for TX Kenny Rogers: "The First ___"
- stylist's sissor cut
- some Texans might make sweet ___ for Christmas
- Travis at Alamo: "I shall never surrender ___ retreat"
- Texas state grass: "side ___ grama"
- Toyota ___ 4 is a small SUV
- Dallas Stars skaters? (2 wds.)
- in Jefferson County on U.S. 69/96/287
- this Clint starred in 2000 film "Space Cowboys" with TX Tommy Lee (init.)
- marshy TX Caddo Lake has ___ gum trees
- tick-___
- "come ___ top" (win something)
- processes where historic buildings are returned to original
- an area of land
- this took a major hit in 2020 pandemic
- Cowboys 5th qtr.
- curves
- popular horse breed
- TX Vikki Carr: Florencia ___ de Casillas-Martinez Cardona
- this Tinkle was a noted SMU professor/historian
- TXism: "mi casa es ___ casa" (neighborly)
- date approximate
- quarrelsome person
- TXism: "___ in the towel" (give up)
- ink stain
- TXism: "I'll slap ___ new hat size" (threat)
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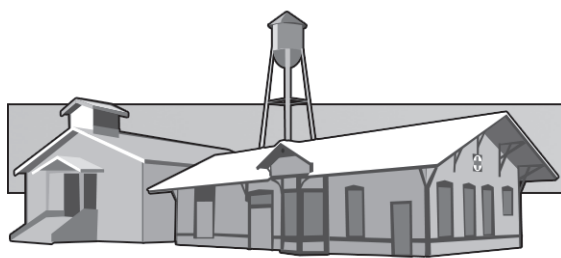
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The Parmer County Babe Ruth Baseball League announced the winners of its gun raffle fundraiser. Shay Smith won the Ruger 10-22 and the Smith & Wesson .40 caliber. Peggy Stowers won the Smith & Wesson .38 Special. Calvin Turner won the Ruger 308. The Parmer County Babe Ruth Baseball League would like to thank everyone who bought a ticket to help support youth baseball in Parmer County.

★★★
The Prairie Acres “Resident of the Month” for July is Mary Johnston. The “Employee of the Month” is Lupe Taylor. Lupe works on the dietary department and has been with Prairie Acres since March 2020. Also, Jack Dennis celebrated a birthday on July 8th.

★★★
The Friona ISD Board of Trustees will conduct a virtual

meeting next Monday night at 7:30 p.m. Details can be found on the front page.

★★★
The City will open up the Roll-Off on Saturday, July 11th in from 10am - 3pm. Thank you for keeping Friona clean!

★★★
The Friona Rural Health Clinic will be open Saturday July 11th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to offer physicals for your back to school needs, such as athletics, band, and any other

extracurricular activity that requires a physical. These physicals will be offered for \$20. If you are unable to make that Saturday, you are welcome to call 806-250-2781 and make an appointment. The \$20 physical price will be honored at that appointment.

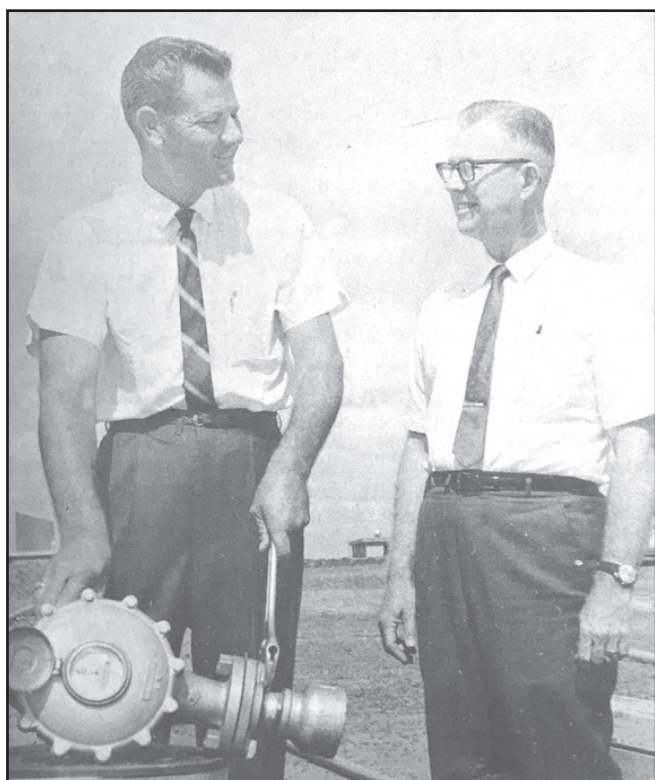
★★★
Kambree Kimbrough received her Lone Star Degree this week at the virtual Texas State FFA Convention. This is the highest degree of member-

ship the State FFA Association can award. She has worked very hard over the last three years to obtain this award. Congratulations Kambree!!!

★★★
National Days
July 9 — Sugar Cookie Day

July 10 — Kitten Day
July 11 — All American Pet Photo Day
July 12 — Pecan Pie Day
July 13 — French Fry Day
July 14 — Tape Measure Day
July 15 — I Love Horses Day

Friona Flashbacks



Mayor J.C. Claborn, left, and Superintendent of Schools Alton Farr inspected the new water meter which was installed at the school property last week. The meter was number 1,000 to be installed by the city. (Friona Star, July 1, 1965)

What you think?

The City of Friona would like to know your ideas about our local parks, pool, and other outdoor spaces. You have 3 options to complete the Friona Community Feedback Survey. (1) fill out the survey online using the links below, (2) go to the City of Friona social media sites and complete the survey, or (3) go to Friona City Hall and fill it out the survey in person. The deadline to submit a response is Friday, July 24, 2020.

Friona Community Feedback Survey

The City of Friona is interested in understanding how you feel about our local parks, pool and outdoor spaces and giving us some feedback. This information will be used to create a master plan and ideas for the future. We greatly appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XKTJ22R>

Encuesta De Comentarios De Friona

La ciudad de Friona está interesada en comprender cómo se siente con respecto a nuestros parques locales, piscinas y espacios al aire libre y en brindarnos sus comentarios. Esta información se utilizará para crear un plan maestro e ideas para el futuro. Apreciamos mucho que se tome el tiempo para compartir sus pensamientos.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M56SJ3R>

Please... Vote Safe!
July 14th
LWVTexas.org VOTE411.org

SHERIFF’S REPORT

Reported by the Parmer County Sheriff’s Office:
Randy Geris, Sheriff

No Sheriff’s Report This Week.

COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk’s Office from June 25, 2020 to July 1, 2020

(6/29/20) Vertical Bridge Towers III LLC — Vertical Bridge Holdco LLC — A tract known as 6.000 Ac out of West part of Sec 15 B B Rhea Brothers Subdiv in Parmer County Vol 2 Pg 200 201 Deed Records of Parmer County See Doc for the remaining Vol and Pgs

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We are going to look for sand dollars... and shells when we go to the seashore.
Kids: color stuff in!
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Ocean Invertebrates!

Do you know what *invertebrates* are? They are animals that have no backbone. They may live in water, air or on the land. There are nearly two million kinds of invertebrates.

Read the clues to fill in the crossword:

- 1. I can have up to 40 arms! I pry open shells and eat the scallops, clams and oysters inside.
- 2. I look a bit like a large coin. Do you see a “flower” when you look at me? Those are rows of breathing holes.
- 3. I move sideways and burrow in sand or hide between rocks. My pincers protect me!
- 4. I am headless, but I know the secret of making a grain of sand into a pearl. I have a two-part, hinged shell.
- 5. We chew tunnels in sand and eat tiny pieces of animals and plants!
- 6. When I am shy, I pull my head and foot into my shell.
- 7. I have an exoskeleton (hard shell outside body) and am a scavenger, eating the remains of animals.
- 8. I can change color to protect myself. I am “well armed” and I wrap myself around my prey.
- 9. I have 8 arms, and 2 tentacles that are longer and retractable, which I use to catch prey!
- 10. We stick to rocks. Divers harvest, people use for bathing, cleaning.
- 11. I am round with long, pointed spines that protect me from enemies and help me move along the sea floor.
- 12. We look like umbrellas floating gently in the water – but we might sting you!

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Sliding Around

I can be found sliding in the ocean, in your garden or right here.

Floating Around

I'm a flatworm! Did you know that the sea creatures we used to call jellyfish and starfish are not fish? They are now called “jellies” and “sea stars”!

Follow the color key to see one:

- P = Purple
- W = White
- T = Tan
- B = Blue

Puny Pearl’s Whirl!

Puny Pearl tickled and prickled his shell until it yawned open and out the pearl fell. He laughed and he rolled in the sunshine all day. Until a big bird tried to whisk him away.

Now Puny Pearl isn’t so eager to roam. Instead he is longing to journey back home.

Can you help Puny Pearl find his way home to the oyster bed?

Help!

Ivy Cottage Bridal Registry

Cassidy Devault & Tyler Hough
Lindy Wiseman & Lino Tarango
Ivy Cottage • 250-8073

Milk House Market Wedding Registry

Samantha Bolden & Daniel Schueler
Lindy Wiseman & Lino Tarango
Cassidy Devault & Tyler Hough

Hours: Thursday - Friday 11-5 Saturday: 10-3

Call: 602-739-0813

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Lions Club News



Bobby Tyler, owner of Tyler Gun Works, was the guest speaker at the Friona Noon Lions Club meeting last Tuesday held at The Farmwife Kitchen restaurant. Bobby gave an overview of the current upgrades being made at his business which is located at the old golf course. Jodie Denton, a senior at Friona High School, was introduced as the new Lions Club Sweetheart for 2020-21.

Letter to the Editor:

We have just celebrated July 4th as "Independence Day". Cynically I have been wondering what will be the next crisis used by our leaders to greedily strip us of our freedoms, ruin businesses, and cripple our schools? The precedent has now been clearly set where under the guise of public safety our governments can arbitrarily criminalize and mandate whatever they wish.

From the top all the way down to the county and city level all they need to illegally rule over We the People is a complicit media spreading fear, manipulated data, faulty computer models, and the ever present threat of fines and imprisonment. By fiat they raise the scepter declaring religious worship, birthday parties, funerals, neighborhood softball games, and hired haircuts criminal activities. Too many people at a backyard BBQ draws their wrath, meanwhile Walmart has scores of customers in their store at any given time.

These power-hungry little tyrants decree the people shall keep a spit and sweat-soaked rag on their face at all times, convincing them they are virtuous and life-saving. Never you mind they are constantly fiddling with it and repeatedly touching their faces. Those that resist these comical, inconsistent and infuriating mandates are shamed as "wanting old people to die".

The crisis of obesity and it's related health issues kill hundreds of thousands of people annually. Maybe our Dear Leaders can decree that we all must exercise daily, ban buffets and doughnut shops, and hereby prohibit giving deserts to children? Also we could mandate the wearing of Spandex to show how much we care about reducing obesity, and shaming those that don't. Think of all the lives we can save by making these small sacrifices of freedom!

It is time for our government, school and business leaders to say 'enough is enough' with this charade. We all need to wash our hands frequently, stay home if you feel sick, be extra careful around our elderly and high risk citizens, and get on with life. Get back to living like Americans, not American'ts.

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Happy Birthday Friona Folks!

July 9
Christeene Mann
Timothy Clark
Megan Stone
Kyle Mars
Abraham Soto

July 10
Melody Drake
M'Kell (Jarecki) Jeter
Elizabeth McLellan
Phillip White
Lavon Reeve
Rex Hefner

July 11
Aubrey Schueler
Abigail Rushing
Tristan Gayle
Jamie (Stokes) Faber
Jeremy Campbell
Rojelio Palacios
Frances Jennings

July 12
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Hollye Pederson
Kyndness Garza

July 13
Laura Hart
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Lynn Copley
Logan Tongate
Collin Thompson
Jan Whaley

July 14
Julie (Wiseman) Duenes
Bobby Thompson
Darla Bracken
William Herring
Sierra Edelson
Janna Reeve Preston
Claudia Alexander
Juan Reyes
Nathan Moroney, Jr.
Kenny Ford
Darrell Brewster

July 15
Wynona Martin
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Berry Crisp

by Doris Barnett
Friends of the Library Cookbook,
pg. 106, Desserts & Pies

- 1 c. flour
- 1 c. sugar
- 1 t. baking powder
- 1 t. salt
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/2 to 3/4 c. sugar
- 2 T. flour
- 5 to 6 c. berries
- 1 stick margarine/butter, melted
- Whipped Cream

Preheat oven to 375oF. Generously butter an 8x8x2 inch pan. Combine 1 cup of flour, 1 cup of sugar, baking powder, and salt in large bowl. To this, add 1 beaten egg. Mix until crumbly. (If mixture is too dry, add another egg.) Add remaining sugar and flour to berries. Pour into pan. Sprinkle flour mixture over berries. Drizzle melted butter evenly over top. Bake for 40 minutes until brown. Serve with whipped cream.

Gas price rise stalls

By GasBuddy

Texas gas prices have fallen 1.6 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$1.87 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations. Gas prices in Texas are 18.3 cents per gallon higher than a month ago but stand 57.9 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$1.19 while the most expensive is \$2.79 per gallon. The national average price of gasoline has fallen 1.2 cents in the last week, averaging \$2.17 per gallon. The national average is up 14.9 cents per gallon from a month ago but still sits 58.1 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

"With July 4 behind us, we're now halfway through the summer driving season, and the pace of gas price increases has finally hit a wall. As of Sunday evening, it appears possible that we may break the nine straight weeks of rising prices thanks to a drop in demand fueled by COVID-19 cases surging in some

states," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "So far this summer, both holidays have seen the lowest prices since 2004, and its possible that if things don't improve much by Labor Day we could see the rare trifecta of every summer holiday setting multi-year lows. For now, I believe we may see increases stall and some minor increases or decreases until we see a solid change in the coronavirus situation. For now, some states will see slight increases, some may see slight decreases, but gas prices are essentially stuck in limbo."

GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data spanning nearly two decades. GasBuddy's survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country. GasBuddy data is accessible at <http://FuelInsights.GasBuddy.com>.

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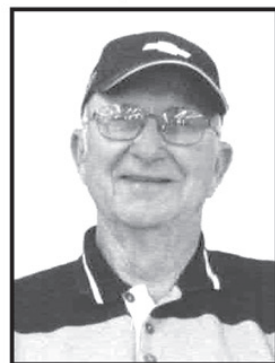
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Please Pray

By Teena Hughs

Last Wednesday, Sean Hannity interviewed Horace Lorenzo Anderson of Seattle. Anderson's son, a 19 year-old, mentally-challenged young man who was easily influenced by others, was killed in the CHOP area of Seattle. This is the autonomous zone that was created when a group of thugs overtook a police station and at least six blocks of businesses. Four people were shot, two killed, numerous rapes and sexual assaults occurred, and no telling how many livelihoods were completely destroyed before the mayor had the group disbanded and the area cleaned out so the police could return to their precinct.

It was heart-wrenching to watch and listen to Mr. Anderson. Two of his son's friends came and told him his son had been shot. When he went to the hospital, officials wouldn't let him see his dead son for five days. I had a lot of unanswered questions about this story, but I am going to take what I saw and heard at face value and believe it was all truth.

By the end of the interview, I was wondering why things like this continue to happen. Since then, there have been more people killed across the United States, and sadly at least five of those killed over

the weekend were children.

For one thing, there is no fear: no fear of the police; no fear of getting into trouble or having to suffer consequences; there is no fear of having to be accountable or answer to anyone; there is no fear of God, or having to be accountable to Him; and, there is no fear of going to Hell. One day every one of us will make an account of our lives before God (Romans 14:12). It will be too late then.

Secondly, among some people, there is little to no respect for life. One man was walking his six year-old daughter across a street in the Bronx; a car pulled up; and, the father was shot and killed right in front of his daughter. An 11 year-old was at a 4th of July party in Washington, DC; a car pulled up; bullets were sprayed throughout the party; and, the 11 year old was killed.

At the end of March, Rush Limbaugh gave statistics for the leading cause of death world-wide. By a huge margin, abortion was the leading cause of death for the first three months of 2020. People who do not know God, or read or believe His Word, do not know that each person is created by God. God doesn't create junk; He creates each of us for His purpose, and He wants us to fulfill that pur-

pose. Abortion does not fulfill any purpose whatsoever.

Friends, it boils down to respect for life. Jesus told us the first commandment is to love Him with all of our heart, mind, soul and strength; then, we are to love our neighbors as we love ourselves (Luke 10:27). We are never going to agree with everyone; we are never going to be friends with everyone; we are never going to respect everyone, because some people don't deserve our respect by the way they act. But, that does not mean we kill someone simply because it is convenient or because we don't like them for whatever reason.

We need God right now. It seems impossible that some of these murderers, sexual offenders, arsonists, graffiti artists, etc. could or would ever change. As long as they are alive, there is always hope that something or someone will do something to turn them to God; He is the only One who can change them. Please pray for our country; please pray that people respect life; please pray that people desire God; please pray that Christians will allow themselves to be used by God to convict and lead others to Him to change our nation into the nation He desires it to be.

Panhandle Parables

"El Toro" the Goat

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

On my granddad's farm we had a billy goat for a while that for lack of imagination we called "Billy." One day while playing make believe, realty showed up. It just so happened that day we were Great Bullfighters from Spain. Not having a bull and being the Great Bullfighters from Spain, we pretended to fight the big black "El Toro." At some point in the event we remembered Billy, I mean "El Toro" and took turns "fighting" Billy, I mean "El Toro" using the only thing red we could find, a red shop hand towel. The more we played the better El Toro got at coming close to getting us,

and like all kids we decided to go play army instead.

We headed to find sticks for guns, when out of nowhere charged El Toro the goat. Apparently, he was not finished with the Great Bullfighters from Spain game. Now I understand why they kill the bull. We took refuge in the water tank and learned a few things. Rule #1 Do not provoke a goat. Rule #2 refer back to Rule #1 often. Rule #3 Water does not always deter an angry goat, as Billy joined us in the water tank once he decided we were not coming out. Rule #4, What starts out as a game can become serious business in a hurry. Rule #5 Stay

close to your dad. He is bigger than the goat, of which we did.

Sometimes in a careless moment we get ourselves into trouble because what started out as a game has become a real sin issue in our life. Let us cross apply our goat rules to life. Rule #1 Do not provoke Satan. Rule #2 Refer to Rule #1 often. Rule #3 Just because you have been baptized does not mean Satan is going to leave you alone. Rule #4 Sin is serious business not a game. Rule #5 Stay close to your Father in Heaven, He is bigger than Satan. Hope that you have a blessed week.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that PARMER COUNTY SSA intends to destroy records of students who received special education services ending during the 2012-2013 school year. These records include only those located in the Parmer County SSA office located at 618 Main St., Friona, Texas. Records herein described include students receiving special education services in the following school districts: Bovina ISD, Farwell ISD, Friona ISD and Lazbuddie ISD. Legal parent/guardian or adult student with disabilities may request copies of these records by contacting Carrie Arias, Director of Special Education, at the PARMER COUNTY SSA office at 618 Main Street, Friona, Texas 79035, phone number (806) 250-3315 by July 27, 2020. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THESE RECORDS MAY BE NEEDED FOR SOCIAL SECURITY PURPOSES.

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Book Blessings

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

"Departing in Peace: Biblical Decision-Making at the End of Life," by Bill Davis is an insightful and extremely helpful book for those willing to think biblically regarding medical end of life decisions. Should a ventilator be used? Is a feeding tube helpful? What about quality verses quantity of life? What role do finances play? These questions are just a few that can leave even the dearest saint paralyzed with indecision when a decision is pressed upon them due to difficult medical situations.

Thankfully, the author, who has had immense experience helping families walk through the valley of the shadow of death with their loved ones, focuses on clarifying the types decisions families may be faced with at end of life, how to think through biblical principles, and how to prepare one's own family with resources and clarity in regards to what they will want at end of life. Obviously, the subject of the book is less than exciting, but is tremendously important. Scripture tells us that every life has been "fear-

fully and wonderfully made," Psalm 139:14, and as believers we understand that there is a time when our earthly life will end. The great gift of this book is not only seeing the biblical principles that can help guide a person through end of life decision making, but also in the personal experiences of the author helping families go through such situations. This book is a helpful read for all people, especially for families who are looking to equip and prepare their families when end of life decisions are thrust upon them.

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State Capital Highlights

By Ed Sterling



Governor's order mandates wearing of face masks in public

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on July 2 issued an executive order to slow the spread of the deadly coronavirus while keeping Texas as open as possible for business.

With few exceptions, the order requires all Texans to wear a face covering over the nose and mouth in public spaces in counties with 20 or more positive COVID-19 cases.

Abbott also issued a proclamation giving mayors and county judges the ability to impose restrictions on some outdoor gatherings of more than 10 people and mandating that with certain exceptions people cannot be in groups larger than 10 and must maintain six feet of social distancing from others.

"We have the ability to keep businesses open and move our economy forward so that Texans can continue to earn a paycheck, but it requires each of us to do our part to protect one another — and that means wearing a face covering in public spaces," Abbott said.

"I urge all Texans to wear a face covering in public, not just for their own health, but for the health of their families, friends, and for all our fellow Texans," he added.

Cumulative figures posted July 5 by the Texas Department of State Health Services showed some 195,239 people in Texas diagnosed with COVID-19 and 2,637 confirmed deaths resulting from the disease.

Wear-mask videos posted

The governor's office released a video of Abbott to coincide with his July 2 executive order plus two more public service announcements imploring Texans to step up efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Major League Baseball Hall of Fame catcher Iván "Pudge" Rodríguez urges Texans in both English and Spanish to wear a mask in public to protect themselves and others from the deadly virus.

Tom Herman, University of Texas head football coach, urges Texans to work together as a team to stop COVID-19 by washing hands regularly, social distancing, wearing a mask and staying home when possible.

Similar public service announcements released previously by the governor's office feature Major League Baseball Hall of Fame pitcher Nolan Ryan and Dallas Cowboys linebacker Jaylon Smith.

SNAP deadline extended

Gov. Abbott on June 29 extended the deadline for families to apply for the federal Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer program to July 31.

"Ensuring access to healthy food in our communities is an important part of our response to this pandemic," Abbott said.

This one-time benefit of \$285 per eligible child can be used in the same way as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program food benefits to pay for groceries. Eligible families include those with children who lost access to free or reduced-price school meals through the National School Lunch Program due to school closures.

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission partnered with the Texas Department of Agriculture and the Texas Education Agency to launch the \$1 billion federal program on June 1 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Winner to face incumbent

In the top spot on the July 14 Democratic primary election runoff ballot are state Sen. Royce West of Dallas and former U.S. Air Force officer Mary "MJ" Hegar of Round Rock. The winner will face incumbent Republican U.S. Sen. John Cornyn in the Nov. 3 election.

West, an attorney whose current term as a state senator will expire in 2022, has been a member of the body since 1993. He serves as vice chair of the Senate Higher Education Committee and is a member of Senate committees on Administration, Education and Finance.

Hegar has 12 years of military experience, including three tours as a helicopter pilot in Afghanistan, where she flew combat search and rescue and medical evacuation missions. She is a recipient of the Purple Heart and the Distinguished Flying Cross with Valor.

Cornyn, of San Antonio, a member of the U.S. Senate since 2002, previously served as an associate justice of the Texas Supreme Court from 1992 to 1997 and as Texas attorney general from 1999 to 2002.

Revenue total is down

State sales tax revenue totaled \$2.67 billion in June, an amount 6.5% less than the amount reported for the month of June 2019, Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said on July 1.

The decline in collections was driven principally by steep drops in remittances from oil- and gas-related sectors. Collections from the construction and amusement service sectors also were down sharply, Hegar said.

However, "While collections from restaurants also were depressed, the extent of the decline was checked by increased takeout and delivery sales," Hegar said. "And retail trade receipts rose significantly, buoyed by increased online shopping and building material purchases, as business premises were modified for COVID-19 precautions."

The majority of June sales tax revenue is based on sales made in May and remitted to the agency in June.

Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



Wisdom, it seems is situational.

It isn't just about knowing what to say; it's about knowing when to say it. And it's not just about knowing what is true; it's about knowing when it's true.

- author Rachel Held Evans -

Rachel Held Evans was a New York Times bestselling author who wrote about faith, doubt, and life in the Bible Belt. The young mother and wife died unexpectedly in May 2019. Her final book, *Inspired* (Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again), was her invitation to do what she had done—read a familiar book through a wiser and wider lens.

Many of us miss her voice now. In a time of political upheaval, cultural wars, and a pandemic, her analysis on the story of Job exposes how truth is fluid.

Take the phrase "reap what you sow." As Evans wrote, the phrase fit perfectly well when Paul wrote to the Galatian church encouraging them to continue in their good works and their success. The phrase, however, falls flat for Job—a "blameless and up-

right" man who was bombarded with one calamity and heartache after another.

Job's friends were very scholarly in citing all the scriptural things to say to their distraught friend—how Job must have sinned and brought this despair on himself. The three philosophers spent over thirty chapters in this story sharing their truth about why their friend was suffering. "Job's friends make the mistake of assuming that what is true in one context must be true in every context," Evans wrote.

Currently, some of us feel as if we want to do what Job did. "I desire to argue with God." Why? So that we can make sense of accepted truths that simply do not compute at the moment. Seeking truth is hard. Accepting that context matters when it comes to truth is ever harder: consider sending a sympathy

card with the verse "a time to mourn, and a time to dance" to a friend who recently lost her 34-year-old son (a devoted husband and father) to cancer. That phrase is not her truth now. The beautiful verses from Ecclesiastes are empathetic, but knowing when to use their truth for someone else's grief shows compassionate wisdom.

As for Job, even after his hard conversation with God, Evans reminded readers that Job's health and wealth were restored. He even had ten more children. Job questioned, he suffered, and yet he primarily searched for truth with wisdom, not bitter anger.

The year 2020 is proving to be a challenge to the finding what is true. Remember context. Remember motive. Remember wisdom. Ignoring these three may prolong the insanity.

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NEW: 3/3/2 Brick w/ central heat & air, 2 living areas, fireplace, storage building, fenced backyard**Cont Pend**

NEW: 3/2/2 Brick w/cent. h&a, entryway, 2 living areas, open floor plan, fenced backyard, close to HS ...**Cont Pend**

3/1/1 Stone w/ central heat & air, carport, cellar, corner lot, close to schools, metal roof.....**Cont Pend**

NEW: 2/2 Siding, 2 story, metal roof, close to hospital, carport.....**Cont Pend**

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Water Weekly

For the week of 07/06/20

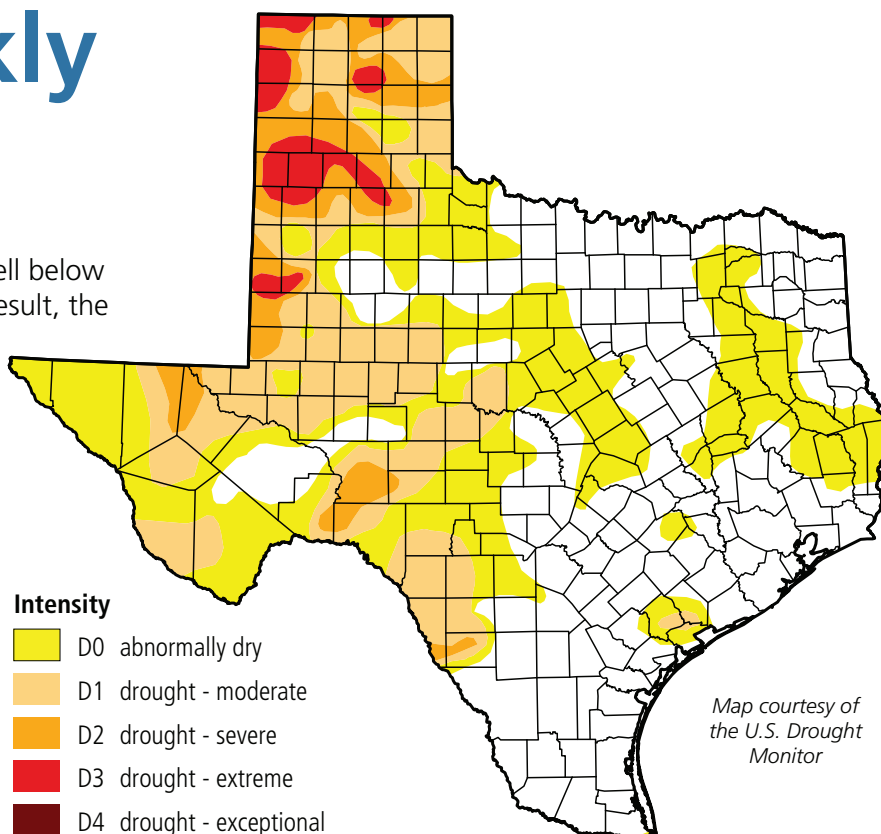
Water conditions

During the past week, precipitation was well below normal for more than half the state. As a result, the latest drought map for conditions as of June 30 shows continued expansion and intensification of drought. The area of the state impacted by drought reached its highest value since mid-February 2020.

Drought conditions

- ◆ 28% now
- ◆ 25% a week ago
- ◆ 20% three months ago
- ◆ 1% a year ago

- Intensity**
- ◆ D0 abnormally dry
 - ◆ D1 drought - moderate
 - ◆ D2 drought - severe
 - ◆ D3 drought - extreme
 - ◆ D4 drought - exceptional



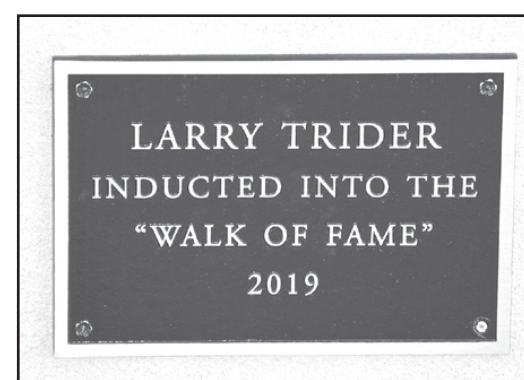
Map courtesy of the U.S. Drought Monitor

Lazbuddie loses a legend

West Texas Walk of Fame member Larry Trider passed away near the end of July. The legendary singer, songwriter, and band leader from Lazbuddie, Texas was just a few days short of his 80th birthday.

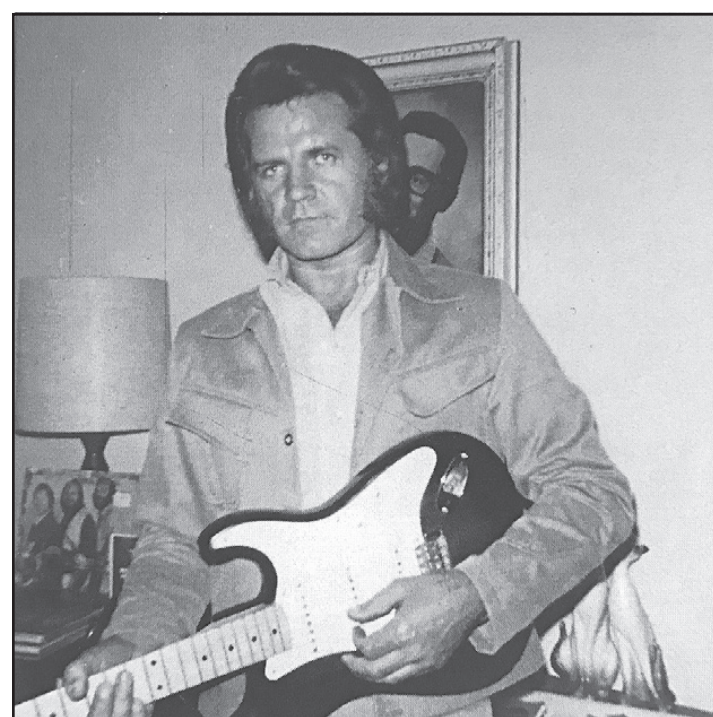
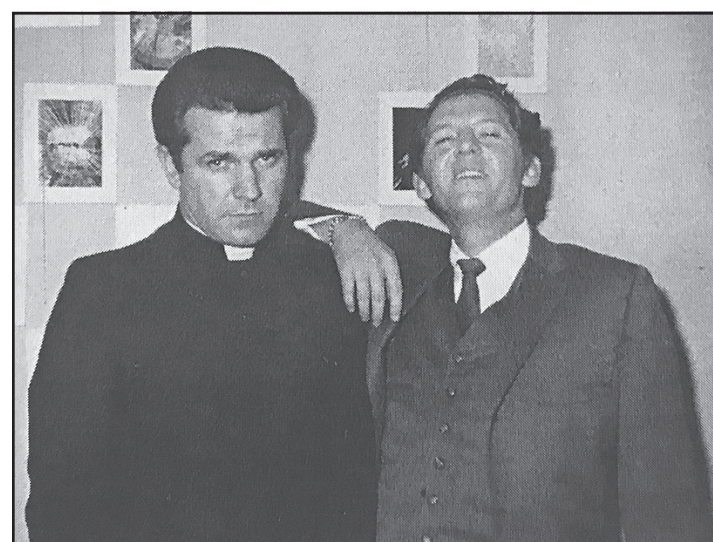
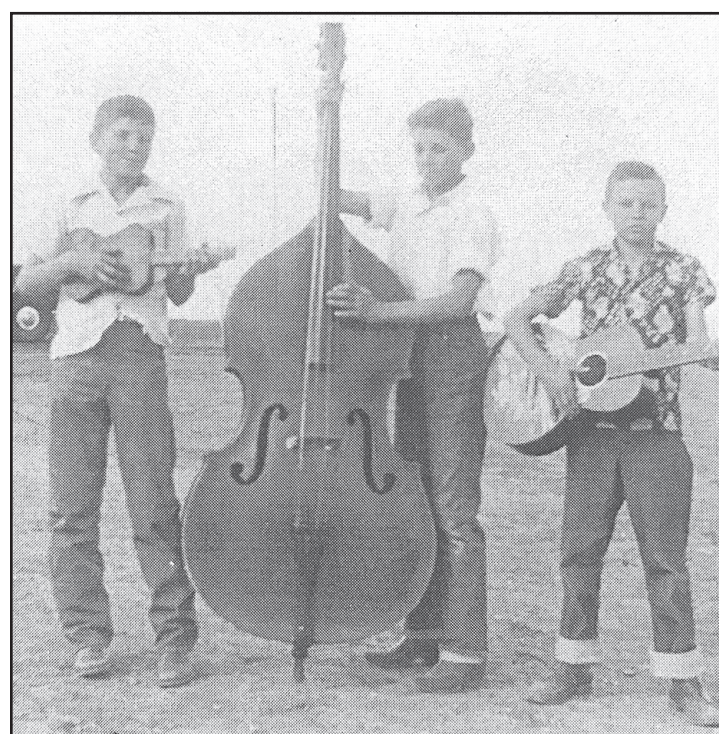
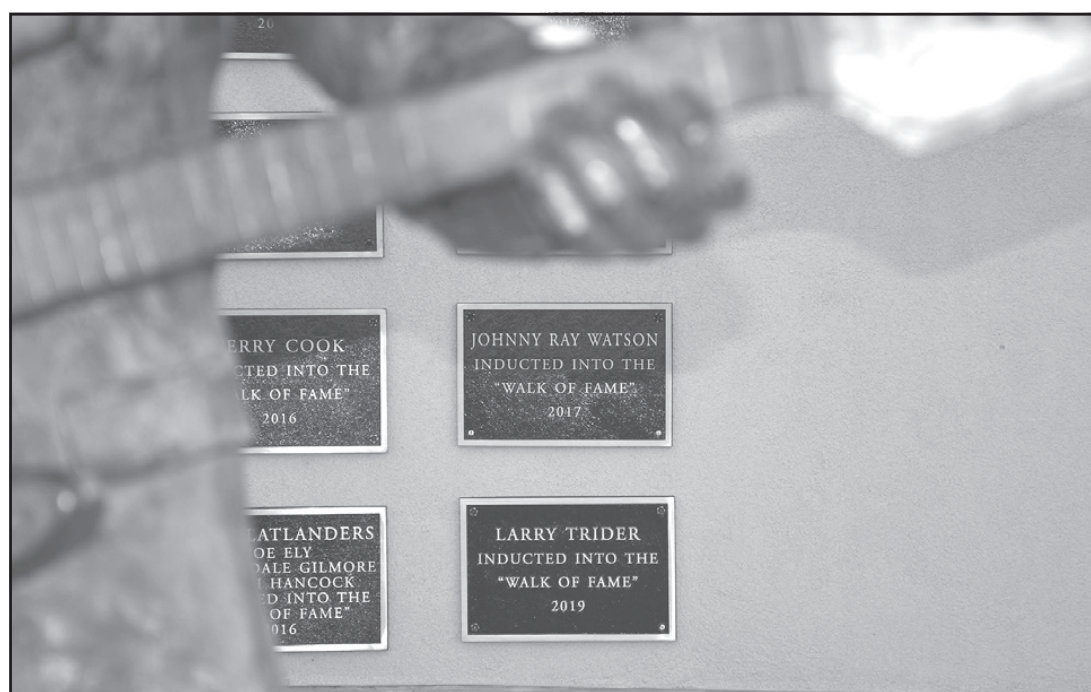
Music was Larry's life. When he was young, his dad would play the radio to help him "wake up" in the morning. He started his recording career as a teenager and toured the nation with multiple bands for several decades. When he was in the hospital with double pneumonia and in a coma, friends would play music to help him recover, and he did. Then last September, he was voted into the West Texas Walk of Fame. Larry talked the talk and walked the walk of a consummate professional musician. He earned it.

The music business did not define Larry. He defined it. His insistence on high-quality musicianship and professional stagecraft made



him a legend in the industry. The "Trider Influence" was a force of will that turned amateurs into professionals practically overnight.

Larry Trider leaves a legacy of professional, top-notch musicians to carry on his vision. Music was very good to Larry Trider and he returned the favor.



Garrett Clark joins membership of American Angus Association

Garrett Clark, Friona, Texas, is a new member of the American Angus Association, reports Mark McCully, CEO of the national breed organization headquartered in Saint Joseph, Missouri.

The American Angus Association, with more than 25,000 active adult and junior members, is the largest beef breed association in the world. Its computerized records include detailed information on over 19 million registered Angus.

The Association records ancestral information and keeps production records

and genomic data on individual animals to develop industry-leading selection tools for its members. The programs and services of the Association and its entities — Angus Genetics Inc., Angus Media, Certified Angus Beef LLC and the Angus Foundation — help members advance the beef cattle business by selecting the best animals for their herds and marketing quality genetics for the beef cattle industry and quality beef for consumers.

ANGUS MEANS BUSINESS. The American Angus Association® is the nation's

largest beef breed organization, serving nearly 25,000 members across the United States, Canada and several other countries. It is home to an extensive breed registry that grows by nearly 300,000 animals each year.

The Association also provides programs and services to farmers, ranchers and others who rely on Angus to produce quality genetics for the beef industry and quality beef for consumers. For more information about Angus cattle and the American Angus Association, visit www.angus.org.

The Online Onslaught

By Walter V. Wendler, WTAMU President



John, an old friend, reminded me that the COVID-19 cloud has slivers of silver linings. But for educational institutions to see those precious opportunities, they must look carefully at how student demands that have been changing for two decades are nudged into hyper-warp speed by COVID-19. A recent Wiley Education Services (WES) study (January 2020) examined the aspirations of fully online students. The findings are relevant to West Texas A&M University as it genuinely seeks to serve students as individuals with diverse needs.

WT's pre-COVID-19 goal was to serve half of our students on campus and the other half online (50/50). The goal still stands. Each modality benefits the other.

Here are a few conclusions from the WES study.

Students are concerned about efficacy, cost and return on their investment. Many factors impact choice of study options for online students. To be sure, over half cited costs as a key consideration, as do on-campus learners. Advertised prices and actual costs borne by students are not always the same. Time to complete the degree, assistance through scholarships and financial aid all moderate cost. Eight of ten of the online students surveyed "believe their program was worth the overall cost"—a silver sliver of value.

A second finding was that students want to feel good about their place of study. They seek a university with a good reputation. It is ultimately about pride—no surprise to anyone who studies on campus. It is what makes Buffaloes proud of West Texas A&M University, Longhorns proud

of The University of Texas and Aggies proud of Texas A&M University. Universities yearn for proud graduates. Pride promotes philanthropy. Thoughtfully managed philanthropy breeds educational excellence.

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU), a leader in online education, works to create pride in graduates. One only needs to look at their commercials and the beaming graduates and their families to understand how vital pride is to the success of SNHU. They spend millions in prime time advertising—no talk about academic excellence, faculty quality or admissions selectivity. Instead, students are shown to be proud of their accomplishments and thankful to SNHU. Reputation drives pride. In fact, two out of three online students are willing to pay more for an experience they are proud of.

COVID-19 will motivate students to study online. According to WES, online students typically enroll at institutions within 50 miles of where they live. Online and on-campus students negotiate work, study and family commitments in a tough triangle of trials to achieve career advancement. The best institutions create a sense of pride for students in all settings. The value of local credentials and campus attachment, even campus events and sports, for online students is important. For an evolving regional research university such as WT, this attention to the particular needs of online students and pride of place builds a reputation in response to student aspirations. Another silver sliver of pride.

Public universities in Texas and other states are encouraged through legislative direc-

tives and incentive funding to help students graduate in a timely manner. Four- and six-year graduation rates and retention rates are measured at every public university in the state. These are most important for traditional-age students of 18 to 24, but timely degree completion has value for non-traditional online students as well.

Online learners are interested in educational expediency. Too often, we associate timeliness with a drive-through car wash. It gets the job done, but without the love and care of someone using a hose and sponge in the driveway. Time-to-degree completion follows in the third spot behind cost and reputation. Institutions that equate concern for timely completion as a lack of concern for intellectual depth or academic rigor miss the point. Being responsive to the needs of students to complete studies in a reasonable amount of time, on-campus or online, will become more critical and is yet one more sliver of silver from the COVID-19 cloud.

While cost, reputation and timeliness seem of heightened value in current circumstances, these considerations have been important at excellent universities since the beginning of the second millennium. West Texas A&M University will be responsive to students both on campus and online as we serve the upper reaches of Texas. Sharp focus is required to see a silver lining in the online onslaught created by the COVID cloud.

Walter V. Wendler is President of West Texas A&M University. His weekly columns are available at <http://walterwendler.com/>.

State Sales Tax Revenue Totaled \$2.7 Billion in June

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced that state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.67 billion in June, 6.5 percent less than in June 2019. The majority of June sales tax revenue is based on sales made in May and remitted to the agency in June. Widespread social distancing requirements were relaxed across much of the state in May.

"The decline in state sales tax collections was driven principally by steep drops in remittances from oil- and gas-related sectors," Hegar said. "Collections from the construction and amusement service sectors were also sharply down."

"While collections from restaurants also were depressed, the extent of the decline was checked by increased takeout and delivery sales. Retail trade receipts rose significantly, buoyed by increased online

shopping and building material purchases, as business premises were modified for COVID-19 precautions.

"Retail sales likely also were boosted by increased alcoholic beverage sales at package, grocery and convenience stores. That's because this category of spending shifted from restaurant and bar on-premise consumption, subject to mixed beverage taxes, to purchases for at-home consumption subject to sales tax. Increased spending by businesses to facilitate teleworking resulted in higher tax collections from vendors of computer hardware and software products."

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in June 2020 was down 9.7 percent compared to the same period a year ago. Sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 57 percent of all tax col-

lections, but the effects of the economic slowdown and low oil prices also were evident in other sources of revenue in June 2020.

Texas collected the following revenue from other major taxes: (1) motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$394 million, down 7.6 percent from June 2019, a substantial improvement from results in April and May; (2) motor fuel taxes — \$250 million, down 24 percent from June 2019; (3) natural gas production tax — \$20 million, down 84 percent from June 2019; (4) oil production tax — \$83 million, down 77 percent from June 2019; (5) hotel occupancy tax — \$23 million, down 61 percent from June 2019, an improvement from the record decline in May; and (6) alcoholic beverage taxes — \$65 million, down 47 percent from June 2019, significantly better than May's results.

New Pima cotton interest could bring cotton fungus to Texas Plains

AgriLife Extension warns exclusion prevention is best control method

by Kay Ledbetter

The Texas Plains cotton-growing region is not known for raising Pima varieties of cotton, but an increasing interest in the crop has Texas A&M AgriLife officials concerned the newcomer will bring with it a yield-limiting fungus that could be introduced to the larger Upland cotton growing area.

Pima cotton

FOV4 can leave large bare areas in fields as the result of seedling death. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo by Dr. Tom Isakeit)

Fusarium wilt of cotton race 4, known as FOV4, has had a very limited impact on Texas cotton so far. In 2017, AgriLife personnel first confirmed its presence in at least 30 fields in two Far West counties — El Paso and Hudspeth.

The effects of the disease can be seen as large, bare areas in fields, as a result of seedling death earlier in the season.

"For many years, most of Texas' Pima cotton was grown only in these two Far West counties, but this year,

there has been expansion of Pima acreage outside of this area, notably in the South Plains and High Plains," said Thomas Isakeit, Ph.D., Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service plant pathologist, College Station.

Bringing Pima cotton to a new region

Cecilia Monclova-Santana, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension plant pathologist, Lubbock, said while the acres are not widespread, there have been more and more producers in the counties surrounding Lubbock and north into the High Plains planting Pima cotton.

"So far, it's still just on a farmer-to-farmer basis, so there's not a large amount here yet," Monclova-Santana said. "These farmers are deciding to go with Pima because it has a better price in the market, and they already have the equipment that works with it."

Pima cotton has longer fibers than Upland cotton, she explained. Egyptian cotton is a type of Pima cotton, and the longer fibers allow more luxurious items to be made with it, thus

the higher price to the farmer. The Upland cotton is used more for cotton balls, jeans and t-shirts.

"Our concern is the potential introduction of FOV4 to larger cotton production areas such as the South Plains and High Plains via seedborne contamination of susceptible Pima varieties," Isakeit said. "Our strongest recommendation in the past has been to never plant seed originating from the El Paso area. Additionally, growers should be wary of planting seed produced in other areas where FOV4 occurs."

Background on FOV4

When FOV4 was found in the San Joaquin Valley of California in the early 2000s, it spread quickly throughout the area. The pathogen is seedborne and the saving of seed from plants grown in infested soils, as well as the planting of such seed in other fields, contributed to the expansion of the disease in the El Paso area.

"Once FOV4 is introduced into a field, it becomes a permanent resident," Isakeit said. "Unlike other races

of Fusarium wilt, which are already in Texas, FOV4 is more adapted to different soil types and does not require root knot nematode infestation to cause disease. FOV4 is a threat to all cotton production areas of Texas."

In the El Paso area, growers have switched to more resistant varieties of Pima, he said. Upland varieties are also planted.

"We are encouraging producers to still not buy anything from around El Paso," Monclova-Santana said. "This year we are trying to stress everyone to report if they see something unusual so we can catch it early. If they will send samples, we can screen for it."

Monitoring and testing

A concern is if producers are not looking for FOV4 in their fields, the disease might take a longer time to be noticed.

"We have to protect the cotton industry in the area, which is No. 1 in the nation," she said. "The issue with FOV4 is the way it spreads. We have to take extreme measures to prevent it from getting established or we can't

contain it. The services are available to get it identified and contained quickly."

She said Texas A&M AgriLife has a large team working to monitor the situation, because in some cases, a producer could lose up to 60% of a field to just this one disease.

"This year, we tested 72 commercial Upland cotton varieties for susceptibility to FOV4 in an infested field in El Paso County," Isakeit said.

All the varieties had some level of seedling disease, which ranged from 8% to 58% post-emergent damping-off. A lab analysis of samples of the dying seedlings showed that FOV4 was the exclusive pathogen; none of the samples yielded more common and treatable cotton pathogens such as *Rhizoctonia solani* and *Pythium* species.

"This finding is a warning for other areas that FOV4 can still be a problem with Upland varieties," Isakeit said. "Although research is on-going to identify resistance in cotton germplasm, the best control is to prevent the introduction of the pathogen."

DPS Expands DL Service Offerings

As a reminder, DPS launched an appointment solution in May, and now all services at **DL offices are available by appointment only.**

EXPANDED SERVICE OFFERINGS; EXTENSION REMAINS IN PLACE FOR EXPIRED CARDS

DL offices are resuming in-office services for DL and identification card (ID) renewal and replacements. Again, these services are available by appointment only. Previously, as part of the first phase of reopening, appointments were only available for first-time Texas DLs, commercial driver licenses (CDL), learner licenses or identification (ID) cards, as well as those who needed to take a driving test.

It's important to remember that the extension for expiration dates that was granted in response to COVID-19 remains in effect. The extension means that if your Texas ID/DL/CDL/election identification certificate (EIC) card expires on or after March 13, 2020, it falls under the period covered by the State of Disaster Declaration related to COVID-19 and will remain valid for 60 days after which time DPS issues a public notice that the extension period for the disaster declaration has been lifted. **This 60 day notice has not been issued**, and Texans still have time to conduct their renewal transactions.

SCHEDULING AN APPOINTMENT

DL services are now offered by appointment only through the new appointment solution. Customers are able to book appointments for a specific day and time up to six months in advance. DPS has moved to appointments only as part of our efforts to provide additional convenience, reducing the time Texans spend waiting in line at DL offices.

Upon arrival at the DL office, customers can check-in using the kiosk inside the office or from their mobile device. Customers can only check-in up to 30 minutes prior to their appointment time. Due to social distancing requirements related to COVID-19, we ask that customers who arrive more than 30 minutes in advance of their appointment wait in their vehicle until it is time to check-in.

For customers who do not use the online scheduler to make an appointment in advance, all DL offices do have a **limited number** of same day appointments available. These appointments fill up quickly and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Customers who book these appointments can then leave the DL office until their designated appointment time. Additionally, in most offices, customers without appointments may be offered the op-

portunity to be placed on a 'standby' list. These customers are required to wait in the office and are assisted in the event of cancellations or no-shows. The number of standby appointments is limited to ensure that all customers are assisted by the end of the day.

ONLINE SERVICES ALSO AVAILABLE

The majority of customers who come into Texas DL offices (in Fiscal Year 2019, that was 3.2 million people) don't have to. In fact, of the nearly 700,000 Texans whose cards expired during the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent office closure, approximately 150,000 can conduct their transaction online, by phone or by mail, and skip the trip to the DL office. DPS encourages Texans to check the expiration date on their card and call 1-866-DL-RENEW (1-886-357-3639) or visit Texas.gov to see if they are eligible to conduct their transaction online, particularly in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

SAFETY MEASURES ENACTED AT DL OFFICES IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

DPS continues to follow extensive safety measures to limit the spread of COVID-19 and ensure customers and staff are as safe as possible. The following safety measures have been put into place at DL offices across the state:

- All customers and staff are required to wear

face masks or facial coverings. Exceptions under the Governor's Executive Order GA-29 include anyone under the age of 10 and those with a medical condition or disability that prevents wearing a face covering. View the full list here.

- Every person (staff members and customers) will be screened for symptoms prior to coming into a DL office; this includes having their temperature checked.

- Customers may be asked to reschedule their appointment if they do not pass the safety screening.

- Only actual customers will be allowed into DL offices to help limit capacity and ensure everyone can maintain a safe social distance. Exceptions include: persons needing ADA accommodations; elderly persons; parents with small children; and parents and legal guardians needed to complete a transaction.

- DPS staff will sanitize workstations and equipment between each customer transaction.


- Eye examinations will no longer require physical contact with an eye testing machine.

- Customers must pay with a credit card, check or money order. Cash payments will not be accepted.



Scenes from July 4th weekend. Flag and Milk House Market photos by Sharon White. Sunset photo near Friena by Noah Rigler of Plainview.

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Nazareth Playa Tour is July 11th

The latest chapter in a summer full of playa learning opportunities will continue in Nazareth on July 11th with a Playa Field Tour just south of Nazareth from 9-11 a.m.

The morning will open at 9:00 a.m. with a gathering and quick overview of activities at the Home Mercantile Building in downtown Nazareth (corner of Second & Leo Streets, located between Holy Family Church and Nazareth Schools). Attendees can use the restrooms and get a bottle of water and a breakfast bar.

At 9:30 the session will move to the Playa Classroom on the Darryl Birkenfeld place 3/4 mile south of the intersection of Hwy 86 and FM 168 at Nazareth for playa amphibian and insect presentations and a walking tour to identify playa and short-grass prairie plants. The Playa Classroom is marking its 10th anniversary this Playa Tour season and makes educa-

tional materials readily available to those traveling on FM 168.

Ogallala Commons Stewardship Educator Robert Martin will travel from Santa Fe, NM, with live specimens of playa amphibians and reptiles (toads, tiger salamander, frogs, toads, and a snapping turtle to boot) to give participants some idea of the varied amphibians that literally come to life overnight when playas wet up.

Dr. Nancy McIntyre, Professor & Associate Department Chair in Landscape & Community Ecology at Texas Tech, will bring insect capture nets, sweep some samples, and speak on some of the diverse insect life found in playas.

This year's event comes in abbreviated form. July sessions at Nazareth are traditionally held in conjunction with the annual German Festival. However, Covid-19

concerns have precluded the popular event this summer, so no noontime meal will be served.


This summer's field tour is limited to the first 30 registrants of all ages. Those interested in attending are asked to contact Darryl Birkenfeld, director of Ogallala Commons, at 806-945-2255 by July 9 to sign up, or email Birkenfeld at darryl@ogallalacommons.org.

Participants will need to wear masks for the indoor portion of the gathering and are advised to wear clothing, a hat, and footwear suitable for outdoor learning and bring sunscreen. Proper social distancing should be easy to follow during the outdoor presentations.

Sponsors of the Playa Tour include Ogallala Commons, the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District, and the Dixon Water Foundation.



(center in photo) Dr. Nancy McIntyre leading a tour at a Playa Field Day at Halfway in the summer of 2015. (Courtesy Photo)



Child Find

Child Find is a program designed to identify, locate and evaluate infants, children and young adults through age 21 who may have a developmental delay or other disability.


If you know a child who may have a problem with learning, speech, vision, hearing, or who has physical or health impairments, please urge his or her parents to **contact their local public school district** for further information.

Child Find (Encontrando Al Niño) es un programa diseñado para identificar, localizar y evaluar a los infantes, niños, y jóvenes que demuestran algún impedimento. Estos servicios son gratuitos (no se cobran) y son brindados a todos los que tienen incapacidades desde que nacen hasta los 21 años de edad sin tomar en cuenta la severidad del impedimento.

Si conoce usted algún niño que muestra problemas o dificultades en una o más de las siguientes áreas: Discapacidad Física, Dificultad en Oír, Impedimento Visual, Inestabilidad Emocional, Problemas de Aprendizaje, Disfunción de Lenguaje, Impedimentos de Salud.


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Kambree Kimbrough received her Lone Star Degree this week at the virtual Texas State FFA Convention. This is the highest degree of membership the State FFA Association can award. She has worked very hard over the last three years to receive this award.