



Parmer County COVID-19 stats As of Friday, July 31, 2020

Tested at Parmer Medical Center
782



Negative Results from Parmer Medical Center
519

Positive Results from PMC
253

Pending Results from PMC
10

Parmer County Residents Positive Results From All Test Sites
312

It's full speed ahead!!!



The 2020 Friona Chieftain football team will feature three of the fastest athletes in the area. Running backs Malachi Torres (left), Jacob Bautista (right) and quarterback Bryan Chavira (center) will give defensive coordinators a lot to think about when trying to develop a game plan. All three, along with Eduardo Chavez, were on the 4x100M relay team last spring. Friona is scheduled to scrimmage Bushland on Thursday, August 20th in Bushland.

Friona High School Important Events

Parent Meeting at Chieftain Field
August 10th at 7 p.m.
Discuss Covid-19 information, Title I, and Open House

Students can pick up their schedules in the FHS library on the following dates and times:

- Seniors: August 11th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
- Juniors: August 11th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Sophomores: August 13th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Freshman Orientation and Title I Meeting
August 13th from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at FHS Varsity Gym

If you would like to have FHS provide remote, at-home, virtual learning please notify Erika Montana, Friona High School Principal, to set up a meeting to discuss what home, virtual learning will entail. Please call 250-3951 to set up a meeting by August 14, 2020

Governor provides update on PPE distribution to Texas schools

Governor Greg Abbott visited the Texas Division of Emergency Management's (TDEM) Warehouse in San Antonio on Tuesday, where he provided an update on the state's distribution of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to Texas school districts for the 2020-2021 academic year. The Governor noted that the state will continue to purchase and distribute PPE to schools at no cost to the school districts.

The Governor also discussed the Texas Education Agency's (TEA) guidance for school openings—noting that local school boards have the ability to determine how and when to open for in-person instruction.

"Health and safety remain our top priority as we approach the upcoming school year," said Governor Abbott. "To meet that priority, the State of Texas is

purchasing and distributing vast amounts of PPE to Texas school districts. As local school boards make determinations on how and when they choose to open schools, the state is working to help ensure that there will be a strong supply of PPE waiting for them to keep students, teachers, and staff safe."

The state has already distributed the following to Texas schools:

- 59,410,640 masks
- 567,948 gallons of hand sanitizer
- 24,017 thermometers
- 511,294 face shields

As previously announced by the TEA, local school boards have up to a 4-week back to school transition period during which they can offer a solely remote instructional setting if that is deemed needed for the health and safety of students, teachers, staff and parents. After 4 weeks, the



school district can extend the transition period up to another 4 weeks with a vote of the school board and receiving a waiver. If any school district believes they need an extension beyond 8 weeks due to COVID-19 related issues, the TEA will review that request on a case-by-case basis.

The Governor also discussed the Supply Chain

Strike Force and TDEM's broader efforts to purchase and distribute PPE supplies to meet the needs of Texas communities. The TDEM Warehouse has distributed the following PPE since the pandemic began:

- 794,370 coveralls
- 4,095,892 face shields
- 32,972,340 gloves
- 7,409,424 gowns
- 132,850,406 masks



Artist's rendition of the new Library Book Shop (courtesy of Friona Public Library)

Library announces plans for new book shop

The Friona Public Library will be soliciting bids for the new Library Book Shop. The nine hundred square foot facility will be located on the site of the current library garden. The new Book Shop will be accessible from inside the Friona Public Library and via the store front on Euclid Avenue.

"This new location will be close to 3-times as large as the current book shop and give visitors, students, and other local groups the opportunity to gather in a larger space," said City Manager Lee Davila. "I've met with our city staff, library team, Friends of the Library President, and Library Board President to assure we took everyone's needs into consideration."

Those interested in placing a construction bid, can visit the City's website at:

<https://www.cityoffriona.com/bidsrfps>.

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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 August 6-12	T ☁️☀️ 98 69 SSW 15-25	F ☁️☀️ 98 69 SSW 10-20	S ☁️☀️ 98 68 SSW 10-20	S ☀️ 98 68 SSW 10-20	M ☀️ 98 67 SSW 10-20	T ☀️ 98 67 SSW 10-20	W ☀️ 98 67 SSW 10-20	Precipitation August 0.29 Year 8.12	Burn Ban: Yes
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Community Calendar

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

- August 10**
- Teachers first day back to campus
- August 17**
- Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at noon at The Farmwife Kitchen
- August 19**
- First Day of School

COVID-19 News

Coronavirus cases confirmed

As of August 4, 2020

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|--|--|
| Texas Panhandle:
8,470 cases, 137 deaths
6,858 recoveries | Eastern New Mexico:
685 cases, 4 deaths
Curry County: 483
Quay County: 33
Roosevelt County: 142
Union County: 27 |
| Armstrong County: 8
Briscoe County: 11
Carson County: 13
Castro County: 170
Childress County: 34
Collingsworth County: 7
Cottle County: 14
Dallam County: 183
Deaf Smith County: 677
Donley County: 43
Gray County: 187
Hall County: 8
Hansford County: 59
Hartley County: 91
Hemphill County: 41
Hutchinson County: 114
Lipscomb County: 15
Moore County: 1,013
Motley County: 4
Ochiltree County: 84
Oldham County: 13
Parmer County: 311
Potter County: 3,571
Randall County: 1,646
Roberts County: 7
Sherman County: 37
Swisher County: 75
Wheeler County: 34 | Oklahoma Panhandle:
1,073 cases, 7 deaths,
1,039 recoveries
Beaver County: 36
Cimarron County: 1
Texas County: 1,036 |
| Texas:
471,000 cases
7,948 deaths | United States:
4,870,000 cases
160,000 deaths
2,390,000 recoveries |
| Worldwide:
18,600,000 cases
701,000 deaths
11,200,000 recoveries | |

FISD announces new Ag teachers



Meet the new Ag teachers (l-r): Mark Edens, Maggie Roque, and Tyler Hatley

Friona ISD announced the addition of three new Ag teachers for the upcoming school year. Mark Edens has 39 years of teaching experience with 19 years in agricul-

ture. He has a Masters Degree from Texas Tech University and is a native of Clint, Texas which is south of El Paso. Mark will oversee the Ag Department. Tyler Hatley is a native of Shallowater and has three years of teaching experience. He is a graduate of Texas Tech University and his

specialty is welding. Maggie Roque is a native of Amherst and is starting her "rookie" year in the education field. She is a graduate of Texas Tech University and her specialty is Floriculture. All three agreed that their goal is to build a "World Class" ag program at FHS.

E-STAR SUBSCRIPTIONS

\$24.00 PER YEAR

Call 806-250-2211 for more information

Parmer Paws



Ongoing construction at the new Parmer Paws building at Highway 60 and Euclid.



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

ACROSS

- TX events: "chili cook-"
- Pearsall is the seat of this county
- "to the brim"
- TXism: "it's nothing to write about"
- former immigration agcy. before ICE
- insert in a body
- TXism: "I maybe, and that's final" (uncommitted)
- Seur led first French expedition in Texas
- TXism: "leave stone unturned"
- crush or squash
- mongrel dog
- flowers usually woman's heart
- headgear for a rodeo man (2 wds.)
- hosp. area for trauma patients
- soldier groups
- "of the crowd"
- TX Trini sang "If Hammer"
- TXism: " ' for" (crave)
- Sam Houston's Cherokee name
- TXism: "he camps out in corner" (religious)
- Houston center
- Olajuwon's initials (original spelling)
- dweeb

- earthquake (2 wds.)
- alcohol spirits
- theology doctoral deg.
- 25th TX governor, Colquitt (init.)
- TX Willie sang "On the Side of the Street"
- TX picnic favorite: home cream
- viscous green shampoo
- wager at Lone Star Park horse track (2 wds.)

- DOWN**
- TXism: "shoots mouth" (talk before thinking)
 - "Biggest Small Town in Texas"
 - movie company that filmed "Ruby" "Lava , ,"
 - one and only
 - TXism: " have to get better to die" (very sick)
 - in Huntsville: "Sam Houston Museum"
 - TXism: "turn about is fair "
 - flagellate
 - TXism: "thick on a dog's back"
 - "doesn't apply" abbr.
 - what TX nurses provide (abbr.)
 - TXism: "dumb as a in Jones County on highway 6
 - "honey do" task
 - Pleasant, TX (abbr.)
 - unit of work
 - stolen goods
 - TXism: "I can dance tune" (agree)

TEXAS CROSSWORD

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solution on page 9

- TXism: "there's more way to skin a cat" in Red River County on U.S. 82 affiliation of Dallas' Paul Quinn College (abbr.)
- film: "Finding "
- silent, quiet
- Canadian "Mounties" (abbr.)
- bed covering
- Tar Heels univ.
- TXism: "skinny as "
- actress Winger

ON YOUR PAYROLL

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SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

(7/27/20) Luis Vendrell Jr, 20, of Massachusetts was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on a charge of Possession Marijuana < 2 oz, pending County Court.

(7/27/20) Juan Villegas, 22, of Midland was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on charges of Possession CS Pg2 > 4g < 400g, pending District Court and Possession Marijuana < 4 oz > 2 oz, pending County Court.

(7/28/20) Salvador Herrera, 19, of Friona was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of FTA (injury to a child), pending District Court.

(7/29/20) Matthew Castillo, 31, of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charges of Assault and Terroristic Threat, pending County Court.

(8/2/20) Monterey Gustavo, 31, of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of DWI w/child under 15 years of age, pending Grand Jury.

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Saturday 10-3

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COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from July 17, 2020 to July 30, 2020

(7-20-20) Rex Wells, Sue Wells — Herlinda Delgadillo — A tract of land out of Sec 31 t1N R4E Capitol Syndicate Subdiv. in Parmer County

(7-20-20) Rafael S. Serna, erma L. Serna — Royal United Mortgage — All of L 28, 29, and the S 12.5 ft. of L 30 of B 20 of the Original Town of Farwell in Parmer County

(7-21-20) Samuel Espinoza — Gloria Carrasco — N/2 of L 4 B 81 Original Town of Bovina in Parmer County

(7-21-20) Anastacia Sosa — Sea Scrolls LLC — All of L 9, 10, and 11 of B 16 of the Original Town of Farwell in Parmer County

(7-22-20) Gilbert Valdiviezo, Adriana Reyna Valdiviezo — Isabel Cristina Ruiz — All of Lot 17, 18, and 19 B 29 of the Original Town of Farwell in Parmer County

(7-24-20) Darrel Stark, Delia Silva, Delia Stark — Darrel Stark, Delia Stark — the N 35 ft. of L 6 and the S 45 ft. of L 7 of B 6 of the Staley Addition in City of Friona Vol 93 Pg 571 in Parmer County

(7-24-20) John Ingram, Beverly Ingram — Jarrell and Karen Wright Supplemental Needs Trust — All of 9.812 Ac. of a part of the NE 1/4 of a Capitol Syndicate Subdiv. in Parmer County Vol. 2 Pg. 495 in Parmer County

(7-27-20) Jeff Grissom, Denise Grissom — Arlin Leroy Hartzog, Trudy Diane Hartzog — A 161.505 Ac. tract out of W 339.802 Ac. out of the S Part of Sec. 4 B E of a Capitol Syndicate Subdiv. of Parmer County Vol. 9 Pg. 96 in Parmer County

(7-27-20) Melodee Hansard — John Clifford Hansard — S 20' of L 4 and all of L 5 B 9 Drake Srvised Subdiv. in Friona in Parmer County

(7-28-20) Heaven Scent Laundry and Dry Cleaning LLC — Eric H. Arreola, Maria Marrufo — All of E 100' of L 29, 30, 31, and 32 b 1 Original Town of Farwell in Parmer County

(7-28-20) Estate of Juanita Hernandez — Joseph M. Olvera, Sabrina S. Olvera — L 7 Eastview Addition to the City of Bovina

(7-29-20) Child Support Office — Eloy Saul Aleman — Child Support Lien

(7-29-20) Terry Dan Parham, Cecelia Parham — Jeffery Bruce Boehning, Tisha Young Boehning — A 11.63 Ac. tract of land out of E/2 of Sec. 81 B H Kelly Subdiv. of Parmer County

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

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- 2.) Click on the "newspaper archives" link
- 3.) Search



TOWN TALK

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The Prairie Acres "Resident of the Month" for August is Lorraine Jarecki. The "Employee of the Month" is Esmeralda Rangel. Esmeralda works in the house-keeping department and has been with Prairie Acres since June 2020. Also, Larry Kelly celebrated a birthday on August 1st and Zaylin Campos on August 5th. Prairie Acres is still under visitor restrictions and screens all employees for symptoms before they enter the building. Also, aggressive infection control techniques are being utilized and all new (or hospitalized) residents must undergo a quarantine for 2 weeks.

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Don't Forget! You can save money on clothes and school supplies during the state's sales tax holiday on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 7th-9th. The law exempts sales tax on qualified items such as clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks that are priced below \$100. Online shopping is included and supplies that may be purchased tax-free are listed on the Comptroller's website at TexasTaxHoliday.org.

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In the original 10 month Roman calendar, August was the sixth month with 30 days and was originally named Sextilis. In 8 BC, the Roman Senate rewarded Octavian Augustus a month in his honor. The founder and first emperor of the Roman Empire selected Sextilis, which under the Julian calendar was the eighth month with the addition of January and February. Renamed to Augustus, there remained the issue of the month having fewer days than Julius (July). Whether Octavian adjusted the number of days to match that of July is uncertain, but the result left February with 28 days except in a leap year and September and November each gave up a day to October and December to avoid

a trifecta of 31 days in a row. For hubris or pride or both, the Julian calendar came to be. Today, August is the eighth month of the modern calendar with 31 days.

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August birthdays celebrate with the gladiolus and poppy. Other flowers coming into bloom in August include goldenrod and salvia. Peridot and spinel are the birthstones of those born in August. Peridot is a semi-precious olive or lime-green stone found in lava flows and veins from the United States to Finland and Pakistan, among others. Found in shades of pink, red, blue, violet, and lavender; spinel is a more recent addition to the August birthstones.

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Amarillo College is taking part in a one-year project using a \$287,000 grant from the Texas Workforce Commission to help businesses hit by the Coronavirus pandemic. The training will be offered to businesses and employees within Potter, Randall, Deaf Smith, Moore, Carson, Castro, Oldham, Parmer, and Swisher counties and Amarillo College can provide up to \$2,000 per trainee. Amarillo College is offering welding, wind energy, machining and electromechanical courses as well as health science. If you feel you can take advantage of this program, call (806) 335-4309 for manufacturing and energy, or (806) 356-3650 for health sciences.

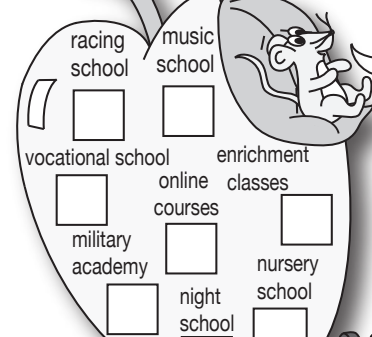
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National Days

- August 6: Root Beer Float Day
- August 7: Purple Heart Day
- August 8: Garage Sale Day
- August 9: Book Lovers Day
- August 10: S'mores Day
- August 11: Kinetic Sand Day
- August 12: Vinyl Record Day



Back to School!



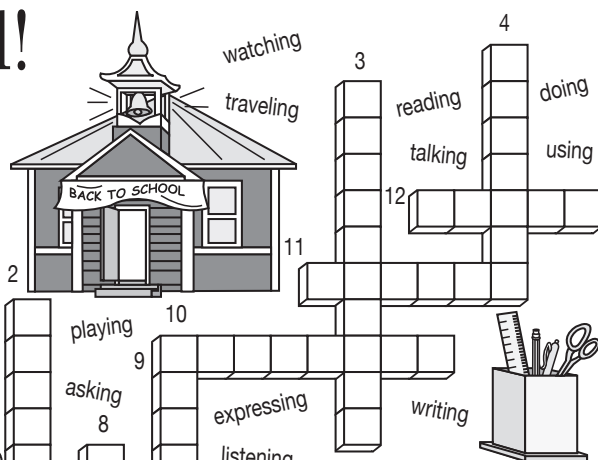
People of all ages are going back to school! Yes, all ages! Some are getting a basic education, some are preparing for kindergarten or college, and others are interested in learning skills and trades to help them land a better job or build a career. It doesn't matter how old we are - we all can learn something new to help ourselves.

Some of the words on this page are hard! Don't let it bug you.

People have different needs, dreams and goals. There are many kinds of schools and programs to help people achieve what they want to do.

Can you match each school in the apple above to its purpose below? Write the number (1, 2, 3,...) of each purpose in the correct box.

1. teaches a skill or trade to help you on a job or career path
2. teaches how to get along with others and other pre-kindergarten skills
3. for people who work or take care of children during the day
4. prepares people for service and leadership in the armed forces
5. lets people keep on learning and trying new things
6. lessons taught and completed on a computer
7. business, recording arts, how to set up live events
8. safety, vehicle care, skid control, driving awareness



Schools are busy places. What is everyone doing? Read the clues below to fill in the crossword.

1. about feelings
2. on field trips
3. ideas through art and music
4. books
5. games
6. to teachers and classmates
7. rules
8. experiments
9. films
10. stories
11. questions
12. software and computers

School Days Around the World



Students in countries all over the world are excited to be starting a new school year. Read the fun clues, then match each one to the country it describes.

1. strict dress code that even limits hair styles; sometimes pack lunches in 'bento' boxes: rice, meat, soup and vegetables
2. boys and girls in separate classrooms; enjoy spiced meat and noodles for lunch; some live far away so a bus with books is used to reach them
3. students have the same classmates from grades 1-10; no uniforms, students told to dress warmly; schools serve beet soup, bread, meat and a grain
4. students enjoy a long 2 hour lunch break often with bread, cheese and a salad; school year is in 4 sessions
5. in southern hemisphere so summer vacation is December and January; lunch: meat pies, egg and lettuce sandwich
6. school year is January to December, with a month break each semester; classes are in one of three languages: Hausa, Yoruba or Ibo; bread, vegetables and fruit for lunches

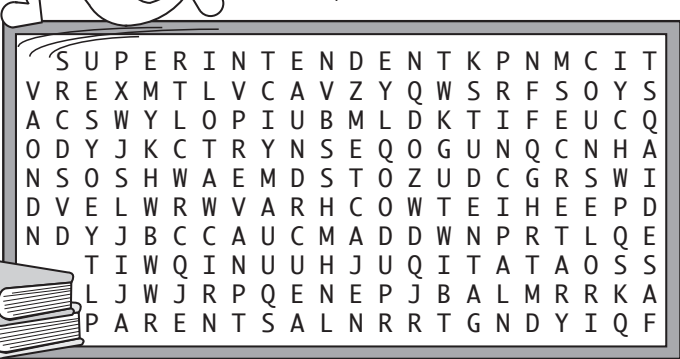
- A. France
- B. Australia
- C. Japan
- D. Iran
- E. Nigeria
- F. Russia

What Makes a School Run?



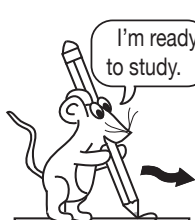
It takes many people to make a school run smoothly. Do you know who they are? Twelve staff members and class helpers are hidden in the puzzle. Can you find and circle them?

- teacher
- student
- aides
- cooks
- nurse
- parents
- librarian
- secretary
- principal
- custodian
- superintendent
- counselor

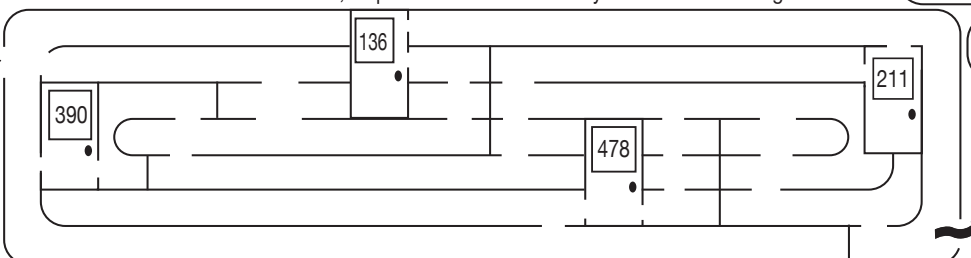


Set a Goal and Go For It

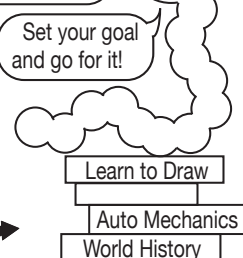
Help little mouse find his way into and out of the doors of each classroom. Visit them in the order listed on his schedule. Then, help little mouse find his way out of the maze to graduate.



Schedule	Room
Science	136
English	211
Math	390
History	478



You don't have to be a bookworm to hunger for books.



- Learn to Draw
- Auto Mechanics
- World History

FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



LAST FRIDAY...was a historic day at the Friona Star, as it was the last time for Holly Campbell and her mom, Laura Hart to address the newspapers on the old addressing machine. After over 50 years, new computer labels are now being phased in. (Friona Star, June 2, 2000)

Ivy Cottage Bridal Registry

Maegan Davis & John O'Brian

Cassidy Devault & Tyler Hough

Lindy Wiseman & Lino Tarango

Ivy Cottage • 250-8073

State Sales Tax Revenue Totaled Nearly \$3 Billion in July

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.98 billion in July, 4.3 percent more than in July 2019. The majority of July sales tax revenue is based on sales made in June and remitted to the agency in July. Widespread social distancing requirements were more relaxed across the state in June than in previous months.

"State sales tax collections in July were better than expected, increasing despite the high unemployment due to the pandemic," Hegar said. "The increase was due to a surge in collections from the retail trade sector; receipts from other major sectors — including mining, construction, wholesale trade, services and restaurants — showed significant declines."

"Collections from e-com-

merce were up sharply, as many consumers chose to shop online rather than at brick-and-mortar stores. Also, more online marketplace and remote vendors are required to collect and remit Texas tax following the Wayfair decision and subsequent legislation passed last session. Increased time spent at home both for teleworking and staycations, in lieu of leisure travel, spurred sharply higher spending for home improvements.

"Collections from food and beverage stores also were up strongly, as consumers replaced purchases of alcohol from restaurants and bars with alcohol purchased for off-premise consumption (alcohol sales at bars and restaurants are subject to mixed beverage taxes, not sales and use tax)," Hegar said. "Col-

lections from sporting goods stores also rose significantly, as consumers turned to home workouts, bicycling, boating, camping and other forms of outdoor recreation consistent with social distancing.

"With about 1.3 million Texans with continued claims for insured unemployment and another 184,000 receiving benefits under the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program in June, it's likely that consumer spending was significantly supported by enhanced benefits provided by the federal CARES Act and related legislation enacted in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. With the expiration of these benefits at the end of July, consumer spending and sales tax collections may decline in coming months."

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in July 2020 was down 5.3 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 collections. The effects of the economic slowdown and low oil prices were more evident in other sources of revenue in July 2020, though most were improved compared to previous months.

Texas collected the following revenue from other major taxes: (1) motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$466 million, down 3.7 percent from July 2019; (2) motor fuel taxes — \$304 million, down 2.2 percent from July 2019; (3) oil production tax — \$187 million, down 40 percent from July 2019; (4) natural gas production tax — \$37 million, down 71 percent from July 2019; (5) hotel occupancy tax — \$34 million, down 42 percent from July 2019; and (6) alcoholic beverage taxes — \$110 million, down 6.2 percent from July 2019.

Happy Birthday Friona Folks!

August 6

Paul Mohr
Kaleb Rainey
Tori Fleming

August 7

Jud Sims
Kayl Schueler
Alma Norwood
Mareike Preyer

August 8

Jason Vaughn
Michelle Schlenker
Tim Messer
Heather Lewellen
Rhonda North
Kim Herring
LaDonna Grubbs
Mason Loflin

August 9

David Gonzales
Rickey Rector
Dr. Rick Roden
Cheryl Weatherly
Cole Pena
Jace Jarecki
David Blackburn
Andrew Zamora

August 10

Imogene Smith
Kathryn Goddard
Dustin Potts
Owen Fluck
Harrison Fluck
Dickey Garner
Kendall Kimbrough
Geneva Gustin

August 11

Briana (Wright) Anderson
Clifford McLellan
Kendrick Burns
Raquel Kuper
Jackie Hatcher

August 12

Becky Jones
Lisa Weatherly
Mindy Johnson
Mary Johnston
Ann Schueler



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A message from Andy, your pharmacist:

You may have noticed Bi-Wize is still restricting access to the store, limiting the number of customers, and requiring face masks to enter. I know these restrictions are really starting to wear on everyone. However, we feel it is imperative that your access to prescription medications is judiciously protected, especially at this time. We will continue to be a little "over the top" in our precautions, because your health is our primary concern.

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Gas prices remain quiet

By GasBuddy

Texas gas prices have fallen 1.2 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$1.86 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations. Gas prices in Texas are 1.8 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 57.9 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$1.39 while the most expensive is \$2.69 per gallon. The national average price of gasoline is unchanged in the last week, averaging \$2.17 per gallon. The national average is unchanged from a month ago and stands 53.0 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

"Impressively and for a fifth straight week, average gas prices have remained quiet, with prices fluctuating less than a few cents per gallon over the last month. While it's been a bit of a bore, it's certainly still to motorists advantage as prices remain at their lowest seasonally in well over a decade," said Patrick De

Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "Gasoline demand looks to be trending higher, but just barely, which could eventually end the stable gas prices. For now, heading into the last few weeks of summer, I don't think we'll see the national average eclipse \$2.25 per gallon, so if you're making plans for Labor Day, that will mean just about everyone is in the \$2 per gallon range, with the exception of California and Hawaii. It won't be a bad time if you're choosing to hit the road, as over a dozen states still have average gas prices under \$2 per gallon."

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 FuelInsights.GasBuddy.com.



Lions Club News

Joy Heerding, Executive Director of Created With Purpose, was the guest speaker at the Friona Noon Lions Club meeting last Monday. Created With Purpose of West Texas is a life-affirming organization striving to share the love of Christ for men and women making pregnancy decisions in a safe, non-judgmental and encouraging environment through education, empowerment and love. For more information, please call 806-251-4673 or 575-309-8031.



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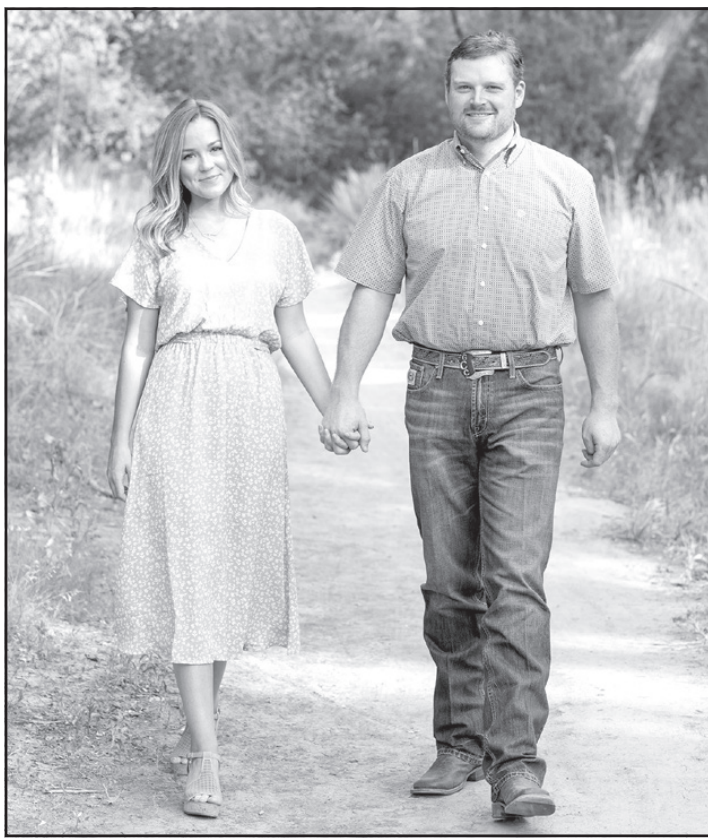
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Engagement



Hokanson - Clark

James and Rachel Clark of Amarillo TX (formerly of Friona), are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Galen Charles, to Adelyn Joelle Hokanson. Adelyn is the daughter of Dennis and Lisa Hokanson of Dumas, Texas.

Adelyn is a 2014 Home-school graduate, and a 2019 graduate of West Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Advertising and Public Relations.

Galen is a 2012 graduate of San Jacinto Christian Academy and a 2015 graduate of West Texas A&M University

with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture Business & Economics.

The couple will exchange wedding vows at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 29, 2020 at the Trinity Fellowship Church in Amarillo, Texas.

Adelyn works in the Communications Department at Trinity Fellowship Church in Amarillo. Galen is a Branch Manager at Tascosa Pump & Supply in Amarillo. The couple plan to reside in Amarillo.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a wedding shower will be scheduled at a later date.

Panhandle Parables

“Doing The Impossible” Lesson 2

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

Last week we discussed Mr. Miyagi and the lessons he was teaching Daniel by using everyday tasks to prepare Daniel to have a better defense in the movie Karate Kid. Jesus does the same when we look at the Sermon on the Mount. There is another scene in the movie that is pretty impressive even if it is a movie.

Daniel comes into the room with Mr. Miyagi, who is sitting cross-legged on the floor with chop sticks in hand. He is attempting to catch a fly with the chop sticks. A relatively impossible task. Daniel joins him in the hunt for a fly using chop sticks. Daniel in a stroke of luck or skill, actually catches a fly between chop sticks. Mr. Miyagi who has spent years in this

pursuit is not extremely impressed.

There has to be a great sense of accomplishment to do something that no one has been able to do before. There are many awe inspiring events and people who have done amazing things. Charles Lindberg crossing the Atlantic in the first non-stop flight. Neil Armstrong setting foot on the moon. There are countless seemingly impossible tasks that were overcome in the human arena.

Yet there is one that only One did that stands as a fundamental element of faith. Jesus, rose from the dead never to die again. Yes, others had been raised, but all died again. One might argue Elijah didn't die, but he was not the Christ the Savior of the world, by de-

feating death as a sinless sacrifice. Yet the amazing thing about that is that He offers us what seems to be impossible. Life forever! Yes, my earthly tent will likely come to an end, but because of what Jesus did, my end is only a corridor to a new beginning. This is the hope. Do you want to do the impossible? Then faith and obedience truly is the key. The power that raised Jesus from the dead is offered to you daily. No need for chop sticks, just pick up His Word and see what God wants to do through you.

My Challenge for you this week is to see that God wants to unleash His power in your life, but you must not look at what is impossible for man, but what is possible with God.

Observe the Sabbath

By Teena Hughs

I have been reading Ezekiel, and one of the things that caught my eye was the number of times God told Ezekiel He was upset with the Israelites for violating the Sabbath. In Ezekiel 22: 26, God said, “They disregard my Sabbath days so that My Holy Name is greatly dishonored among them.”

I have only known one couple who took honoring the Sabbath seriously, Ron and Mary Oliver of Satanta, Kansas. Their Sabbath was Sunday. They went to church, and that was pretty much it. They rested the remainder of the day. They were farmers, and every once in a while they might cut off the water to their crops, but that was it.

The Sabbath is important to God. It is the fourth commandment according to Exodus 20: 8-11: “Remember to observe the Sabbath day by keeping it

holy. Six days a week are set apart for your daily duties and regular work, but the seventh day is a day of rest dedicated to the LORD your God. On that day no one in your household may do any kind of work. This includes you, your sons and daughters, your male and female servants, your livestock, and any foreigners living among you. For in six days the LORD made the heavens, the earth, the sea, and everything in them; then he rested on the seventh day. That is why the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and set it apart as holy.” Leviticus 23: 3 also says that the Sabbath is “a holy day to assemble for worship. It must be observed wherever you live.”

Yes, the Sabbath is important to God, even today. In Mark 2: 27, Jesus said, “The Sabbath was made to benefit people, and not people to benefit the Sabbath.” Af-

ter all God and Jesus have done for us, they were still thinking of us; they were concerned for us and our well being, and they created a day of rest for us.

Yes, God was upset with the Israelites for violating the Sabbath. It was one of the reasons He had them exiled to Babylon and Jerusalem destroyed. He knows what can happen to us when we don't get enough rest; but, He also knows what happens to us when we don't take time to honor Him. We just drift farther and farther away from Him and get more and more into the world.

Whatever circumstances we find ourselves in, we need to find a day in the week to rest and honor God. He did create the Sabbath for us and our benefit, and we need to do everything we can to observe it. God knows best; we must honor Him and trust that He does.

Book Blessings

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Colossians 2:8 says, “See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.” Believers today must be on guard against a host of spiritual ideas that are false and unchristian so that we can minister the true gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Knowing the truth of the Word of God is essential for one to be equipped in regards

to false ideas that persist today. “Fast Facts on False Teachings,” by Ron Carlson and Ed Decker is an extremely helpful book that deals with sixteen different false teachings that go against the scriptures. Each chapter deals with various groups by laying out their general beliefs and where it does not line up with scripture. The chapters are pretty short and cover groups such as Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons, Islam, Roman Catholicism and more

with the purpose of equipping readers how to better witness the gospel and stand in the truth. For Christians unfamiliar with many of the teachings of other religions regarding Jesus or the Bible, this book will be eye opening and very beneficial. I highly recommend this as a tool that should be in the library of every believer as a tool that will help you minister the gospel and refute the falsehoods about Jesus that persist in our day.

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State Capital Highlights

By Chris Cobler



COVID-19 surge in nursing homes worries editor

Thank you for all the well wishes after my first "Capital Highlights" column last week. I also appreciate the emails suggesting topics of high interest.

Agriculture, oil, education and health care top the list so far, but please keep the conversation going about what's happening in your corner of our big state and what is of highest interest to you.

One editor emailed to say he was highly concerned about the spread of COVID-19 in nursing homes in his community. The data at the Texas Department of State Health Services for his county is about two weeks old, he said, even though the state website promises daily updates.

Last week, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission released its first list of COVID-19 cases and deaths with details about individual Texas nursing homes. The initial release showed nursing homes accounted for about one-third of Texas' COVID-19 deaths and the number of cases in the health care facilities had more than doubled during July.

In July, Texas reported 3,315 COVID-19 deaths and 252,884 cases. Both totals were more than all other months of the pandemic combined.

Don't plant those mystery seeds

Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller urged Texans to take extreme precaution if the mail brings mysterious seeds from China.

The packets, mailed to multiple states, including Texas, are falsely labeled as jewelry. The seeds could contain harmful invasive species or be otherwise unsafe. The mailings could be part of an online scam to bolster product ratings, Miller said.

People shouldn't throw away the packets because the seeds could grow in the landfill. Instead, email SITC.Mail@aphis.usda.gov for more information.

In an interview with the Texas Tribune, Miller planted more seeds of doubt about China.

"I'm getting sick and tired of these surprises coming out of China," Miller told the Tribune. "First, it was a China virus, then it was murder hornets. Then we had closed down their embassy because of espionage and spying. And now we, you know, we've got all these mysterious seeds."

Doctors not on the front lines

The Texas Medical Association tweeted a MedPage Today story reporting there is no evidence the doctor group in a viral video had any expertise about COVID-19.

The video went viral last week after about 10 physicians, dressed in white coats with an embroidered America's Frontline Doctors logo, spoke for 45 minutes in front of the Supreme Court building. The MedPage Today article detailed the doctors' reported

lack of credentials regarding the pandemic and the allegedly false information they spread.

The Texas Medical Association represents more than 53,000 physicians and medical students.

Texas A&M climbs aboard Operation Warp Speed

A Texas A&M University System subcontractor will mass produce COVID-19 vaccines as part of the federal government's Operation Warp Speed.

A new federal task order, valued at \$265 million, reserved production capacity in College Station through the end of 2021.

"The Texas A&M System is ready to save lives and help protect the country," said John Sharp, chancellor of The Texas A&M University System.

Operation Warp Speed aims to deliver millions of doses of COVID-19 vaccines by the end of the year if the U.S. Food and Drug Administration determines they are safe and effective.

The best in the country

The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center ranks as No. 1 in cancer care in the U.S. News & World Report's 2020-21 "Best Hospitals" survey. The institution has been named one of the nation's top two cancer hospitals since the survey's inception in 1990.

"This incredible honor is especially impactful during these unprecedented times," said Dr. Peter Pisters, MD Anderson president.

Keep your eyes on the road plan

The direction of Texas roads and highways for the next 30 years will be mapped out at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11, during a virtual public hearing.

This is a key opportunity to speak about the Texas Highway Department of Transportation 2050 plan. To register in advance to talk, call 1-855-839-2750 by noon Aug. 10. The WebEx link to attend the meeting is at TxDOT.gov.

The plan estimates Texas will grow from about 29 million to more than 47 million people by 2050, and its gross state product will rise from \$2 trillion to \$7 trillion by 2046. The document also predicts fast technological change in areas such as connected and autonomous vehicles.

The many rural readers of this column may want to weigh in on TxDOT's strategic approach. Less than 10 percent of current state spending is on rural and multimodal connectivity. One of five options in the plan would increase that to almost 35 percent; the other four would devote considerably less to rural areas.

Chris Cobler is a board member and past president of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas. He welcomes email at ccobler@texaspress.com.

Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



Ghana is a country in West Africa. One of my childhood friends, Raleen Martin Sloan, visited in 2016 and returned home with inspiring stories of the work done by founder of the Mercy Project, Chris Field, and the Ghanaians who have joined him.

Beginning in 2009, the organization made its goal to address and combat child trafficking. Poverty in the area around Lake Volta has led to forced child labor.

It is believed that over 7,000 children are working on the lake, the largest manmade lake in the world. Testimonials on the website of parents and children and fishermen indicate that sometimes a parent dies or gets sick or leaves Ghana to seek employment. When this happens, the children are sent to find fishing jobs to support family members who remain at home; fishermen serve as willing participants in securing the cheap labor.

According to the Mercy Project's website (www.mercyproject.net), Field and his staff—now comprised of locals seeking reform for their communities—have partnered with 16 unique fishing villages on Lake Volta, resulting in the rescue of 170 trafficked children. Simply rescuing the children does not solve the problem. Mercy Project came up with an economic option that has benefited the fishing villages and achieved the goal of rescuing child laborers.

Freedom for the children begins when Mercy Project staff educates the fishermen about aquaculture. The organization invests in teaching villagers about growing fishes in cages, enabling the fisher-



men to make more money and not have to use children as labor.

"Once the cages have been built and placed in the water, they are filled with baby fingerlings delivered from Mercy Project's GH Fish hatchery site. Each cage holds ten thousand pinky-finger-length Nile Tilapia which will eventually grow into hearty adult fish worth much more at the local market than the type of fish the villagers had been able to catch previously," said Mercy Project.

Some fishermen say they more than welcome the new system.

"[It] allowed us to grow more fish, make more money, and send the working children back to live with their families. I am proud to know they will be able to go to school now instead of having to work like me."

Mercy Project's mission is to "partner with families and communities trapped in the cycle of poverty, empowering them with sustainable

economic solutions in order to free children from forced labor."

Raleen (far left in photo) shared that the work continues even after the release of the children. With wisdom and foresight, children are first taken to a reunification center to undergo medical care and counseling before being prepared to return home and enroll in school. All of this is a part of the Mercy Project's mission. The rescue is an ongoing outreach for both children and fishermen: family reunification and classroom education for the children and mentoring self-sustaining agriculture for the fishing villages.

Raleen also said that Mercy Project's objective is not to convert people. While faith driven, the organization is respectful of the villages' diverse beliefs.

"When we were there, I went to the village Catholic church. And, the Muslims and the Christians live together in peace," said Raleen.

You may want to read more to see how you can participate at www.mercyproject.net. Or, search out nonprofits in our own country whose primary focus is helping children. If nothing else, share this work with your own children so that they have some global perspective of life challenges for boys and girls their age.

Children, no matter what continent they call home, are our future. Let's invest in them with the most valuable resource of all: our time.



What Dental Patients Need to Know about COVID-19 Safety

New Video Shows the Public: It's Safe to Go to the Dentist

The Texas Dental Association (TDA) has released a short video to inform the public about the importance of dental visits during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In this new video, a TDA member dentist explains the enhanced safety precautions taken by Texas dentists. The video also instructs patients on the steps to take to be as safe as possible for their dental appointments. The video can be viewed on YouTube at this link: <http://bit.ly/TDApatientsafety>

Members of the public may be wondering: Is it safe to go to the dentist? Is it a high priority? The answer to both questions is, "Yes!"

It is safe to go to the dentist.

In fact, visiting the dentist is important for whole-body health and illness prevention. This new video shows how dental offices have adapted and how patients can take their own precautions.

"Dentistry is getting used to a new way of normal," says TDA member Dr Sarah Tevis Poteet, who is featured in this video. "Dentists are infection control experts, and we have been for a long time."

Now that dentists are back to their important work of caring for the oral health of Texans, it is imperative that the public knows about COVID-19 safety. That is why TDA teamed up with video marketing company Get Practice

Growth to create this video. In addition to the link above, other digital formats are available per request.

About the Texas Dental Association

Chartered in 1871, the Texas Dental Association (TDA) is the third largest state dental association in the United States. The Association has more than 9,000 members and is composed of 26 local component dental societies grouped into 4 divisions across the state of Texas. The TDA is part of a tripartite affiliation with the American Dental Association at the national level and community dental societies at the local level.

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Broker/Owner:

Kevin Cooper
806-250-2745



Sales Associates:

Karla Rector 806-382-7465
George Rushing 806-265-7037

604 Geneva

New SOLD

3/2/2 Brick w/central heat & air, entryway, 2 living areas, open floor plan, fenced backyard, close to H.S.

Friona

4/5/3 Brick w/cent. h&a, basement, fp, close to high school, \$25,000 cash allowance at closing.....\$291,775

NEW: 3/2/2 Brick/Siding w/cent. h&a, basement, fp, sprinkler f&b, close to HS, fenced backyard.....**Cont Pend**

3/2/2 Brick w/cent. h&a, fireplace, granite counter tops, extra lot.....**Cont Pend**

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

NEW: 3/2/1 Siding w/central heat & air, original oak floors, backyard fence, close to schools.....**\$79,900**

Bovina

REDUCED: Commercial Building in Bovina: Brick w/ cent. h&a, (7) offices, extra lot..... **Cont Pend**

Sold

NEW: 4/3/2 Brick in Western Addition w/cent. h&a, 2 living areas, screened patio, shop w/RV hook-up.....**SOLD**

906 Summitt

SOLD

3/2/2 Brick w/central heat & air, fireplace, all electric, new storage building, new patio cover, sprinkler f&b

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Please view our website for details on these properties, choice NM ranches (large & small), irr/dryland/CRP & commercial properties. We need your listings on any types of ag properties in TX., NM, OK & CO.

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Library Basket Winners



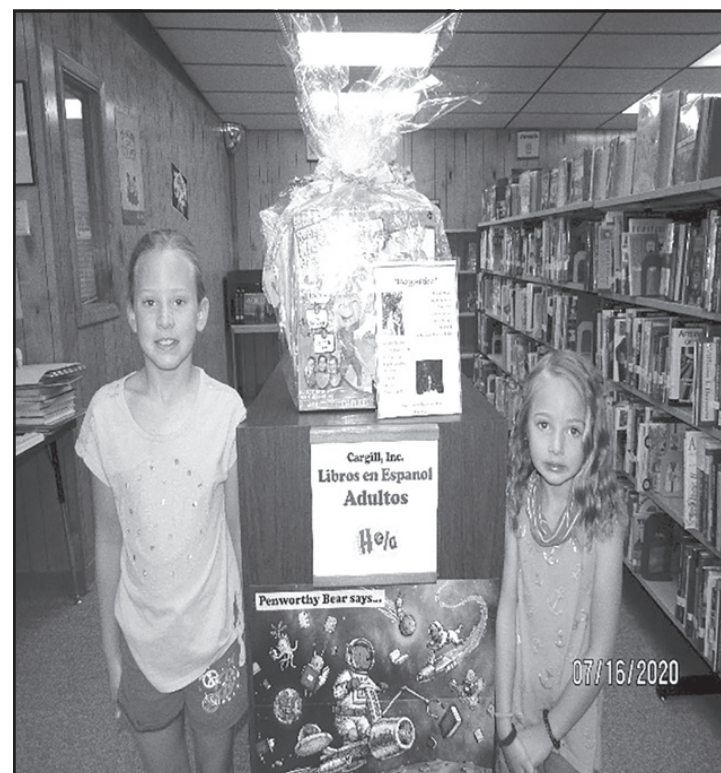
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Katie Rushing



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Angie Constancio



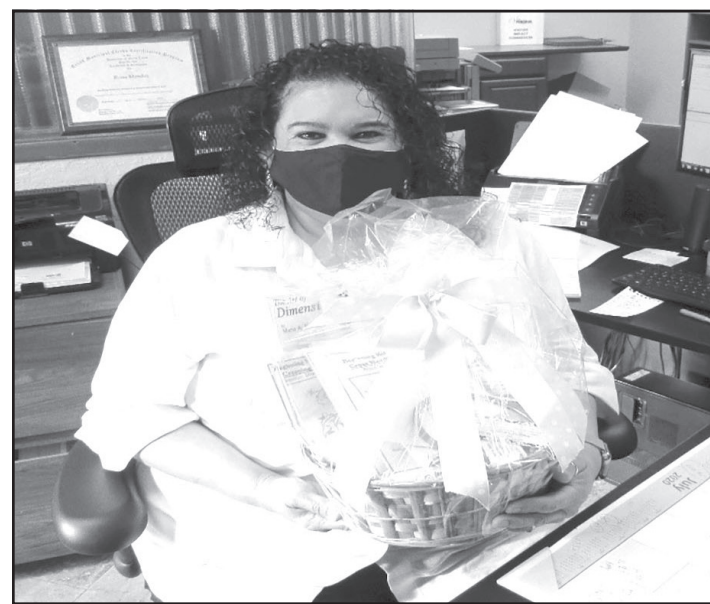
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Joann McDonald



Milk House Market Basket
Leigh Ann Rushing



Maloufs Basket
Rosa Mendez

Small Town Cookin'

Poppy Seed Chicken by Donna Mears

- 12-15 chicken strips
- 1 can Cream of Chicken or Cream of Mushroom soup
- 1 cup water
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 sleeve of crackers, crushed
- 2 tablespoons poppy seeds
- 1 stick butter, melted

Preheat the oven to 350°.

Pan fry the chicken strips and place on paper towels to remove excess grease. Mix the soup, water and sour cream together in a shallow bowl. Dip the strips in the mixture, coating both sides and place in a shallow baking dish. Spread the remainder of the mixture over the strips.

Mix the crackers and melted butter to-

gether and sprinkle over the strips, then sprinkle the poppy seeds over the top of the crackers.

Place in the oven and bake for 30 minutes or until the crackers are brown and mixture bubbles.

OPTION: You may boil a 3-4 pound chicken and use the meat from it if you prefer less grease than frying the chicken strips.

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF FRIONA

TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

The City of Friona will hold a public hearing at 5:45 p.m. on Monday, August 10th 2020 at 623 Main St., Friona, Texas, 79035 regarding the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG).

The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen's participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TxCDBG funding available, all eligible TxCDBG activities, and the use of past TxCDBG funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TxCDBG application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Leander Davila, City Manager, at 623 Main St., Friona, TX 79035. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact the City to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact the City at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Para más información en español, comuníquese con Leander Davila al (806) 250-2761.

Census News



2020 Census Self-Response Rate Information - July 27, 2020

National Response Rate	63%
Texas Self-Response Rate	57.9%
Parmer County Self-Response Rate	43.3%
Friona Self-Response Rate	53.3%
Bovina Self-Response Rate	36.8%
Farwell Self-Response Rate	26.5%



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PUBLIC NOTICE THE CITY OF FRIONA

TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE APPLICATION

The City of Friona will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 10th 2020 at 623 S. Main St., Friona, Texas 79035 in regard to the submission of an application to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen's participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TPWD funding available, all eligible TPWD activities, and the use of past TPWD funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TPWD application and to make their views and proposals known to Mr. Leander Davila, City Manager, City Hall. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact the City at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Para más información en español, comuníquese con municipio al (806) 250-2761.

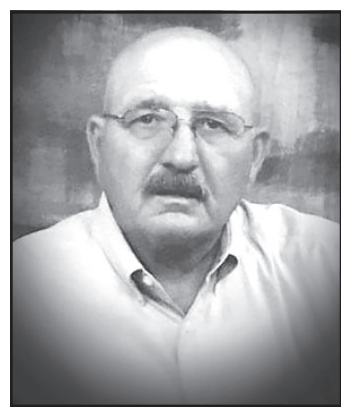


OBITUARY



Thomas Fred "Butch" Barker

Thomas Fred "Butch" Barker, 77 of Friona. Visitation was held on Sunday, August 2, 2020 from 1:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY. Celebration of Life Services were held at 2:00 P.M. Monday, August 3, 2020 at the Sixth St. Church of Christ in Friona with Jeff Procter and Mike Hankins, officiating. Burial followed in the Friona Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.



in the 1960's stationed in Germany.

Later in life, he married his sweet wife Martha April 28, 2000 in Friona. He worked for several area cattle feed yards and had been employed by New-Tex Feed Yard for the past 20 years. Butch loved the outdoors whether it was fishing, gardening, or arrow head hunting, but mainly he loved to work.

Butch is preceded in death by his parents.

Those to carry on his legacy include his wife Mar-

tha of Friona, 2 sons-Billy Barker and wife Linda of Odessa, and Adam Barker and wife Lupe of Amarillo, 3 daughters Kristin Casey and husband Dean of Monahans, Leslee Floyd and husband Jason of Dumas, and Stormi Choate and husband Brent of Friona, 1 sister-Pat Blackburn and husband Keith of Friona, 2 brothers-Eddie Barker and wife Kim of Omaha, Texas, and John Barker and wife Vickie of Sonora, Texas, 15 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials to the Friona Public Library 109 W. 7th. Friona, Texas 79035 or the Parmer County Pioneer Heritage Museum 218 W. 6th St. Friona, Texas 79035.



What's eating my vegetable garden?

Win the war against garden pests

Pests grubbing on garden vegetables before they make it to the table might as well be a declaration of war against gardeners.

Joe Masabni, Ph.D., Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service horticulturist, Dallas, said the battle against insects and animals begins with preparation and identifying potential problems and is won by action.

Being proactive is better than being reactive, he said. Knowing what you're up against, having a battle plan and the right weapons to fight back takes vigilant scouting and timely treatments that will kill or deter pest bugs and/or eggs and larvae.

Masabni said it's important to treat plants to kill pest insects and curb infestations throughout the life of the plant. Whether you prefer organic or conventional pesticides is up to you, just use something. Insect pests can stunt plant growth and introduce diseases that can kill the plant or damage fruit.

Animals can also be a damaging pest to home gardens, especially in times of stress like drought, Masabni said. Deer don't prefer tomato or okra plants, but in a dry year, deer will nibble on them. So, they should be prevented from accessing the garden, if they are known to frequent the area, and/or damaging plants.

"You have to understand that pests are going to be an issue at some point. It's really just a matter of when and how bad," he said. "The key to success is to be in the garden every day, scouting and being ready to fight any bugs that want to feed on your plants."

The AgriLife Extension integrated pest management field guide is a good resource for identifying beneficial and pest insects and typical pests found on specific garden vegetables.

How to get rid of bugs eating your garden

Insects are a big issue, Masabni said. It's better to be proactive than reactive when it comes to bugs that infest and eat your plants and fruit or spread disease.

There are a wide range of insect pests that can negatively impact production or kill plants, he said. Stinkbugs, aphids, spider mites, fruit worms, corn ear worms, grasshoppers, cucumber beetles, tomato hornworms and squash bugs are common pests year after year.

Nematodes are a hidden pest that live in the soil and attack plant roots and kill plants, Masabni said.

Pests negatively impact vegetable production by sucking and chewing on plants or as vectors for diseases.

Aphids suck on leaves and stems while stinkbugs suck on fruit and stems,



A beneficial syrphid larvae (worm) stalks an aphid on a yard-long bean plant. Aphids are a major pest in vegetable gardens. (Texas A&M AgriLife Extension photo by Joe Masabni)

Masabni said. Grasshoppers will eat entire leaves and corn earworms feast on fruit like tomatoes, peppers and ears of corn.

Some insects, such as the cucumber beetle, are more dangerous because the damage is seen a month after they visited the plant as a viral disease, he said.

Some common signs of pest problems include plants that are stunted or not growing properly, deformed or damaged leaves, yellowed or light in color, and wilted or droopy.

The key is vigilant monitoring and action.

Masabni said small gardens can be protected by manually killing adult pests, larvae and eggs, but it takes close inspection of each plant on a regular basis.

"Every season, I receive emails from people when they're already having problems," he said. "Most every time they respond that they're not spraying, or at minimum manually staying on top of pests. The simple truth of gardening is you can't grow vegetable crops without spray applications and regular scouting. Otherwise, they will literally eat your garden alive."

Spray with fungicides and insecticides

If the war against pests and disease is lost this season, buy a quality backpack sprayer and at least three fungicides and three insecticides before you plant another seed or seedling.

"Start your spray regimen early, especially when the plants make their first flower since this is the stage insects like squash vine borers or squash bugs become active," he said.

Apply sprays to transplants upon planting or seedlings once they've emerged, Masabni said. Spray plants with the mix every seven-14 days depending on the weather.

"If the spring is rainy, then spray every seven days," he said. "If it's a dry spring, then spray every 10-14 days."

Masabni uses organic fungicides and insecticides. Organic fungicides that have worked for him include Neem Oil, Actinovate or a Bordeaux mixture of copper, lime and water.

He recommends Spinosad, Bt or any horticultural oil as organic insecticides. Fungicides and insecticides can be mixed and applied at the same time, he said, but check labels and/or conduct a jar test first.

In a jar test, add both products to water and shake well and watch to see if the products bind together, Masabni said. If they bind, don't mix them.

Having and using a variety of fungicides and pesticides will decrease bugs' ability to build up resistance to any one treatment, he said. So, switch up the fungicide/pesticide mix every third treatment.

Many pests hide and/or lay eggs on the underside of leaves, so it's important to drench the plant, he said.

Wash fresh produce using cool, running water. Produce that has a thick skin like potatoes and carrots can be scrubbed with a brush.

"You have to spray something if you want a crop," he said. "During my research trials, I got 10% of the potential crop from plants that didn't receive any spray treatments."

How to keep birds and other animals from eating your garden

Vegetable and fruit losses to larger pests like birds, rabbit, racoons and deer are typically miniscule compared to insects and disease. However, animals can consume entire crops when they target a plant or during stressful times like drought.

But protecting plants from larger pests is a little more straightforward, Masabni said. Fences and nets are best.

Netting should be draped over stakes that allow it to hang loosely over the plants, he said. Rabbits, racoons and deer can be deterred with wire fencing or multiple-wire electric fencing that prevents access.

"Shiny reflectors and scarecrows look neat, but the only thing that will protect your crop from birds is netting," he said. "The same goes for deer and other animals. You need some sort of fencing to deter or prevent entry."

INVITATION TO BID

The City of Friona is accepting competitive bids from qualified contractors for the New Library Bookshop Project which will be connected to the Friona Public Library located at 109 West 7th Street, Friona, Texas 79035.

Sealed bids will be accepted by Leander Davila, City Manager, **until 10:00 a.m., Friday, August 21, 2020.** Bids received after 10:00 a.m., August 21, 2020 **WILL NOT** be opened or accepted. All accepted bids will be opened and read aloud on Monday, August 24, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at Friona City Council Chambers, 619 Main Street, Friona, Texas 79035.

Bid proposals may be considered at the September 14, 2020 Friona City Council Meeting. Criteria for selection/acceptance of bids will include the following: experience, cost, reliability, project timeline and references. For specifications on the scope of work, please contact the Friona Public Library Director Anahi Gomez during regular business hours at (806) 250-3200 or email: library@frionatx.us.

Bids may be delivered as follows:
Hand Delivered, Mailed, Express Delivery
ACCEPTED until 10:00 AM - AUGUST 21, 2020

City of Friona
623 Main Street
Friona, Texas 79035
Attention: Leander Davila

The Friona Public Library will be open to contractors to view from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Mondays thru Fridays. All other visits to the Friona Public Library can be scheduled by calling the Friona Public Library at (806) 250-3200.

City of Friona reserves the right to waive any formalities or to reject any or all bids. No bid proposals may be withdrawn until the expiration of 60 days from the date bid proposals are opened and read.

Rainfall in Friona in inches (Jan - July)



Friona Rainfall Data

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Avg.	2020
January	1.42	0.00	0.18	0.49	0.00	2.06	0.09	1.63	0.00	0.13	0.60	0.57
February	1.94	0.70	0.32	1.03	0.27	0.80	0.17	0.00	0.12	0.42	0.58	0.67
March	0.97	0.25	0.36	0.12	0.18	0.56	0.08	1.61	0.18	1.85	0.62	2.10
April	0.87	0.03	0.16	0.05	0.33	0.82	1.19	2.36	0.70	1.63	0.81	0.53
May	2.12	0.07	2.22	1.35	3.52	7.43	2.01	1.54	1.24	3.15	2.46	0.14
June	2.17	0.71	1.88	2.64	2.31	4.03	2.73	1.97	1.18	2.35	2.20	0.72
July	4.30	0.08	0.46	4.04	4.32	4.30	1.34	3.48	4.30	1.38	2.80	3.10
August	4.40	0.30	1.19	1.14	1.36	2.73	3.50	11.70	2.87	0.82	3.00	-
September	0.60	2.16	1.44	1.14	3.47	2.85	3.58	3.05	1.63	2.03	2.19	-
October	0.81	1.12	0.54	0.04	0.29	7.15	0.00	3.27	4.83	5.71	2.38	-
November	0.46	0.17	0.04	0.80	0.00	0.89	1.05	0.00	0.54	1.03	0.50	-
December	0.09	1.62	0.67	0.45	0.12	2.14	0.26	0.00	0.39	0.84	0.66	-
Total	20.15	7.21	9.46	13.29	16.17	35.76	16.00	30.61	17.98	21.34	18.80	7.83



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Puzzle Solution

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Volleyball practice began this week for the Friena Squaws. After realignment earlier this year, Friena is in a new district (3-3A) and there will be no tournaments this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

FRIONA SQUAW VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE 2020

Date	Opponent	Time	Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 7 (Fri)	Alumni Scrimmage (JV/V)	6/7	Sept. 19 (Sat)	Highland Park (JV/V)	1/2
Aug. 11 (Tues)	Seminole (C/JV/V)	11/11/12:30	Sept. 22 (Tues)	Brownfield* (JV/V)	5/5/6
Aug. 15 (Sat)	@ Idalou/Wellman Dual (C/JV/V)	11/11/12	Sept. 26 (Sat)	Lamesa* (C/JV/V)	11/11/12
Aug. 18 (Tues)	Shallowater (C/JV/V)	5/5/6:30	Sept. 29 (Tues)	@ Dimmitt* (C/JV/V)	5/5/6
Aug. 22 (Sat)	Open	TBA	Oct. 3 (Sat)	Littlefield* (C/JV/V)	11/11/12
Aug. 25 (Tues)	Open	TBA	Oct. 6 (Tues)	@ Brownfield* (C/JV/V)	5/5/6
Aug. 29 (Sat)	@ Shallowater/Lbk. Estacado Dual	TBA	Oct. 10 (Sat)	Denver City* (C/JV/V)	11/11/12
Sept. 1 (Tues)	Estacado (C/JV/V)	5/5/6:30	Oct. 13 (Tues)	Dimmitt* (C/JV/V)	5/5/6
Sept. 8 (Tues)	@ Hereford/Dalhart Dual (C/JV/V)	TBA	Oct. 17 (Sat)	@ Lamesa* (C/JV/V)	11/11/12
Sept. 12 (Sat)	Open	TBA	Oct. 20 (Tues)	@ Littlefield* (C/JV/V)	5/5/6
Sept. 15 (Tues)	Wildorado (C/JV/V)	5/5/6:30	Oct. 24 (Sat)	@ Denver City* (C/JV/V)	11/11/12

Schedule is subject to change — *District Game

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FRIONA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR 2020-2021

First Day of Classes.....August 19, 2020
 Last Day of Classes May 27, 2021

New Teacher Orientation (NTA)
 July 27-29, 2020

Teacher Inservice (Student Holidays)
 August 10 - 18, 2020

Teacher Workdays (WD) (Student Holidays)
 October 23, 2020**
 November 9, 2020
 January 4, 2021
 February 15, 2021
 May 28, 2021

**These workdays are for PR/EL only. JH/HS will continue with regular class schedule.

MT- Meet the Teacher for Primary and Elementary
 August 17, 2020 2 PM - 5 PM

[- Begin Grading Period] - End Grading Period
 T - Testing Days (EOC or STAAR)

Holidays (H)
 September 7, 2020
 October 2, 2020
 November 25 - 30, 2020
 Dec. 21, 2020 - Jan. 1, 2021
 February 5, 2021
 February 15, 2021
 March 15-19, 2021

Inclement Weather (IW)
 April 16, 2021 April 19, 2021

Early Release (ER)
 Pre-K @ 12:15 PM PR/EL/JH @ 12:30 PM
 HS @ 1:10 PM

September 25, 2020*
 October 16, 2020
 October 30, 2020
 December 17, 2020*
 December 18, 2020
 February 12, 2021*
 April 2, 2021*
 May 26, 2021*
 May 27, 2021

*Indicates early release for students only

Graduation (G)
 May 28, 2021

School Day Times
 Primary- 7:45 AM - 3:30 PM
 Elementary- 7:45 AM - 3:40 PM
 Junior High- 7:55 AM - 3:45 PM
 High School 8:00 AM - 3:45 PM

Days in Grading Period
 1st Grading Period 27 Days
 2nd Grading Period 29 Days
 3rd Grading Period 25 Days
 4th Grading Period 28 Days
 5th Grading Period 29 Days
 6th Grading Period 37 Days

Total Minutes for Year
 Primary Pre-K Total Minutes- 78,105
 Primary K/1 Total Minutes- 78,825
 Elementary Total Minutes- 81,285
 Junior High Total Minutes- 81,325
 High School Total Minutes- 79,980

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12th Annual Pudge Kendrick Memorial Golf Tournament Highlights



Congrats to Jobie Berend, winner of the "Grand In Your Hand" \$1,000 prize! Presenting her prize is Jamie Lewellen of the Parmer County Cancer Coalition. Thank you to everyone who purchased a square!



Congratulations to the 2020 tournament champions Nathan Adams and Colby Marsh! They shot a 118 which broke the tournament scoring record of 119 set by Aaron White and Thomas Maldonado in 2016.