



Parmer County COVID-19 stats

As of Friday, August 7, 2020

Tested at Parmer Medical Center

833



Negative Results from Parmer Medical Center

551

Positive Results from PMC

270

Pending Results from PMC

12

Parmer County Residents Positive Results From All Test Sites

335

Friona instructor named finalist for Teacher of the Year

David Towner, Friona High School technology instructor and coach, was named a finalist for 2021 Region 16 Teacher of the Year. His educational background includes Oklahoma Panhandle State University and West Texas A&M University. He began working for the Friona ISD as a teacher and coach in the Fall of 2002.

Region 16 is one of twenty Education Service Centers that serve the state of Texas. The Texas Panhandle consists of 62 school districts and two charter schools with 226 campuses in a 26,000 square mile area.

Region 16 school districts have an average daily attendance of over 80,000 students, with individual districts ranging from fewer than 30 to more than 29,000 students and the total regional school staff numbering more than 11,400. The Region 16 Education Service Center is located at 5800 Bell St. in Amarillo, Texas.

Every year, one elementary teacher and one secondary teacher from each of the 20 Education Service Center regions in Texas are selected as regional Teachers of the Year.

The Region 16 Awards



Coach Towner displays the "Finalist" award presented by the Region 16 Education Service Center in Amarillo. See page 2 for more photos.



Friona High School Drum Majors for 2020-21 are (l-r) Daniela Rodriguez and Audrianna Trevino. Daniela is a senior and Audrianna is a junior. Go Band!!!



The Friona Chieftains will scrimmage at Bushland next Thursday in preparation for the season opener against Brownfield on August 28th.

Ceremony was held on Thursday, August 6th. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the event was held virtually via Zoom.

Lori Garrett from Dumas ISD was named the Elementary Teacher of the Year and Katherine George from Spearman ISD was

named the Secondary Teacher of the Year. They will represent Region 16 at the state Teacher of the Year ceremony in October.

Commissioners propose lower tax rate

The Parmer County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, August 10, 2020 at 10 a.m. in the County Courtroom of the Parmer County Courthouse in Farwell, Texas. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Texas Flag.

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

Commissioners unanimously approved a proposed tax rate of \$0.5337 per \$100 for tax year 2020. The 3% lower tax rate will still generate the same revenue that was available for tax year 2019 because of higher property valuations and new assets added to the tax roll. The hearing on the proposed tax rate will be held at the next commissioner's meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 24th in the county courtroom. See notice on page 9.

The proposed 2021 Budget was also approved. There will be no pay raises for county employees in the upcoming year.

Commissioners also approved a motion to join the TIPS national purchasing cooperative. The county is

in the planning process of replacing the courthouse telephone system. Benefits of membership in The Interlocal Purchasing System include: (1) access to competitively procured contracts with quality vendors, (2) savings of time and financial resources necessary to fulfill bid requirements, (3) assistance with purchasing process by qualified TIPS staff, and (4) access to pricing based on a "national" high-profile contract. Membership in TIPS is free and the cooperative is housed at and managed by the Region 8 Education Service Center located in Pittsburg, Texas.

Approval was given to Bovina ISD for \$164,014 from their portion of the Permanent School fund to pay expenses for their current construction project.

Jerry Killian of the Texas Association of Counties informed the Court that there would be no increase in health insurance premiums for 2021. County employees also enjoy a low \$250 deductible. Most current health plans carry a \$2,500 deductible.

Sheriff Randy Geries reported that two employees in the Sheriff's office have tested positive for Covid-19 and are currently under quarantine.

All meetings are open to the public. The Commissioner's Court reserves the

right to go into Executive Session at any time. The agenda may be found on the Parmer County website. Information in this article is

only a summary. Any questions concerning specific actions should be directed to the Commissioners Court.

Local Agent wins awards



Wendy Case, the Family & Community Health Agent for Texas AgriLife Extension in Parmer County, received three awards last week at the Texas Association of Extension 4-H Agents Conference in Tyler, Texas. The awards included: Specialty Award - Excellence in Camping; Communication Award - News Story; and Communication Award - Published Photo. Congratulations Wendy!!! She will complete her fourth year with Parmer County this November.

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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 13-19	T ☀️ 104 73 SW 10-20	F ☁️ 101 67 SW 10-20	S ☀️ 99 68 S 10-20	S ☁️ 91 64 SSE 10-15	M ☁️ 89 63 SE 10-15	T ☀️ 92 64 S 10-15	W ☀️ 94 64 SSW 10-15	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 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 10, 2020

<p>Texas Panhandle: 8,976 cases, 145 deaths 7,273 recoveries</p> <p>Armstrong County: 8 Briscoe County: 12 Carson County: 15 Castro County: 200 Childress County: 40 Collingsworth County: 11 Cottle County: 18 Dallam County: 192 Deaf Smith County: 750 Donley County: 48 Gray County: 217 Hall County: 11 Hansford County: 73 Hartley County: 91 Hemphill County: 42 Hutchinson County: 126 Lipscomb County: 18 Moore County: 1,050 Motley County: 6 Ochiltree County: 95 Oldham County: 14 Parmer County: 340 Potter County: 3,689 Randall County: 1,747 Roberts County: 7 Sherman County: 40 Swisher County: 80 Wheeler County: 36</p>	<p>Eastern New Mexico: 780 cases, 6 deaths Curry County: 552 Quay County: 34 Roosevelt County: 164 Union County: 30</p> <p>Oklahoma Panhandle: 1,093 cases, 7 deaths, 1,092 recoveries Beaver County: 36 Cimarron County: 1 Texas County: 1,056</p> <p>Texas: 523,000 cases 9,304 deaths</p> <p>United States: 5,150,000 cases 164,000 deaths</p> <p>Worldwide: 20,300,000 cases 741,000 deaths 12,600,000 recoveries</p>
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Congratulations Coach Towner!



A reception was held in the FHS library last Thursday to honor Coach Towner and celebrate his selection as a Finalist for the Region 16 Teacher of the Year award. (left photo) David's parents, Galen & Debra, drove over from Perryton to join in the festivities. Galen is a semi-retired Jr. High Social Studies teacher with 39 years of teaching experience. Debra is a 2nd Grade teacher and has 41 years of teaching experience. (right photo) Coach Towner in the background calling defensive signals during a recent football workout.

Changing Times Call for a New Approach to Education

By Randy Ramos

Sometimes events force our hand and push us to take a quantum leap into the future. For America's education system, this is one of those times.

We've known for a while that how we prepare young people for the workforce needs rethinking. Over the past few decades, technology has accelerated rapidly. Employer needs have changed, at lightning speed, alongside them. Schools have worked valiantly to make the needed transition. But now there's a new sense of urgency.

COVID-19 and its ongoing fallout have exposed serious vulnerabilities in the current system. We're now in an economic climate that's generating massive budget cuts in public education and causing more families to wonder how they'll ever pay for college.

In a way, the pandemic has been the final ingredient in a perfect storm—one that should inspire education leaders, business leaders, and others to come together and search for solutions.

As we navigate this time of intense transition, we'd be smart to take a step back and ask, What can we learn from what we're going through right now? How can we optimize the high school years? How can we better prepare our young people for the work world of the future?

Based on my collaborative work with industry, government, and academia, I have my own ideas about how all the pieces could fit together. I believe the education system that gets the best results for everyone will likely feature a) a much greater emphasis on middle and high school career training and b) a hybrid ap-

proach to in-person classroom and distance learning.

For middle, high, and post-secondary students, career skills development along a pathway to employment is essential. While in school, that pathway needs to provide achievement credentials that can be applied to continued/advanced education and/or employment opportunities. Both could have a "laddering" model.

Increasingly, the workplace demands a "just-in-time" skill set. Technology changes are outpacing academic churn, and that's creating a worrisome skills gap. High schools need to make sure the skills they're teaching students are the ones that matter in the work world. That means partnering closely with industry to ensure that curriculum is truly up-to-the-minute.

The good news is we already have a great infrastructure in place. Career and technical education (CTE) programs are already well established (and increasingly popular) in school systems across the U.S. In fact, they are now a major pillar of the American education system. CTE is the perfect entry point for the next generation of classroom learning.

We just need to make sure to maximize our CTE courses. To be at their most effective, they need to meet certain well-established criteria. For example, they need to be connected to viable industries and highly marketable, future-facing skills. Real-world business and industry need to be heavily involved.

Programs should feature a mix of classroom instruction, online learning, and hands-on experience. Now that "virtual work" has become

mainstream in the business world, education won't be far behind. But it's important that the online component is teacher-led, not student-led. As we saw with our COVID-19 "crash course," many kids need the structure of a teacher showing up live, on screen, at a predictable time of day.

Students should be able to graduate with very specific skills and a certificate that's highly valuable in the workplace. More students are looking for ways to avoid unsustainable levels of college debt. The model that I'm describing here allows those with the right certifications to easily make \$30,000 a year or more straight out of high school.

So how do we move forward? It's important to roll things out in the right order: First, we must get the program and content right and make sure classes are tied to viable industries. Then, we must get the methodology right so it provides an effective learning experience. Finally, we need to infuse it into existing school programs.

If we've learned one thing from this pandemic, it's that the education field is made up of smart people who genuinely care about their students. It's a heartfelt thing. They are deeply committed to finding a way forward that makes sense for everyone and sets students up for success. It's that attitude that gives me a lot of hope for the future of education.

Randy Ramos is CEO of Global Business Solutions, Inc. (GBSI) and an avid speaker on cybersecurity, learning technologies, and accelerating competencies in the competitive global economy. For more information, visit <http://gbsi.com> and <https://acceletrain.com>.

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<p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 fifth book of the New Testament</p> <p>5 type of beer that minors can drink</p> <p>6 "Do it or ___!" (threat)</p> <p>7 Kerrville organization: "Kid ___ And Llamas Too"</p> <p>8 TX professional gambler, Preston aka this (2 wds.)</p> <p>17 TXism: "the ___ is in the fire" (trouble)</p> <p>18 TXism: "finger paint" (2 wds.)</p> <p>21 TX Willie's "___ the Road Again"</p> <p>22 Sun ___, TX</p> <p>23 TX "Red" Adair dealt with oil wells that were this</p> <p>24 "Hell ___ — Fury Like a Woman Scorned"</p> <p>29 TX Robin Wright was married to this Sean</p> <p>30 dogs and cats</p> <p>31 business info in the Canyon News</p> <p>32 urban savvy</p> <p>34 pretentious interest in the arts</p> <p>35 sib of sis</p> <p>36 retreated (2 wds.)</p> <p>37 there's a problem (hyphenated wds.)</p> <p>38 TXism: "running ___" (spouse)</p> <p>39 Silas, TX was named for this first merchant (2 wds.)</p>	<p>41 Rio Grande first name: "Rio ___ Palmas"</p> <p>42 h.s. extracurricular org.</p> <p>43 church instrument</p> <p>44 wind-flying toys</p> <p>45 this Renfro was a Hall of Fame Cowboy CB</p> <p>46 Dec. holiday, for short</p> <p>47 large-mouth jugs</p> <p>48 TX Charley Pride's "All ___ Offer You"</p> <p>50 Ranger broadcaster Eric ___</p>	<p>13 maiden name of TX romance author Judith McNaught</p> <p>14 exalted ideas</p> <p>15 "the ___ of society"</p> <p>16 TX rancher Chuck Norris 1984 film, for short</p> <p>19 TXism: "___ a bunkhouse rat"</p> <p>20 TXism: "changes his mind as often as ___ socks"</p> <p>22 it's mounted for a monitor? (2 wds.)</p> <p>24 Baptist univer. in Abilene (without "U")</p> <p>25 Waco compound agcy. in 1993</p>	<p>30 not amateurs</p> <p>33 TXism: "the fur ___ flying" (fighting)</p> <p>34 TXism: "active as a fox in ___ house"</p> <p>35 cotton bundles</p> <p>37 not embarrassed</p> <p>38 Dallas-Fort Worth area: "___ plex"</p> <p>40 TX Crowell's "Til ___ Control Again"</p> <p>41 eat sparingly</p> <p>44 Midland AM/FM</p> <p>47 "it's big ___ Texas standards"</p> <p>49 Mexican bricks</p>
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COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from July 30, 2020 to August 6, 2020

- (7/30/20) Garth McDonald, Brianne McDonald — Jesus Alberto Garcia Reyna — L6 S/2 of L7 Blk 10 of Staley Addition City of Friona
(7/31/20) Jayson Kent Grimsley, Jyl Gromowsky Grimsley — Heath McElreath — A 1.880 Ac tract out of land in SW/4 Sec 34 T2S R3E Capitol Syndicate Subdiv. in Parmer County
(8/4/20) Miles Moulder, Angela Moulder — Laurie Lea Haseloff — A 9.876 Ac Tract of and out of the E 30 Ac more or less of L 13 of Sec 32 Township 9 S R 1 E of a Capitol Syndicate Subdiv. in Parmer County
(8/4/20) Dennis W. Field, Vickie G. Field — Adan Ramirez, Salma Escamilla — N 1/2 of L8 and all of L9 Blk 19 Original Town of Friona
(8/4/20) Janis Gast — Randy Gomez, Donna Gomez — All of L 4-6 Blk 44 Original Town of Farwell

FRIONA FLASHBACKS

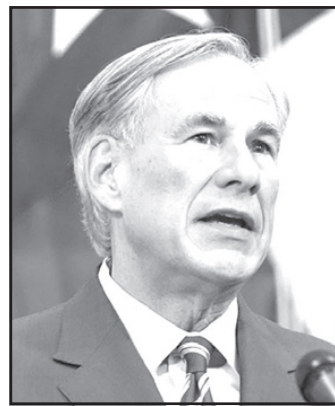
From the Friona Star Archives



The Friona Methodist Church honored Friona's firefighters with a watermelon feast last Thursday at the park. Firemen also received a couple Texas Hero t-shirts from church members, all in appreciation for their volunteer service especially during this devastating drought season. Slicing the melons, from left, are Kody Kimbrough, Ricky Barnett, Cris Ingram, and Mark Osborn. At left, Kambree Kimbrough anticipates her turn at the table. Ron Carr photo. (Friona Star, August 11, 2011)

Governor extends State Disaster Declaration for COVID-19

Last Saturday, Governor Greg Abbott extended his Disaster Declaration for all Texas counties in response to COVID-19. Originally issued on March 13th, the Disaster Declaration provides the state a variety of resources to effectively serve Texans as the Lone Star State continues to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.
'Renewing this Disaster Declaration will provide communities with the resources they need to respond to COVID-19,' said Governor Abbott. 'I urge Texans to remain vigilant in our fight against this virus. Everyone must do their part to slow



the spread of COVID-19 by wearing a mask, practicing social distancing, and washing your hands frequently and thoroughly. We will overcome this challenge by working together.'

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Last week, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) announced limited visitation rules and enhanced emergency rules for nursing facilities and long-term care facilities. Physical contact between residents and visitors is still not permitted, but outdoor visits at Prairie Acres could be a possibility in the future.

To conduct limited outdoor visitations, a facility must meet these criteria; (1) no confirmed positive COVID-19 cases in staff in the last 14 days, (2) no active positive cases in residents, (3) any facility previously experiencing an outbreak that has fully recovered must be adequately staffed and following adequate infection control procedures, and (4) facility staff are being tested for COVID-19 weekly.

Administrator Casey Tiffany said that Prairie Acres is prepared to conduct outdoor visitations in the future when all of the criteria are met.

The Friona Noon Lions Club is sponsoring a Friona Community Blood Drive on Thursday, August 20th from Noon until 7:00 p.m. in the Calvary Baptist Church Fellowship Hall at 1500 N. Cleveland in Friona.

To schedule your appointment, call 806-331-8833, or visit yourbloodinstitute.org. Every donor can receive a free COVID-19 Antibody Test. Appointment needed to participate. CDC recommendations will be followed. All donors will receive a free t-shirt and other goodies. Thanks for helping rebuild the blood supply. Blood unites us.

Fall Forecast 2020. AccuWeather's team of long-range forecasters have been busy for weeks analyzing global weather patterns and different forecasting tools to paint a picture of what weather will unfold across the United States in the coming months. The team is led by Paul Pastelok, a senior meteorologist who has been with AccuWeather for nearly three decades.

One big factor being taken into consideration is the development of La Niña. This is a phenomenon in which the ocean near the equator of the Pacific Ocean is cooler than normal, a change that can influence the global weather pattern. La Niña is the opposite of El Niño.

In September, it may still feel like summer for many across the U.S. as warm weather holds strong over much of the country. October could be a major turning point. 'There's one change that we do see, and a lot of it is probably produced by La Niña,' Pastelok said. La Niña could help to amplify the jet stream in October and November, leading to a potentially active weather pattern across the central Plains. As the weather pattern turns more active across the Plains, it will deliver some much-needed rain to drought-stricken areas of the region.

The Friona Squaws opened the 2020 Volleyball Season by hosting Seminole on Tuesday. Head Coach Bryan Masse is starting his 11th season in Friona. Pam Husted will coach the Junior Varsity team and Mayra Olivas will coach the C team. Friona will host Shallowater next Tuesday starting at 5:00 p.m. in the FHS Events Center. See photos on page 10.

Hurricane Hanna came and went with little fanfare but left South Texas with almost \$400 million in direct and indirect damages to agriculture, according to a report by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. Samuel Zapata, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension economist, Weslaco, and contributor to the report, said Hurricane Hanna caused extensive damage to South Texas crops July 25-26.

The storm tracked south-southwest of Corpus Christi, with much of the impact focused on the Lower Rio Grande Valley, although numerous counties experience some level of agricultural losses. About 95% of the economic damage occurred in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, Zapata said. 'We estimate that Hurricane Hanna caused over \$366 million in lost agricultural production and associated business activity in the areas affected by the high winds and heavy rain it generated,' he said. The storm impacted 32 Texas counties. See related story on page 10.

National Days
August 13 — Left Handers Day
August 14 — V-J Day
August 15 — Relaxation Day
August 16 — Tell a Joke Day
August 17 — Thrift Shop Day
August 18 — Fajita Day
August 19 — Aviation Day

Parmer Paws
A 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to the prevention of cruelty to animals, the relief of suffering among animals, and the extension of humane education.
Volunteer opportunity. You have skills? Parmer Paws needs you. Bring your talents, whatever they may be, and join us. 806-240-2211 or ParmerPaws@yahoo.com

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Maegan Davis & John O'Brian
Cassidy Devault & Tyler Hough
Lindy Wiseman & Lino Tarango
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Newspaper Fun!
4-H Fun For Kids Everywhere!
What do you know about the world-famous 4-H organization? Do you know that about 7 million young people from more than 50 countries belong to the 4-H groups, clubs and programs? Members are 6 to 25 years old and have a range of backgrounds and beliefs. They think about their interests and then set out to complete their own hands-on projects: experiments, cooking, robotics, etc. 4-H members "learn by doing."
Right now, during a time when a lot of kids are staying closer to home, the 4-H has created a great online Home Activity Guide that offers families lots of ideas for learning, hands-on activities and experiments. Check out this FREE guide - and try out some cool new stuff - by visiting https://4-H.org.
The 4-H:
1. has more than 6.5 _____ kids and young people as members in the U.S. and Canada.
2. encourages kids to get _____ and plan interesting projects.
3. teaches that we keep learning all our lives - and we can work to make the best even _____!
4. was started by a few people living in different areas; one was a superintendent of schools named A. B. Graham who began a club where kids could learn about _____ - the science of caring for animals and the land, and raising crops.
5. has a symbol that started as a 3-leaf _____ with an H on each leaf: head, heart, hands; later, the 4th leaf and "H" was added for health.
6. Head is for thinking and knowledge, the _____ is for spiritual strength, the Hands are for doing and Health is for "better living."
7. members who live on farms may work with _____; enter competitions.
8. members in clubs near or in large _____ may work on areas such as: photography, cooking, neighborhood projects.
4-H Online Activities
Staying around the house more? Looking for new challenges, things to learn or fun activities to do? Check out the FREE 4-H Home Activity Guide at their web site (https://4-H.org) to get started! Read the clues to fill in some of the many activities:
1. use household supplies to create _____ experiments
2. use a phone or camera, learn how to take a creative _____
3. use coordinates of a recent _____ to create your own storm tracking map
4. interview a veteran about his or her life to learn about American _____
5. find or buy cloth and thread to try _____ your own handbag or tote

Try It Yourself!
One of the goals of the 4-H clubs and their online activities is to help members have hands-on experiences - so they can go ahead and "try it themselves."
Follow the color key to fill in the squares to read what the 4-H believes in:
G = Green B = Brown

Puzzle Solution

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Gas prices continue downward trend

By GasBuddy

Texas gas prices fell 2.2 cents in the past week, averaging \$1.84 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations. Gas prices in Texas are 5.3 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 55.6 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$1.48 while the most expensive is \$2.69 per gallon. The national average price of gasoline has fallen 1.1 cents in the last week, averaging \$2.16 per gallon. The national average is down 3.5 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 47.7 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

"Gas prices have remained

in very familiar territory for the sixth straight week as gasoline demand fell slightly last week, keeping oil prices confined as forces prevent it from falling under \$39 but also from breaching \$42 per barrel. However, as summer begins to fade, demand recovery may be limited, and there's a possibility we may see more downside potential in the last quarter of the year," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "Traditionally, gasoline demand weakens into the autumn, and as the coronavirus situation keeps more kids home and more parents from work, we may see a drop in gas prices as we progress through fall. However, since no one can predict when we may rebound from the coronavirus situation, nothing long-term is set in stone, but we are on track for a seventh straight week of stable gas prices."

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>.

Happy Birthday Friona Folks!

August 13

Nancy Norwood
Keith Hunt
Amber Alexander
Huddleston
Daniel Hutchins
Jesalyn Jarecki
Glenna Holt
Keyana Fletcher

August 14

Deirdre Osborn
Alex J. Guerra
Tenna Montana
Ruby Bentley
Misty Villanueva

August 15

Ryan Gerles
Velen Vazquez
Sandra Bautista
Karen Fabela
Rosa Pineda
Candice (Baca) Geske
Stephanie (Downey) Chaney
Vickey Jackson
Laura Bracken
Jonathan Romero

August 16

Marta Reyes
Christie Bauer
Debbie Williams
Lora Followill
Donna Mullins

August 17

Kathy Terry
Sylvia Rios
Tommie Boeckman
Kathy Sandoval
Marisa Ramon
Jeff Ray
Jaelin Rainey
Brenna Rushing
Peggy Johnson
Amy Cumpton
Sandra Samarron

August 18

Jason Wright
Becky Weatherly
Vickie Samarron
Anahis Marnelarena
Vickie Turner
Suzanne London
Edward Burchett
Kaylee Steiner

August 19

Roddy Berend
Veca White Masters
Janice Stowers
Kenndra Gail Downs
Parker Jae Kuhlmeier
Clyde Redwine
Jessica Finley
Romalee Armstrong
Tyler Berry
Clara Grace Benoit
Daisy Delgadillo

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
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Attention: Leander Davila

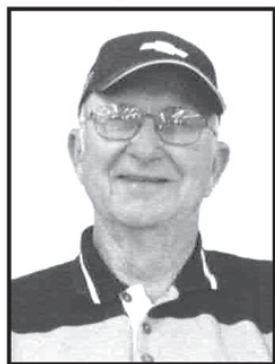
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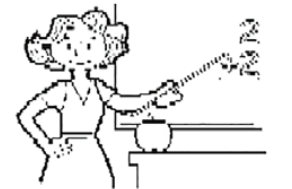
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OBITUARY



Maria Chacon Guerrero

Maria Chacon Guerrero, 71, of Friona, Texas died Friday, August 7, 2020.

Rosary was said at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 9, 2020, at Boxwell Brothers Ivy Chapel, 2800 Paramount Blvd. in Amarillo. Private burial will be in San Jon Cemetery in San Jon, New Mexico. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors, Amarillo, Texas.

Maria was born on September 7, 1948, in Tucumcari, New Mexico to Clemente and Crisanta Chacon. For many years she worked with Bluebonnet



Healthcare in Friona, Texas. She was Catholic. She was preceded in death by seventeen brothers and sisters. Survivors include her hus-

band, Manuel Cruz, of Friona; two sons, Patricio Crespin and wife Mary Helen, of Amarillo, and Don Crespin and wife Gracie, of Alamogordo, NM; two daughters, Audra Sena and husband Manuel, of Las Vegas, NM, and Cynthia Villegas, of Amarillo; 25 grandchildren; and 75 great-grandchildren.

Viewing was from Noon to 5:00 p.m., on Saturday, August 8, 2020, and Noon to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 9, 2020, at the funeral home.

Sign the online guestbook at www.boxwellbrothers.com.

Census News



2020 Census Self-Response Rate Information - August 10, 2020

National Response Rate	63.4%
Texas Self-Response Rate	58.4%
Parmer County Self-Response Rate	44.1%
Friona Self-Response Rate	53.5%
Bovina Self-Response Rate	39.2%
Farwell Self-Response Rate	28.3%

Comptroller distributes \$909 Million in Monthly Sales Tax Revenue

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced that he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$908.7 million in local sales tax allocations for August, 3.6 percent more than in August 2019. These allo-

cations are based on sales made in June by businesses that report tax monthly and on sales made in April, May and June by quarterly filers.

The City of Friona will receive \$56,154.04 for August. This payment is

50.29 percent higher than the \$37,363.65 the city received last August. The 2020 year-to-date allocation total of \$351,092.07 is 31.66 percent higher than the \$266,657.78 the city received last year during the same time frame.

Obedience Requires Commitment

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

The nature of the Christian church in the west has sadly dwindled into a few people who really love Jesus and seek to obey his word, and the rest of the church is comfortable to nominally drift along and obey when it is not too much of an inconvenience or discomfort. Thus, the church is generally comfortable to come and sit for a service, but just a few are obedient to go and make disciples by sharing the gospel and mentoring new believers. The fleshly drift into this attitude is a detriment to gospel work, and sadly has left

out the reality that obedience requires commitment.

Philippians 2:8 says of Jesus, "And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." The perfect example of obedience is Jesus Christ, who traded glory for suffering and was obedient even unto the cross. Obedience requires commitment, whether of Jesus Christ or of you and I. The commitment that is required though, is not a grin and bear it commitment to legalistic obedience for obedience sake, but

the commitment is to God's will and purposes. Think about Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane in Matthew 26:36-46. Jesus prayed that the suffering of the cross might pass, but Jesus ended his prayers with, "nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will," verse 39 and verse 42 end with "your will be done." More than personal comfort, Jesus wanted to obey, honor and glorify Father God. May the aim of your obedience be God's glory, and may your commitment to the Lord be consistent wherever the Lord leads.

Pray for Your Enemies

By Teena Hughs

Steve Friskup, minister at the Muleshoe Cowboy Fellowship, has a devotional every morning on Facebook. His devotional for August 5th, was about praying for your enemies...ugh!!! It is one of those where you know he is right, because God tells us that is what we are supposed to do, but do I actually have to do it?

Well, the answer is YES, because God commands us to in Luke 6:27,28: 'But if you are willing to listen, I say, love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you. Pray for the happiness of those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you.' Not only are we supposed to pray for our enemies and their happiness, we are supposed to love them too???

Ugh, Ugh!!!! When I look at the world today, I am looking mainly at what is going on in our country today, and I see a world in desperate need of God. When I look at the things happening in some of our largest cities like Seattle and Portland, I don't see God in those rioters and looters. So, what do we do to change the world we are living in?

I admit I would love for God to "take care of" the people funding these rioters and looters. For all the harm and damage the rioters and looters have done to people and the loss of their livelihoods, yes, I want to see them suffer just like they have made innocent, hard-working people suffer.

But, what I want to see happen doesn't change anything. God is the only One who can change the hearts and minds of those involved in trying to turn our country into a socialist, markist, communist nation.

We are told in Romans 12:21: "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

That is where praying for our enemies and loving them comes into play. It just doesn't seem natural to do that. They are our enemies; they do not like me, this country, or what the USA stands for; and, they deserve to be punished for what they are trying to destroy! Not according to God. When the hearts of wicked people are changed, evil has been overcome with good!

God is the only One who can get these people to change. He may use you or me to help Him, but He will be the One who changes them, just like He is the One who has changed me more times than I care to admit.

I wonder what would happen if every Christian in the USA would pray for our enemies, our personal enemies, the enemies of our country, those who hate us, and those who have hurt us? And, what would happen if we actually loved our enemies rather than just turning our backs on them or hating them? In Exodus 23:22, God tells us, "But if you are careful to obey him (an an-

gel), following all My instructions, then I will be an enemy to your enemies, and I will oppose those who oppose you."

God has all of this, friends. He wants us to obey Him and pray for and love our enemies, and He will take care of the rest! As the hymn says, all we have to do is trust and obey, no matter how hard it is!!!

Right after I saw Steve's devotional, I picked up my Bible, and what did I read in Ezekiel 33:11? "As sure as I live, says the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of wicked people. I only want them to turn from their wicked ways so they can live. Turn! Turn from your wickedness, O people of Israel! Why should you die?" Our prayers for our enemies may be the thing that saves them; the thing that completely changes their lives; the thing that changes our country and brings it back to God.

Since August 5th, I have been praying, praying for the enemies of our nation, and praying for the people who have hurt me. Admittedly, praying for people I don't know is much easier than praying for those who have hurt me. But, the more I pray, the easier it gets, and the more sincere my prayers for all of these people are.

I hope you will join me in praying for your enemies, and let us see what God does with those prayers. Have a great week!!!

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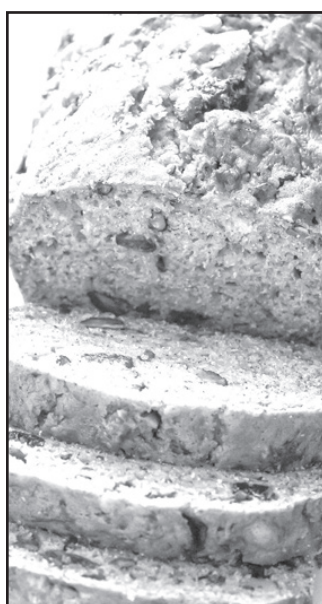
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Small Town Cookin'

Zucchini Nut Bread

By Gerry Taylor

from the Friends of the Library Cookbook



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- 2 c. sugar
- 2 t. vanilla
- 3 c. + 2 T. flour
- 3 t. cinnamon
- 1 t. soda
- ½ t. baking powder
- 1 t. salt
- 2 c. zucchini, grated
- 1 c. pecans

Peel zucchini, then grate it like cheese. Mix eggs, oil, sugar, and vanilla. Sift flour, cinnamon, baking powder, and salt; add to mixture. Add zucchini and nuts; mix well. Pour into greased and floured pans. Bake 1 hour at 325°F.

State Capital Highlights

By Chris Cobler



Instead of No. 2 pencils, PPEs top back-to-school list

Back-to-school lists aren't the same this year.

Gov. Greg Abbott talked last week about why the state is stockpiling personal protective equipment.

"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," he said.

Texas already has distributed to Texas schools: 59,410,640 masks; 567,948 gallons of hand sanitizer; 24,017 thermometers; and 511,294 face shields.

Sending up a flare

The Railroad Commission of Texas is proposing rule changes to reduce the amount of flaring in the oil and gas industry.

The proposed regulatory changes include: Reducing the time for operators to obtain an administrative exception to flare gas (For certain exceptions, the duration might be reduced by 50% to 80%); Providing incentives for operators to use technologies to reduce the amount of gas flared; Requiring operators to provide more specific information to justify the need to flare or vent gas in accordance with state rules.

The draft changes are open for a 30-day comment period and may be found on the Railroad Commission's website, <https://rrc.texas.gov/about-us/resource-center/forms/proposed-form-changes/>.

Flares, which can burn for weeks at a time, release harmful chemicals such as benzene as well as fine particle pollution, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, heavy metals and black carbon. Several of these combustion-related pollutants are linked to a higher risk of preterm birth and reduced birth weight in other contexts, according to a recent study by

the Keck School of Medicine at the University of Southern California.

"Our study finds that living near flaring is harmful to pregnant women and babies," said Jill Johnston, an environmental health scientist at Keck. "We have seen a sharp increase in flaring in Texas' Eagle Ford Shale, and this is the first study to explore the potential health impacts."

Get a hospital room with a view

Being able to see trees while recovering from surgery decreases patients' need for pain medication and shortens their recovery time, according to a study shared by the Texas A&M Forest Service on Twitter.

"As research is being conducted and becoming available, findings reinforce what much of the urban forestry community already knows — that trees have a positive impact on human health," said the Southern Group of State Foresters, a nonprofit organization promoting the importance of healthy forests to a stable economy in the South.

Docs emphasize primary concerns to Abbott

Primary care doctors are urging the governor to expand on reforms begun because of COVID-19.

The Texas Primary Care Coalition sent an open letter to the governor asking him to take a variety of steps to increase residents' access to health care. Texas ranks 47th out of the 50 states in the ratio of primary care physicians available, the coalition wrote.

Because of the pandemic, the group noted, Abbott took an important step by directing the Texas Department of Insurance to issue an emergency ruling to allow medical visits conducted via telemedicine to be paid at the same rate as in-person visits.

"With three months of experience to document the viability and cost-effectiveness of telemedicine, Texas should eliminate the barriers that could keep primary care physicians from maintaining this service beyond the pandemic, including requiring state regulated insurers to continue payment parity between in-person versus virtual visits," the consortium wrote.

Put fiber in your community's diet

Libraries and the rural communities they serve need to make fiber a top priority, according to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

Libraries should make every opportunity to acquire fiber optic connectivity, wrote Henry Stokes, a technology consultant for the commission, in a recent blog post. He said they need to jump on Facebook's news that it has been working to develop a robot that can deploy fiber optic cables quickly over power lines. This would dramatically reduce the cost of fiber construction.

"Harnessing it will ensure that both the library and the community it serves will continue to thrive in the future," Stokes said.

The wind beneath our wings

Happy American Wind Week. When you drive through West and Central Texas, as we did recently visiting family in Colorado, you readily see why Texas is the country's top producer of wind energy.

PoweringTexas.com is observing the fourth anniversary of American Wind Week Aug. 9-15. No word on whether blowing out candles is involved.

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

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Annual wheat "Picks List" is announced

By Kay Ledbetter

Texas A&M AgriLife wheat experts have determined their annual "Picks List" to guide producers as they prepare for fall planting in the near future. Continuing a long-time tradition, ongoing Picks List

criteria include a minimum of three years of irrigated or dryland data in Texas A&M AgriLife regional variety trials across numerous locations. Pick List varieties are based on performance and variety char-

acteristics, and only include varieties designated for grain or dual purpose. Varieties that are used primarily for grazing and forage are not listed.

Jourdan Bell, Ph.D., Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agronomist, Amarillo, said varieties selected are not necessarily the top yielders. Other criteria such as milling and baking quality, important disease resistance traits - leaf or stripe rust, wheat streak mosaic virus, insect resistance - greenbugs, wheat curl mite and Hessian fly, and standability are all factored in as they are important traits that enable a producer to better manage potential risk. Varieties placed on a Watch List show promise, but only two years of data is available.

High Plains Picks List

Picks for the Texas High Plains are based on yield performance and consistency over 22 multi-year, multi-site irrigated and dryland trials harvested from 2018-2020.

Full Irrigation Picks - TAM 113, TAM 114, TAM 205, Croplan CP7869 and Westbred Winterhawk.

Limited Irrigation Picks - TAM 113, TAM 114, TAM 115, CP7869 and Winterhawk. Dryland - TAM 112, TAM 113, TAM 114, TAM 115, CP7869, Winterhawk, WB4721 and T158.

Watch List - TAM 205 in limited irrigation, and TAM 115 in full irrigation categories. Syngenta's Monument is on the watch list in both irrigation categories, and Wolverine in all three categories. Croplan's 7010 and Westbred's 4792 have also both been added to all three lists.

TAM 115 is a new, large-seeded variety on the 2020-2021 limited irrigated and dryland Picks Lists. It is a dual-purpose variety with very good milling and baking quality that is resistant to leaf rust, stripe rust, stem rust, green bug and wheat curl mite. It also has excellent drought tolerance. It has shown to maintain yield in water limited conditions.

TAM 205 has shown stable yield during the three-years evaluated. It is a dual-purpose variety with a high top-end yield potential, good test weights, very good end-use quality, and good fall forage production. It is resistant to leaf rust, stripe rust and stem rust. It is also resistant to wheat streak mosaic virus and soil-borne wheat mosaic virus. It performed very well in the irrigated trials.

TAM 112 has been removed from the limited irrigated Picks Lists because TAM 115 also has drought tolerance and wheat curl mite resistance but with an improved yield potential. It remains on

the dryland Picks list because of its' drought tolerance and resistance to the wheat curl mite.

Syngenta Monument has been moved to the Watch List because it did not perform as well in 2019-2020 as in previous years. Syngenta Wolverine is a new addition to the 2020-2021 Watch List. Wolverine

is a 2019 AgriPro release with good test weights, resistance to stripe rust and tolerance to leaf rust, and is a high-tillering variety noted for good drought tolerance. Westbred WB4792 is a 2018 release that has been a top yielder in the High Plains Uniform Variety irrigated and dryland trials for the last two years with good test weights.



TAM 115 and TAM 205 wheat varieties were added to this year's Picks List in the High Plains. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo by Kay Ledbetter)

Letter to the Editor



Dear Friends of High Plains Food Bank Across the Texas Panhandle:

On behalf of the High Plains Food Bank team, our board of directors, and the neighbors we serve, I want to personally thank each and every one of you who has supported our mission as we continue to face this unparalleled storm. Thanks to your volunteerism, donations, and simple words of encouragement, we remain committed to alleviating hunger for a growing number of individuals and families impacted by COVID-19.

As a dedicated friend and supporter of the High Plains Food Bank, you know that these past few months have changed the landscape of our world. In literally a span of one week, we saw the demand for food assistance grow nearly 20 times over throughout our network. According to the latest estimates, nearly 1 in 5 Texas Panhandle residents struggle with hunger. Your generosity has never been more needed nor appreciated than during the COVID-19 pandemic.

During the crisis, local families still struggle to put food on the table, and many are facing this crisis for the first time. There are record unemployment numbers in our area and more households that are without paychecks or

struggling to make ends meet with the income they have available.

Though these are unprecedented times, your support is making a tremendous difference. Through your support, over 1 million pounds of food was distributed to 11,000 households in June - both record numbers in just one month. Altogether, we distributed 2.6 million pounds of food in three months. Kids Cafe program provided over 70,000 meals (and counting) to children while schools were closed due to the pandemic.

The ongoing need is urgent as so many people work to rebuild their lives. The future may be uncertain, but there is one thing I know for sure: kindhearted friends like you are the reason we will get through this together and come out stronger.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for caring about your hungry neighbors. We're eternally grateful for the love and kindness you've showered on the food bank, our team, and the neighbors we serve.

Gratefully,
Zack Wilson
Executive Director
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(806)374-8562
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FRIONA PRIMARY SCHOOL SUPPLIES 2020-21

PRE-K

- 1 School Box
- 1 Elmer's School Glue (4 oz.)
- 2 Boxes of 24 Crayola Crayons (Regular size only)
- 1 Watercolor Paints
- 1 Pair Fiskar Scissors
- 1 Large Box of Kleenex
- 1 Big Backpack (without wheels)
- 1 Package of Blank 3x5 Index Cards
- 1 Roll of Paper Towels
- 1 Change of Clothes

KINDERGARTEN

- 1 Elmer's School Glue (4 oz.)
- 4 Boxes of 24 Crayola Crayons
- 1 Pair of Fiskar Metal Pointed Scissors
- 2 Large Boxes of Kleenex
- 3 Large White Erasers
- 12 Pencils - #2 lead
- 1 Mead K-2 Primary Writing Journal
- 1 Plastic Folder with brads
- 1 Change of clothes
- 1 Pencil Pouch
- 1 Big Backpack (without wheels)
- 12 Glue Sticks (Elmer's)
- 6 EXPO Dry Erase Markers
- 1 Roll of Paper Towels
- 1 Box of Ziploc bags (Boys- Gallon Size, Girls- Quart Size)
- 1 Water Bottle with Secure Lid

FIRST GRADE

- 1 Pair of Fiskar Metal Pointed Scissors
- 24 Pencils - #2 lead (yellow not decorative)
- 2 Boxes of 16 or 24 Crayons (Regular size and Crayola brand only)
- 2 Large Boxes of Kleenex
- 1 Box Crayola Markers
- 4 Glue sticks
- 1 Box of Ziploc Bags (Gallon size)
- 3-5 Dry Erase Markers - FINE POINT
- 1 Large Pink Eraser
- 1 Backpack (without wheels)
- 1 Change of Clothers
- 3 Mead Plastic Folders with brads
- 4 Mead Composition Notebooks
- 1 Container of Playdough
- 2 Container of Antibacterial Wipes

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- 1 Backpack
- 2 Large Boxes of Kleenex
- 1 Spiral Notebook
- 1 Box of Ziploc Bags (Gallon size)
- 1 Change of Clothes

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The FRIONA ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM 08/31/2020 in Friona ISD Boardroom Friona, Texas 79035. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$0.929800 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters	\$0.334000 /\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	0.489000% (increase) or	% (decrease)
Debt service	2.091000% (increase) or	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	2.580000% (increase) or	% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$436,325,948	\$473,665,570
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$609,435	\$289,234
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$415,799,766	\$480,188,433
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$609,435	\$289,234

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
 ** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
 *** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness:	\$24,712,425
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* Outstanding principal

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$0.970000	\$0.334000*	\$1.304000	\$5,612	\$5,075
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$0.929800	\$0.334000*	\$1.263800	\$6,872	\$7,277
Proposed Rate	\$0.929800	\$0.334000*	\$1.263800	\$5,717	\$6,926

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$90,222	\$91,043
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$58,886	\$63,707
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.304000	\$1.263800
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$767.87	\$805.12
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	\$0.00	\$37.25

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.263800. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of 1.263800.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$5,691,667
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$40,882

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.

FRIONA STAR SUBSCRIPTIONS

IN PARMER COUNTY: \$30 PER YEAR • OUT OF PARMER COUNTY: \$40 PER YEAR
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Statements required in notice if the proposed tax rate does not exceed the lower of the no-new-revenue tax rate or the voter-approval tax rate, as prescribed by Tax Code §26.061.

NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON TAX RATE

A tax rate of \$0.5337 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of PARMER COUNTY.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.5337 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.5337 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.5337 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2020 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for PARMER COUNTY from the same properties in both the 2019 tax year and the 2020 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that PARMER COUNTY may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that PARMER COUNTY is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON August 24, 2020 at 10:00 AM at Parmer County Court Room First Floor.

The proposed tax rate is also not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, PARMER COUNTY is not required to hold an election to seek voter approval of the rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting Parmer County of PARMER COUNTY at their offices or by attending the public meeting mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE TAX RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

$$\text{Property tax amount} = (\text{tax rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

(List names of all members of the governing body below, showing how each voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase or, if one or more were absent, indicating absences.)

FOR the proposal:	KIRK FRYE, CHARLES WILKINS, KENNY WHITE, CASEY RUSSELL, TREY ELLIS
AGAINST the proposal:	N/A
PRESENT and not voting:	N/A
ABSENT:	N/A

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The 86th Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by PARMER COUNTY last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by PARMER COUNTY this year.

	2019	2020	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.5492	\$0.5337	3% decrease
Average homestead taxable value	\$77,752	\$83,041	7% increase
Tax on average homestead	\$427	\$443	4% increase
Total tax levy on all properties	\$4,754,069	\$4,754,358	0% increase

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for PARMER COUNTY at 806481-3383 or pcjudge@parmercounty.net, or visit parmercounty.org.

Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



It's that time again. Poetry. Yep, I am going to make lovers of verse out of you yet.

As always, parents, remember you can use poetry for tough discussions. Talk, listen, and share as age appropriate if you are so inclined. Both shared today cover serious topics.

I never forgot reading Richard Cory in Margaret Watkins's sophomore English class. Many of my high school students were drawn to it, probably because of the shock factor of the horrific final stanza. This poem, however, generated some excellent adolescent observations. Talking about Richard Cory's tragic choice seemed to lift the veils of (1) trying to impress others and (2) acting as if nothing is ever wrong. Since teenagers knew a thing or two about those masks, the poem had the potential to open doors for important dialogue.

The second offering is from contemporary free verse writer Maggie Smith. The title poem from Good Bones, a collection published in 2017, does exactly what one of her peers says: Smith "unravels the universe, pulls at a loose thread and lets the whole thing tumble around us, sometimes beautiful, sometimes achingly hard." Many of her poems, this one included,

revolve around a mother's relationship to her children.

When you get this week's edition, give yourself some thoughtful time to read these more than once. Re-cite them in the bathroom, on your tractor, or at the dining table (again, as is age appropriate). Robin-

son's poem was written over 100 years ago; Smith lives among us today.

Both give sobering voice to ageless themes such as misplaced happiness and cruel realities. Yet, as Smith writes, the optimistic perspective shared with our children may be our saving grace.

Whenever Richard Cory went downtown, We people on the pavement looked at him: He was a gentleman from sole to crown, Clean favored and imperially slim.

And he was always quietly arrayed, And he was always human when he talked, But still he fluttered pulses when he said, "Good-morning," and he glittered when he walked.

And he was rich--yes, richer than a king-- And admirably schooled in every grace: In fine, we thought that he was everything To make us wish that we were in his place.

So on we worked, and waited for the light, And went without the meat and cursed the bread; And Richard Cory, one calm summer night, Went home and put a bullet through his head.

--Richard Cory, E.A. Robinson (1896)

Life is short, though I keep this from my children. Life is short, and I've shortened mine in a thousand delicious, ill-advised ways, a thousand deliciously ill-advised ways I'll keep from my children. The world is at least fifty percent terrible, and that's a conservative estimate, though I keep this from my children. For every bird there is a stone thrown at a bird. For every loved child, a child broken, bagged, sunk in a lake. Life is short and the world is at least half terrible, and for every kind stranger, there is one who would break you, though I keep this from my children. I am trying to sell them the world. Any decent realtor, walking you through a real s*#-hole, chirps on about good bones: This place could be beautiful, right? You could make this place beautiful.

--Good Bones, Maggie Smith (2017)

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ESTATE OF MARGARET PARSONS, DECEASED

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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF PARMER COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MARGARET PARSONS, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Margaret Parsons, Deceased, were issued to the undersigned Independent Executor on the 27th day of July, 2020, in Cause No. P03210 which is still pending in the County Court of Parmer County, Texas, and that Larry Dale Parsons now holds such Letters. All persons having claims against said Estate, which is being administered in the county named above, are hereby required to present the same to me, at the address below given, before suit upon same is barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such Estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law. The post office address to which such claims should be sent is c/o Erny G. Simmons, 14801 Quorum Drive, Suite 500, Dallas, Texas 75254.

DATED this 12th day of August, 2020.

LARRY DALE PARSONS, INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF MARGARET PARSONS

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Dairy MAX and Trucking Companies Partner to Deliver

Nonprofit regional dairy council Dairy MAX announced that more than 200,000 gallons of milk have been distributed to regional food banks in a multi-state area since May 2020 as part of dairy farmer's collective COVID-19 relief efforts. Dairy MAX represents more than 900 dairy farm families across eight states.

The organization made the decision to quickly assist with milk distribution at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, mobilizing to assist regionally. Specifically, dairy farmers hoped to help feed Americans in need, providing nutrition, fighting hunger and caring for neighbors. More than 37 million Americans are fed through the Feeding America network of food banks and pantries each year. However, due to COVID-19, 17 million more Americans are relying on this same network. (Source: Feeding America)

Americans may not realize that milk is one of the most requested items at food banks, yet is also the least donated by individuals.

Recently the USDA began the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) to purchase and distribute agricultural products to those in need through local food banks. Through this program, the USDA purchased \$317 million dollars in dairy products and assigned an additional \$175 million to



developing a combination box of fresh produce, dairy or meat products.

With the CFAP program and network in place, Dairy MAX farmers sought ways to ensure food banks receive and distribute as much dairy as possible to families in need. Mass distribution quickly emerged at the start of the pandemic, with many food banks setting up a distribution "drive through" in centrally located large parking lots. The food is free, and families in need can drive up and receive a box of food in a safe, contactless manner.

Dairy MAX wanted to ensure these families were also receiving milk in addition to their fruits, vegetables, and meat offerings, but a transportation partner and refrigeration facilities were needed to bridge the

gap. Trucking partnerships began when Dairy MAX learned that Convo, a digital freight network, was offering free transportation for truckloads of food being donated to Feeding America's network of food banks across the country.

"When we heard about Convo's efforts delivering donations across the U.S. to food banks, our team immediately thought of them as a partner that could help us provide dairy to families in need," said Mike Konkle, CEO of Dairy MAX. "We have been grateful for their help and partnership, which kick started our ability to bring dairy products quickly to food banks and families."

While the pandemic has increased the need, the response from the dairy farmers of Dairy MAX is inline

with the organization's core values and history. The dairy community at-large, for example, has donated more than 31 million servings of milk to families in need through food bank efforts and Feeding America's Great American Milk Drive over the last five years.

"Most families that use food banks receive an average of one gallon of milk per year, which is by no means enough to fulfill the nutritional guidelines that recommend three servings of dairy a day," said Jennie McDowell, Dairy MAX's director of business development. "You won't find a group of people more passionate and connected to community feeding and support than the dairy farm families that are a part of Dairy MAX."

Hurricane Hanna hurts South Texas producers

\$366 million ag production loss impacting 32 Texas counties

By Adam Russell

Cotton producers in the Rio Grande Valley took a devastating hit from Hurricane Hanna, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert. Other row crops like corn and sorghum were harvested before the storm arrived, but some alternative crops like sesame and citrus experienced damages as well.

Holly Davis, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension entomologist, Weslaco, said Hurricane Hanna took an unexpected last-minute turn to hit the Cameron, Hidalgo and Willacy counties on July 24. All three counties were hit with heavy rains, including 6-18 inches of rain, sustained winds of 30-40 mph and gusts of 60-plus mph. Davis said the cotton crop looked good prior to the storm, and expectations were for an av-

erage to above-average season for most producers, especially if they had irrigation. Cotton harvest was just beginning with about 2% harvested before the storm hit. Most fields were defoliated, and cotton bolls were open with a lot of lint exposed, she said.

Davis said initial assessments by AgriLife Extension experts and producers estimate 90-100% cotton crop losses for around 138,000 acres. Some acres remain underwater due to heavy rains this past weekend. There were also concerns about cotton seed sprout due to the moisture levels, she said. "What wasn't flooded, splashing reduced quality to unmarketable levels in mature fields," she said. "There were some later maturing fields, but those are wait and

see. The ground is saturated, and water has nowhere to go, so there is still a lot of standing water in places."

Hurricane Hanna and other crops

The storm also hit sesame acres hard, Davis said. Like cotton, sesame fields were mostly ready for harvest. There were reports of sesame blown over with seeds on the ground due to high winds, while other fields were expected to rot before fields dry.

"Later-planted sesame was starting to dry down, and was exposed to wind damage, and younger fields look bad right now, but will hopefully pull through," she said. Sugarcane was blown over, and citrus orchards, mostly grapefruit and some oranges, took significant damages as

well. There were no reports of tree losses, but developing fruit dropped due to high winds, and standing water may affect some producers in the long-term.

"There are still concerns about various crops," Davis said. "It's still early, so we don't have a complete picture of what we're dealing with." Luckily corn and sorghum and vegetable crop harvests were pretty much complete, Davis said. Fall crops won't be planted until late-August or early September.

"Even though this storm was just a Category 1, the damages were widespread, even more so than some previous storms like Hurricane Dolly," she said. "The wind and rain were bad, but the timing couldn't have been worse for cotton producers."

