



Vaccination Clinic

Saturday, September 12th
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Parmer Paws Animal Rescue Shelter
115 W. 11th St., Friona, Texas
Line up on Euclid heading North
Each person inside
vehicle must wear mask
Dogs: \$10 rabies,
\$15 parvo/distemper
Cats: \$10 rabies, \$15 3-way viral

School Board reduces tax rate

The Board of Trustees of the Friona Independent School District met for a Public Hearing on Monday, August 31st at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room of the Fisd Administration Building, 909 E. 11th Street, Friona, Texas 79035.

The purpose of the public hearing was to provide an open forum for any individuals who wanted to make comments regarding the proposed tax rate for tax year 2020 and/or the budget for the 2020-21 School Year. There were no public comments. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Budget for the 2020-21 School Year. The General Operating Budget is approximately \$12.5 million, the Debt Service Budget is \$1.9 million, and the Food Service Budget is just under \$1 million.

The Board then met in a special session at 5:40 p.m. The purpose of the special meeting was to set the tax rate

for the 2020-21 School Year which is tax year 2020. The Board voted unanimously to approve a tax rate of \$1.2638 per \$100. The Maintenance & Operations (M&O) portion is \$0.9298 and \$0.3340 is the Debt Service (I&S) portion. The new rate is approximately 3% lower than last year's tax rate of \$1.3040 per \$100.

The 2020-21 Fisd Board of Trustees are: Antonio Rocha, President; Andy Montana, VP; Jason Rector, Secretary; Wade Schueler; Jamie Lewellen; Darrin Gilley; and Jeri Lynn White.

All meetings are open to the public. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to go into Closed Session at any time. The agenda for this meeting can be found at frionaisd.com, the Fisd website. Information in this article is only a summary. Any questions concerning specific actions should be directed to the Board.

"Fill the Boot" campaign raises over \$2,100 for MDA



Friona Firefighters Juan Samarron and J'Lond Jarecki helped collect donations last week at Main & Highway 60 for the MDA "Fill the Boot" campaign.

The Friona Volunteer Fire Department held its annual "Fill the Boot" campaign last Saturday and collected over \$2,100 in the fight against muscular dystrophy. Your donation helps families live longer and grow stronger.

Since 1950, the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) has spearheaded efforts to transform the lives of people with muscular dystrophy, ALS, and related neuromuscular diseases. It funds groundbreaking research for promising treatments and provide families with the

highest quality care from the best doctors in the country. Here are some current highlights:

- Research: MDA is the largest source of funding for neuromuscular disease research outside the federal government and has committed more than \$1 billion in funding since its inception.

- Treatments: Research that MDS has supported is directly linked to approved, life-changing therapies across multiple neuromuscular diseases.

- Technology: The MOVR platform is the first and only data hub that uniquely aggregates healthcare, genetic, and patient-reported data, transforming health outcomes and drug development in neuromuscular disease.

Early diagnosis, highly specialized care and access to promising clinical trials help ensure the best possible outcomes for individuals and families facing muscular dystrophy, ALS and related life-threatening diseases. MDA is ready to provide care for

kids and adults from day one. MDA Care Centers offer families best-in-class, comprehensive care from a wide variety of health care specialists at one location on the same day, while our trained informational specialists and educational resources are available to offer guidance and support through every step of the journey. Go to mda.org for more information.

Local Beef & Dairy community raise over \$80,000 for SP4K Beef Stik Program

The Amarillo area beef and dairy communities presented a check for \$81,500 to the Snack Pak 4 Kids (SP4K) Beef Stik Program. The money will provide beef sticks to hungry students through the Snack Pak weekend hunger program. The check was presented at the second annual Beef 4 Kids Classic golf tournament held Monday, August 31st on the La Paloma course at the Tascosa Golf Club.

"Our local agriculture community continues to step up to serve their communities," said Dyron Howell, SP4K founder. "This year we served 60% more kids due to the economic impact of COVID. We expect that trend to continue throughout the school year."

The SP4K Beef Stik Program launched in October 2017. The program was designed to provide more protein for hungry students in the Texas Panhandle.

"Ten percent of the sticks we need will be funded by this golf tournament,"



(l-r) Wayne Craig, Heath Williamson of Nutra Blend, and Dyron Howell

Howell said. "When we first started, kids would get about 10-12 grams of protein in their bags each weekend, which is woefully inadequate. Today kids are getting 68 grams of protein in their bags. This is protein

they desperately need to be successful both at home and school."

Beef provides ten essential nutrients and vitamins, including protein, zinc and iron - three key nutrients that are essential for proper

growth and development of children.

"TCFA is grateful for the strong partnership with Snack Pak and the opportunity it has provided the beef community to help provide high quality beef to students

in our communities," said Wayne Craig, Cactus Cares executive director and chair of TCFA's industry relations committee. "Cattle feeders have a commitment to serve our community, and it has been an honor to be a part of this partnership to reach out and help our neighbors."

How can you help: (1) Share the Snack Pak and Beef Stik story via social media, (2) Donate monetarily to the Beef Stik program, and (3) Sponsor your community or a local child.

TCFA would like to thank the sponsors and golfers who made this event possible. Major sponsoring organizations include Amarillo National Bank, Baptist Community Services, Cactus Cares, Capital Farm Credit, Cargill, Caviness Beef Packers, Champion Feeders, Elanco, Five Rivers Cattle Co., HF&C, Hi-Pro Feeds, JD Heiskell, Kemin Industries, Micro Technologies, Nutra Blend, Panhandle Surgical, and Tyson Foods.

Parmer County COVID-19 stats



Tested at Parmer Medical Center **953**

Negative Results from Parmer Medical Center **649**

Pending Results from PMC **8**

Positive Results from PMC **296**

Parmer County Residents Positive Results From All Test Sites **383**

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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.

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| Friona Weather September 3-9 | T ☀️ 94 58 NE 10-20 | F ☀️ 92 60 ESE 10-20 | S ☁️ 91 62 S 10-15 | S ☀️ 96 62 SW 10-20 | M ☀️ 94 59 SSW 10-20 | T ☁️ 75 45 NNE 15-25 | W ☁️ 65 45 NNE 10-15 | Precipitation August 0.62 Year 8.45 | 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

September 7
• Labor Day Holiday (no school)

September 8
• Snack Pak 4 Kids at 3:00 p.m. north entrance of Friona United Methodist Church

September 11
• Patriot Day

September 18
• Homecoming Football Game vs. Dalhart

COVID-19 News

Coronavirus cases confirmed

As of September 2, 2020

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| Texas: 646,000 cases 13,004 deaths | Worldwide: 25,300,000 cases 848,000 deaths 16,700,000 recoveries |
| United States: 6,090,000 cases 185,000 deaths | |

Emma & Kynlee Anderson operated their curbside lemonade and cookie stands last Saturday to raise funds for future academic endeavors. All proceeds went to their cookie jar college fund. Emma, age 6, and Kynlee, age 3, are the children of Jim & Briana (Wright) Anderson of Amarillo and grandkids of Kirk & Leslie Wright of Friona.



Emma fills order for Holly Campbell



Kynlee selects the cookies

State Sales Tax Revenue Totaled \$2.82 Billion in August

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.82 billion in August, 5.6 percent less than in August 2019. The majority of August sales tax revenue is based on sales made in July and remitted to the agency in August. Rising COVID-19 infection rates in July likely suppressed economic activity.

"State sales tax collections from all major sectors other than retail trade declined significantly from year ago levels, with the largest declines in the oil- and gas-related sectors," Hegar said. "Collections from retail trade were up, as increased consumer spending on home improvements, home entertainment, distance learning and outdoor recreation in response to the COVID-19 pandemic spurred higher remittances from building materials, home furnishing, electronics and appliance, and sporting goods retailers. Retail trade tax collections were also boosted by online out-of-state vendors and marketplace providers who did not have tax collection obligations a year ago. Tax remittances from the information sector were depressed, as federal law in July began prohibiting sales taxation of internet service.

"Consumer spending was supported in July by enhanced federal benefits, which have since been reduced or expired. Consequently, further declines in sales tax revenue may ensue in the coming months."

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in August 2020 was down 2.7 percent compared to the same period a year ago. Sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 59

percent of all tax collections. The effects of the economic slowdown and low oil prices also were evident in other sources of revenue in August 2020.

Texas collected the following revenue from other major taxes in August: (1) motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$468 million, down 4 percent from August 2019; (2) motor fuel taxes — \$287 million, down 12 percent from August 2019; (3) oil production tax — \$219 million, down 39 percent from August 2019; (4) natural gas production tax — negative \$15 million, down 115 percent from August 2019, due to substantial refund payments during the month; (5) hotel occupancy tax — \$31 million, down 49 percent from August 2019; and (6) alcoholic beverage taxes — \$69 million, down 39 percent from August 2019.

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar also released totals for fiscal 2020 state revenues.

- General Revenue-related revenue for fiscal 2020 totaled \$56.98 billion, down 1.5 percent from fiscal 2019.
- All Funds tax collections were \$57.38 billion, down 3.4 percent from fiscal 2019.
- Sales tax revenue was \$34.10 billion, up 0.2 percent over fiscal 2019.
- Motor vehicle sales and rental tax revenue was \$4.8 billion, down 3.9 percent from fiscal 2019.
- Franchise tax revenue was \$4.42 billion, up 4.8 percent over fiscal 2019.
- Oil production tax revenue was \$3.23 billion, down 16.9 percent from fiscal 2019.
- Natural gas production tax revenue was \$925 million, down 45.1 percent from fiscal 2019.
- All Funds revenue was \$141.58 billion, up 10.7 per-

cent over fiscal 2019, primarily due to substantial increases in federal funding for pandemic-related assistance.

"Yearly revenues were slightly ahead of our projections in the revised Certification Revenue Estimate (CRE) released in July," Hegar said. "This was, in part, due to surprisingly strong July sales tax collections as Texans' spending for home improvement projects increased while they spent more time at home both for teleworking

and staycations, in lieu of leisure travel.

"Those July gains, however, were largely reversed in August, bringing actual collections closer to, but still ahead of, our estimate."

The Economic Stabilization Fund (ESF) and State Highway Fund (SHF) both receive funding from oil and natural gas severance taxes. In November, the Comptroller's office will deposit \$1.13 billion in each of those funds, down from the \$1.67 billion deposited in each fund in November 2019.

Letter to the Editor

As you and others may have noticed, the Parmer Paws Animal Rescue Shelter at 115 W 11th Street in Friona is coming together nicely, in no small part to the support of the communities in Parmer County. We have approximately twenty dogs and fifteen cats waiting for the 9-kennel, 2-cat room, accommodations to open, which will be in the next few months. In the meantime, we will continue to serve the county in our mission to keep pets healthy.

As part of our education and outreach, we will be offering a low-cost dog and cat vaccination clinic on Saturday, September 12th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

What is different about this clinic is that it will be drive-by only! In our effort to avoid dog fights and escaping critters, and to ensure social distancing, folks can drive through with their pets and the vet will come out to the car to administer vaccinations. Available vaccines include a parvovirus/distemper and rabies for dogs, and cats will have access to FVRP-C and rabies vaccines. Line-up will be on Euclid heading north and we ask that all humans wear masks when volunteers and vets approach the vehicle. Please see our ad for detailed pricing. Thank you Parmer County for your support of Parmer Paws and the animals who need our help.

Sincerely,
Pam Kendrick

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

- 1.) Go to frionaonline.com
- 2.) Click on the "newspaper archives" link
- 3.) Search

Friona Rainfall Data



2020

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| January | 0.57 |
| February | 0.67 |
| March | 2.10 |
| April | 0.53 |
| May | 0.14 |
| June | 0.72 |
| July | 3.10 |
| August | 0.62 |

Chieftain football is on the air!!!

You can listen to Chieftain football on KGRW 94.7 Kickin' Country and online at Network1sports.com/station/kgwr

The broadcast will begin Friday night at 6:30 p.m. with pre-game coverage and analysis. Kickoff is at 7 p.m. There is also a post-game show with comments from coaches and players and final thoughts from the broadcasters.



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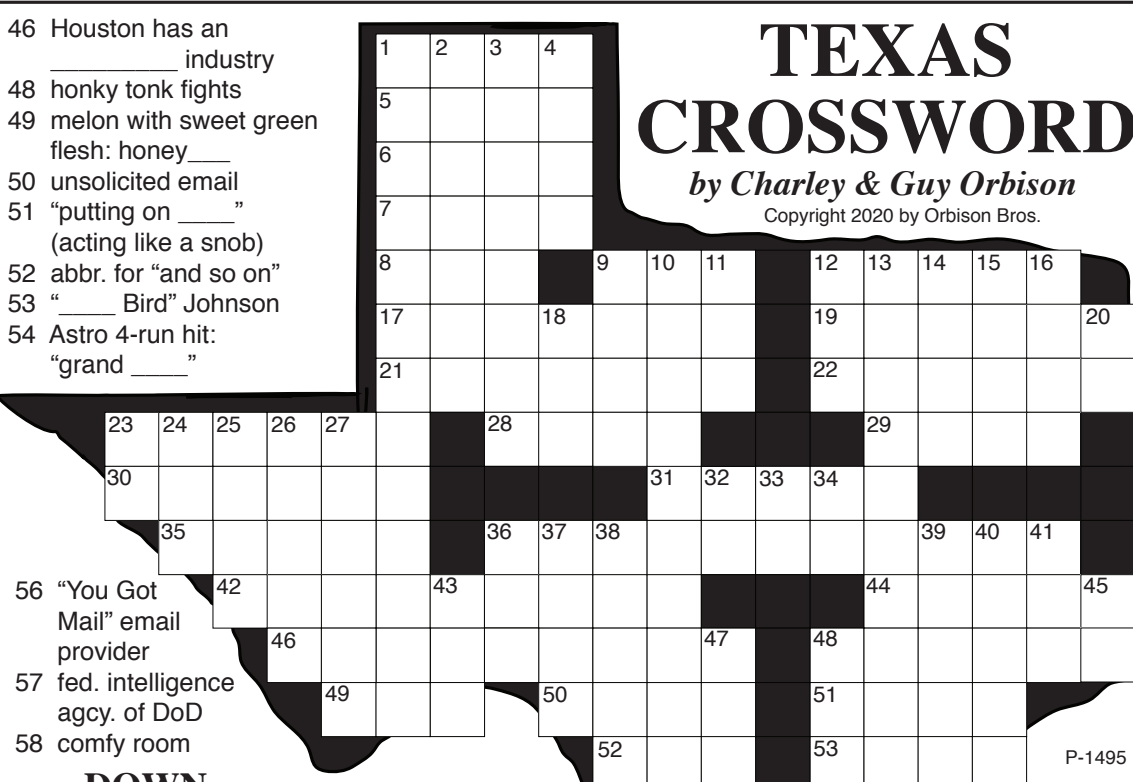
- 1 prepare potatoes
- 5 TX Gilley hit: "A Head ___ Tonight"
- 6 TXism: "___ bout" (about)
- 7 money machines
- 8 "neither's" sidekick
- 9 Amarillo hosts "___ State Fair & Rodeo"
- 12 these TX ranches have a sideways shovel for a brand
- 17 Pacific or Atlantic, e.g. (2 wds.)
- 19 Carthage is the seat of this county
- 21 Texas Wesleyan University started as Poly ___ College in 1890
- 22 notorious filicide defendant, TX Yates
- 23 TX Chris Waters co-wrote country song "___ Walk"
- 28 "___ '___ Ewe And Lamas Too"
- 29 moniker
- 30 TXism: "straight as ___ star's teeth"
- 31 TXism: "he'll kick you ___ funeral home" (mean horse)
- 35 most Texans haven't ___ pay phone for years
- 36 TXism: "as popular ___ daughter"
- 42 blue jeans can have orange ___
- 44 TXism: "in ___ of trouble"

DOWN

- 46 Houston has an ___ industry
- 48 honky tonk fights
- 49 melon with sweet green flesh: honey ___
- 50 unsolicited email
- 51 "putting on ___" (acting like a snob)
- 52 abbr. for "and so on"
- 53 "___ Bird" Johnson
- 54 Astro 4-run hit: "grand ___"
- 56 "You Got Mail" email provider
- 57 fed. intelligence agcy. of DoD
- 58 comfy room
- 15 univer. residence
- 16 Robert ___ statues are being taken down today
- 18 TX George H.W. was shot down over ___chijima Island in WWII
- 20 Coleman High class
- 23 Washington state abbr.
- 24 flightless bird
- 25 TXism: "ramrod"
- 26 she was William Hobby's wife after he was governor
- 27 "___ up" (arranged neatly)
- 32 nah
- 1 Fort Worth's "Casa ___"
- 2 nail polish remover
- 3 in Wheeler County on U.S. 83
- 4 "His and ___"
- 9 take care of
- 10 TXism: "___ dogs" (a deluge)
- 11 corp. ending
- 12 hot tub, e.g.
- 13 this TX town is the oldest Polish settlement in the country (2 wds.)
- 14 TXism: "costs an arm ___ leg"

TEXAS CROSSWORD

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ON YOUR PAYROLL

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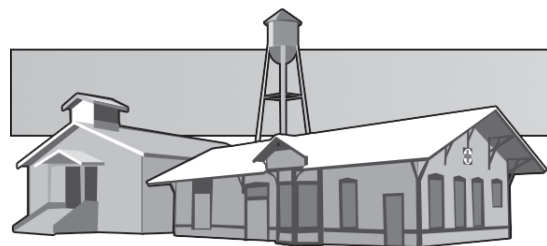
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TOWN TALK

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Friona Senior Citizens will reopen Thursday, October 1st for meals, fellowship, cards, and dominoes. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. and you may call early, 806-250-3645, for take out. Please use common sense when deciding to attend the events. If you do not feel well, please stay at home. Your temperature will be taken at the door when you arrive. Masks are optional. FSC needs to hire two people to help Susie. Contact her at 806-250-2712 or 806-626-8602 for more information. Friona Senior Citizens thanks its members for their patience.

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Swine tags for the 2020-2021 show year will be due to your Ag teachers or Parmer County 4-H agent by Monday, September 28th. If you are in 3rd grade you qualify to show in 4-H or FFA. The cost will be \$17.00 per tag. These tags must be purchased if you want to show in a local or major show. Contact Parmer County Extension Office Manager Deena Leuea at 806-251-5120 for more information.

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FYI — The Tax Assessor's office will close for renovations on Thursday, Sept. 3rd at noon and will re-open on Tuesday, Sept. 8th at 1 p.m. The Courthouse will be closed for the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 7th. Online renewals can be processed at TXDMV.GOV

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Farm Service Agency (FSA)

reminds farmers and ranchers that the deadline to apply for the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) is Sept. 11, 2020. This program provides direct relief to producers who faced price declines and additional marketing costs due to COVID-19. Customers seeking one-on-one support with the CFAP application process can call 877-508-8364 to speak directly with a USDA employee ready to offer general assistance. This is a recommended first step before a producer engages the team at the FSA county office at their local USDA Service Center. With only two weeks before the deadline, now is the time to check out the resources on farmers.gov/cfap and contact the call center or your local office for your last-minute questions.

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September is the ninth month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars, the third of four months to have a length of 30 days, and the fourth of five months to have a length of less than 31 days. In the Northern Hemisphere September is the seasonal equivalent of March in the Southern Hemisphere.

In the Northern hemisphere, the beginning of the meteorological autumn is on September 1st. In the Southern hemisphere, the beginning of the meteorological spring is on September 1st. It is the start of the academic year in many countries of the northern hemisphere,



Panhandle Plains Historical Museum

in which children go back to school after the summer break, sometimes on the first day of the month.

September (from Latin septem, "seven") was originally the seventh of ten months in the oldest known Roman calendar, the calendar of Romulus c.750 BC, with March (Latin Martius) the first month of the year until perhaps as late as 451 BC. After the calendar reform that added January and February to the beginning of the year, September became the ninth month but retained its name. It had 29 days until the Julian reform, which added a day.

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The editor took a trip last Sunday to Canyon to visit the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum. The purpose of the outing was to view the photography of Paul Chaplo and his exhibit "Amarillo Flights: Aerial Views of Llano Estacado Country." The exhibit

is located in the Mary E. Bivins Gallery which is on the second floor on the far east side of the building complex. I say complex because the museum is huge. Me and my entourage were there three hours and we barely scratched the surface. It was well worth the time and effort to go and visit the museum. The Panhandle Plains Historical Museum is located at 2503 4th Avenue in Canyon, Texas. Go to www.panhandleplains.org for more information.

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- National Days**
September 3 — Bowling League Day
September 4 — Wildlife Day
September 5 — Cheese Pizza Day
September 6 — Read A Book Day
September 7 — Labor Day
September 8 — Ampersand Day
September 9 — Teddy Bear Day

FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



WIN TROPHY...The Friona Fertilizer team took second place in the second annual Friona Women's Softball tournament recently. Team members are (back) Donita Martin, Cindy Smiley, Patcine Bouldin and Vickie Smiley. In front are Lisa Howell, Jayn Looper, Randie Hamilton and Sharon Rec-tor. Not present for the picture were Brenda Montoya, Joy Morton, Diane Anthony, Cynthia Smith and Gay Clark. (Friona Star, August 17, 1980)

SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

(8/27/20) Craig Smyer, 44, of Muleshoe was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office for Violation of a Protective Order, posted bond, released, pending County Court.
(8/28/20) Alfredo Alonso, 59, of Bovina was arrested by the Bovina Police Department on a charge of Criminal Trespass, pending County Court.

COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from August 20, 2020 to August 27, 2020

- (8/21/20) Richard Williams — Robert W. Anderson II — The N 30 L 4 and the S 60 O L 3 B 6 Mimo Addition City of Farwell in Parmer County
- (8/21/20) Arnold Galen Hromas — Matthew Gabe Hromas, Michelle Lee Hromas — A 69.7139 Ac tract of land out of Sec 33 B B Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County
- (8/24/20) Annett Stevenson Larson — Stephen D. Stevenson — A 387.988 Ac tract out of a part of a tract know as a 640 Ac as conveyed to Pecos and N Vol 2 Pg 172, a 190.382 Ac tract out of S part of Sec 11 Township 7 S R 2 E of Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County, a 2.49 tract of land in Sec 11 Township 7 S R 2 E of a Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County Vol 64 Pg 98, all of NE/4 of Sec 12 Township 7 S R 2 E Capitol Syndicate
- (8/24/20) Bruce Gipson, Jo Beth Gipson — Capital First Trust Co FBO — The W part of L 3 and E part of L 4 B 3 first installment to Welch Ac an addition to the city of Friona in Parmer County
- (8/25/20) LRW LLC — Manuel Maldonado, Ana Maldonado — L 11 of B 7 Lakeview Addition City of Friona in Parmer County
- (8/25/20) Ponciano Alfaro — Kiana M. Lozoya — L 1-3 B 21 Original Town Addition City of Friona in Parmer County
- (8/26/20) Ethel Fay Walker — Sherry Gay Zehner, Sharon Fay Anthony, Mary Jane Polasek — All of L 3 of b 17 of the Original Town of Friona in Parmer County and all of L3 of b 17 of the Original Town of Friona in Parmer Vol 5 Pg 421 in Parmer County
- (8/27/20) Benito Jimenez Alejo — Beronica Regalado — E/2 of L 5 and 6 of b 1 of the Turner Addition to the City of Friona in Parmer County Vol 101 Pg 235 in Parmer County

Milk House Market

Wedding Registry

- Maegan Davis & John O'Brian
- Anna Murphree & Jeff Chambliss
- Lindy Wiseman & Lino Tarango
- Cassidy Devault & Tyler Hough

Hours:
Friday 11-5
Saturday 10-3

Call:
602-739-0813

Farmhouse to Your House

Ivy Cottage Bridal Registry

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Hard-Working Farms!

Farming is a lot of hard work. Farmers need to think about the condition of the soil, the weather, caring for plants or animals, harvesting, shipping and selling products at the market. The days are long! Check out my two cool farm crossword puzzles.

chicken dog rooster
goat
goose
cow
sheep
horse pig

Every day we can crow about all the hard work our Moms and Dads do to keep our families running smoothly.

Can anyone see where Chitter is working?

Oh, it's a machine used in a field to cut wheat or corn.

Did you know that there are farms?

Do you know what a "combine" is?

Hey, hay! Hey! You found me!

Can you find and circle 5 words that are spelled with "ee" and have the long "e," or "ee" sound?

- Have you ever been to a chicken farm for _____?
- Use the word list below if you get stuck!
- dairy
 - cattle
 - orange
 - potato
 - grain
 - tree
 - maple
 - sugar
 - peanut
 - poultry
 - cotton

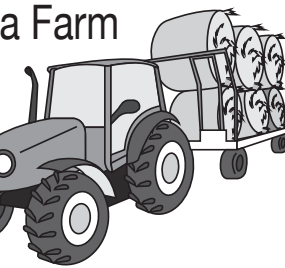
★ A combine also separates and gathers seeds from the plants!

1. Lots of animals live on farms. Can you place the names of farm animals scattered in the puzzle above into the puzzle frame?
 2. Read the clues below to fill in the crossword on the right with different kinds of farms.
1. grown for clothing, bedding
 2. tap tree sap to make syrup, candy
 3. vegetable grown in the ground; has "eyes"
 4. turkey, chicken
 5. in warm areas, fruit, juice
 6. used for "butter," oils
 7. animals for beef
 8. wheat, corn, oats
 9. for yards, forests, Christmas
 10. cows, milk, cheese, butter

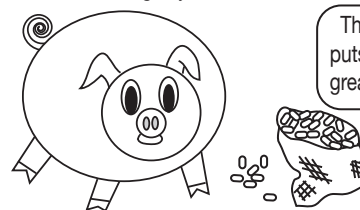
Working and Running a Farm

Farms have buildings for shelter, storage and sales. It also takes many pieces of equipment to run a farm. Can you find and circle the items below that you might find on different farms?

- hoe shovel
- silos wagon
- rake sprinkler
- barn pitchfork
- plow crop duster
- truck pickup truck
- pump milking machine
- fences drainage system
- baler reaper
- ladder
- tractor
- planter
- buckets
- windmill
- combine



Can you find and circle 10 words that begin with the consonant blends cr, dr, fr, gr, pr and tr?



This farm puts on a great feed! Indeed!

NRKJSO HXCG BQPLANTERSDTE
HPYUYS LADDEROKHBODVTRRQF
FYUJFIQEOTZNPVVCQRAAWE
VCSGPVLVGT YQURVMBWAKIUN
CONVIPZO OHI EQGETICENKC
XMKZYTHDSTDTDFBEGNTJAKE
BBNPPSDJMJSCYRMMSDOHGNS
JIWULSLIBUMVOVINIMROEGW
HNWMSQTDUXZMOLAIIIESGN
BEGPWKWPXVIMLOKABC LVDYVS
VBQMEAOTILCHQSIDMLVKS GH
SUVAPRKRUIYKFWUNOYORRTIO
ETWRCJDUQDURABGVPOLEEBV
MLTZCCHCRHPBKMMEF LZAMUE
VCZQIFHKXMTHTVAHBMCPUCL
NWJZCUBWLKRWKMC EYADEGKT
SPRINKLERMUGGTHMFLRUEP
UMURLWAGONCCIFICONZEDTO
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Hurricane pushes prices higher

By GasBuddy

Texas gas prices rose 3.2 cents in the past week, averaging \$1.91 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations. Gas prices in Texas are 3.4 cents per gallon higher than a month ago but are 37.2 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$1.51 while the most expensive is \$2.49 per gallon. The national average price of gasoline has risen 3.5 cents in the last week, averaging \$2.22 per gallon. The national average is up 4.0 cents per gallon from a month ago yet 34.4 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

"Gas prices have reached their highest post-coronavirus level as Hurricane Laura caused Gulf Coast refineries to shut, limiting production as gasoline demand edged higher," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "The rebound

in demand comes with just a week left in the summer driving season and isn't expected to continue once the driving season wraps up, but while some may see prices tick higher over the next few days, more decreases are coming to gas prices once Labor Day is over as demand will likely move lower. In addition, the switch back to cheaper winter gasoline will happen in a few weeks, giving more potential downward momentum for 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>

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Field Day to highlight water conservation

Farmers, ranchers, agency personnel, educators, and the interested public are invited to attend a "Stewarding Our Aquifer Field Day" presented by Ogallala Commons on Tuesday, September 15th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Hereford, Texas.

The purpose of the event is to learn about the data that is tracing, and management practices that are contributing to, a rise in groundwater levels in certain parts of the High Plains Water District territory. This initial Field Day will focus on rising groundwater levels at Grotegut Farms in northeast Deaf Smith County.

"As evidence is emerging that decades-long patterns of aquifer depletion are being slowed and reversed in parts of High Plains Water

District territory it is critical for our water conservation efforts that educational tours be held to explore the management practices that are taking place in these localities. These include improving soil health, alternative crop selections, pasture-based agriculture, and greatly limiting or discontinuing irrigation," explains Darryl Birkenfeld, Executive Director of Ogallala Commons.

Activities will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Hereford Community Center (100 Ave C.) with socially distanced presentations in the Banquet Room. Staff from High Plains Water District in Lubbock will present information concerning their Annual Water Level Measurements Program, and on data relevant to groundwater level changes that have

been recorded at Grotegut Farms since 2014.

Afterward, Dr. Chris Grotegut, DVM, and an agriculture representative on the Llano Estacado (Region O) Water Planning Group will give an overview of his vision, management practices, and outcomes for sustaining the aquifer on his 11,000-acre farm.

At 11 a.m., participants can travel in their vehicles on a driving tour led by Dr. Grotegut, that will include stops at a playa, stages demonstrating conversion of croplands to grasslands, and livestock systems.

A sandwich lunch will be provided at the Grotegut homestead at 12:15 p.m., followed by remarks by ag journalist Jim Steiert to conclude the tour around 12:45 p.m.

Registration for the event is \$15 per person (which includes the cost of lunch and snacks).

Anyone interested in attending is asked to register in advance by contacting Darryl Birkenfeld, Ogallala Commons Director (darryl@ogallalacommons.org or by phone at 806-945-2255) in order to have an accurate lunch count.

The workshop is sponsored by Ogallala Commons and its partners, the High Plains Water District and the Dixon Water Foundation. Those attending are asked to wear masks during this time of COVID-19, plus clothing, footwear, and a hat suitable for the field tour.

For more information about Ogallala Commons visit www.ogallalacommons.org

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Panhandle Parables

**Squash (The Mini-Series)
Part 3**

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

The saga continues this week. I want you to meet a few of my friends. Acorn, Amber Cup, Autumn Cup, Australian Blue, Baby Boo Pumpkin, Banana, Buttercup, Butternut, Calabash, Calabaza, Carnival, Chayote, Cheese Wheel, Chinese Okra, Cinderella, Crookneck, Cucumber (who knew), Cucuzza, Cushaw, Decorative, Delicata, Eight Ball, Fairytale Pumpkin, Gold Ball, Gold Nuggett, Gooseneck, Gourd, Hubbard, Indian Bitter Melon, Jarrahdale Pumpkin, Kobocho, Limina, Mo Qua, Orange Hokkaido, Orangetti, Patty Pan, Pumpkin, Red Etampes, Red Kuri, Spaghetti, Sweet Dumpling, Turkish Turban, Yellow and Zucchini, and they are all members of the squash family. All this courtesy of www.thenibble.com. I am pretty sure this is the short list from A-Z. I can't wait to ask someone if they want a squash and give them a cucumber. Ha.

Each is of various colors and shapes. Each has different uses and tastes and each created by God. Christians can be described in similar fashion. Each of us comes from different backgrounds, races, and social economic groups... and all are new creations in Christ. We have different talents, likes and dislikes, passions, and hobbies, but each strive to do what the squash does naturally, reproduce the seed within. We serve a glorious God by the power of Jesus Christ and live for Him. God uses such great diversity to carry out His will in the world. This diversity is strength. Paul describes the church as a body with many parts (1 Cor. 12). Not all parts are the same, but all work to the glory of God by sharing the good news, and each part is valued in the kingdom. So never think you don't have this ability or gift, just use the ones given and let God do the rest.

Book Blessings

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

"The mind can descend far lower than the body, for in it there are bottomless pits. The flesh can bear only a certain number of wounds and no more, but the soul can bleed in ten thousand ways, and die over and over again each hour," (p25). These profound words were spoken and experienced by one of the 19th century's most prolific, popular and widely published preachers, Charles Spurgeon. Spurgeon was used by God to personally baptize over 15,000 believers, found a college, found ministries for orphans, widows, policemen and prostitutes, while often suffering intensely from gout, arthritis and regularly going through times of severe mental illness. His life is a clear reminder that God uses broken vessels who are fully surrendered to the Lord Jesus.

rows: Realistic Hope for those who Suffer from Depression, by Zack Eswine, the truths of scripture and Spurgeon's sermons are used to examine the prevalence of depression in his life, but also to provide hope for those to find themselves suffering in a similar way as well. The 2014 book by Christian Focus Publishers is an encouragement to all who would read through this 143 page book, as you are reminded of the prevalence of mental anguish, and the hope that is found in Christ alone. Regular promises of scripture resound this hope, such as Psalm 73:26, "My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever." God's powerful, sufficient and present promises are an anchor to cling to during the valleys of life, knowing that even one's greatest trial is only temporary in light of eternity.

In the book, Spurgeon's Sor-

OBITUARY

Danny Ray Bentley

July 16, 1958 - August 27, 2020



Danny Ray Bentley rode off into the Sunset on August 27, 2020.



Danny was born on July 16, 1958 in Friona, TX to Dave and Geneva Bentley. His brother Ricky (Rhonda) Bentley and sister Elaine Walker (Tommy, deceased) reside in TX.

Danny was a proud dad to Bobby (Amanda Finney) and Danielle Bentley, both of Clovis, NM, Chad (Tianna), and grandson Nicholas Bentley of Amarillo, TX, and Shacy Parra of Las Cruces, NM. Also many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.

Danny graduated from Friona High School in 1977, then spent many years atop a horse wrangling cattle for several area feedlots. His most cherished job was working for the Howard Family in Farwell, TX who became cherished friends of whom he spoke so highly of until the end.

Danny always loved tinkering with cars and pick up trucks. He was the local business owner of Rocking J Auto Sales and also worked at Larry's Auto Sales for Larry and Dejon Porter. This is where he met Jackie Goodman that lead to a romance that lasted the past 15 years. Jackie was his loving companion, partner and caregiver until the time of his death.

Danny's favorite times were spent at Ute Lake on his pontoon boat, surrounded by his loved ones. He was an avid fisherman and loved teaching all the littles how to drive the boat and fish.

Celebration of life will be held in Muleshoe, TX on Saturday, September 5, 2020, at Center Pointe Church, 521 South 1st street at 2:00 pm TX time.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Mufley Funeral Home.

"Oh the last goodbyes, the hardest one to say, and this is where the Cowboy rides away!" - George Straight

RIP Cowboy

Don't Act Like Jonah

By Teena Hughs

Two weeks ago, I found myself in the book of Jonah. I hadn't read it in a very long time, and God used chapters 3 and 4 to speak to me.

In chapter 3, God spoke to Jonah for the second time and told him to go into Nineveh and deliver the message of judgment He had given Jonah. When Jonah entered Nineveh, he told the people that in 40 days, they would be destroyed. Verses 5-10 say that, "The people of Nineveh believed God's message, and from the greatest to the least, they decided to go without food and wear sackcloth to show their sorrow. When the king of Nineveh heard what Jonah was saying, he stepped down from his throne and took off his royal robes. He dressed himself in sackcloth and sat on a heap of ashes. Then the king and his nobles sent this decree throughout the city: 'No one, not even the animals, may eat or drink anything at all. Everyone is required to wear sackcloth and pray earnestly to God. Everyone must turn from their evil ways and stop all their violence. Who can tell? Perhaps even yet God will have pity on us and hold back His fierce anger from destroying us.' When God saw that they had put a stop to their evil ways, He had mercy on them and didn't carry out the destruction He had threatened."

AMAZING: The people of Nineveh actually listened and turned from their evil ways.

AMAZING: How gracious and merciful God was to change His mind and not destroy the people of Nineveh, because they repented.

AMAZING: Jonah's reaction to God changing His

mind. He was ANGRY!!! In Jonah 4:3, he told God, 'Just kill me now, LORD! I'd rather be dead than alive because nothing I predicted is going to happen.'

Jonah did what God wanted him to do; he gave the people of Nineveh God's message. The people of Nineveh listened, believed, and changed, which is what God wanted them to do; but, Jonah got angry because he thought he was going to look bad, and he wasn't going to get to watch God destroy people he didn't like.

Do we ever act like Jonah when God is gracious to people we don't like, or when He is gracious to people we don't feel deserve His grace? In my Bible, the accompanying devotional says that if you read the story of the prodigal son (Luke 15:25-30) or the story of the workers who complained about the last hired receiving the same pay as the first hired (Matthew 20: 1-6), you will see that sometimes we do act like Jonah.

What do we miss out on when we behave like Jonah? We miss seeing God at work and the results of His work. We miss seeing that God is loving, gracious, and merciful to sinners who obey and repent. We miss seeing how God's grace can change people. We miss getting to know and understand God better! And, we miss the fruit of our obedience to God.

It is not up to us to judge and determine who is deserving of God's grace and mercy; that is God's job. It is our job to pray for all people and to help them turn from a life of sin to a life with Jesus, and then celebrate when He does answer our prayers.

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Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



I like September 1. This day and month kick off the autumn season, dove hunting, and the start of school. I realize school starts, for the most part, in August. Officially, fall does not begin until September 22. But setting one's personal calendar to preference is not a sin. September 1 and the days that follow just make me happy.

We may still see temperatures at 102 degrees, but by golly, that light cardigan is coming out. I will stop wearing sandals and wear some classic loafers. No more white t-shirts, white-shorts, white blouses, or white underwear. White makes me look even fatter anyway, so I say good riddance. This time of the year is typically the start of Friday night lights and Saturday College Game Day. Sundays in the fall bring Fantasy Football via the NFL. Fall also brings baseball's World Series—not to be blasphemous, but this event is akin to Passover, La Posada, Hanukkah, Ramadan, or the Arapaho Sun Dance. If the Yankees are in the World Series, it becomes a Rapture-level feeling.

Hunting dove (and other critters) ended for me a few years back. Still, the September memories of going with my dad and siblings in search of white-tailed birds never fade. The hunting

vests with old shell hulls and dried bloodstains were yuckily fantastic to wear. When I was 10, I made the rite of passage trip to the local Gibson's for a pair of lace-up hunting boots and my .410 shotgun. None of this gear made me a hunter, but being outdoors with my dad and siblings and looking the part of Annie Oakley was enough. I know good and well that Dad took me so he could shoot my limit. He would come over after a while to where I was perched, start stuffing dead birds in my vest, resupplying his jaw with Beech-Nut or Red Man, spit, and then move back to his spot. I realize now I was an accomplice to a most fowl crime.

Finally, I associate the start of this month with a childhood schedule of starting school after Labor Day. The classroom was welcoming—I could read, knew my colors and numbers, and went home to a dinner table where Mom and Dad genuinely wanted to know how my day went. This atmosphere at school and home provided a routine for play, study, and rest. In elementary school, my heart hurt knowing that September was a time of dread for some of my classmates: the migrant child who moved often, the boy who sat next to me who could not write his name, the girl who

got sick nearly every day, and the one who was ignored at recess. When my teaching days came along, that same tug at my heart continued. I wanted children to know they were seen, loved, and significant. I wanted them to love September as much as I did.

After these past eight months of 2020, I am especially looking forward to this year's version of September 1. I will not be wearing a sweater because I won't be going out. The .410 is propped at the back of a small hall closet where it will remain until one of my grandchildren want to learn to shoot with it. After retirement a year ago, now my first-day-of-school excitement takes on a different look—I am excited to sleep in.

I will get out my fine-tip markers and do some coloring to celebrate my favorite time of the year. I will also reminisce about supertime talks with my family, Snyder Tiger football, going through a box of shells in 15 minutes, and walking down the hill in my new shoes to East Elementary.

To the first week of the ninth month in the 1960s and 1970s—thanks for the memories that shaped my youth, navigated my parenting and teaching, and now cushion my aging. It is a gift to be comfortable with the past.

State Capital Highlights

By Chris Cobler



Hurricane Laura brings renewed pitch for Ike Dike

As thousands fled southeast Texas ahead of Hurricane Laura, Texas A&M promoted an Ike Dike as a critical way to protect the region from devastating damage.

Texas escaped a direct hit from Laura, which made landfall as a Category 4 storm in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, just east of Port Arthur. Despite the state's luck this time, Texas A&M marine scientists urged action on their proposal to build a series of barriers, levees and gates that would close off Galveston Bay from storm surge.

William Merrell, a professor at Texas A&M-Galveston and a former president of the school, helped develop the plan after Hurricane Ike devastated Galveston in 2008, resulting in \$30 billion in damages and killing more than 50 people.

Cost estimates for the Ike Dike range from \$10 billion to \$20 billion. The Army Corps of Engineers and Texas General Land Office are finishing a major feasibility study for the Texas Coast that includes a coastal surge protection plan that incorporates many features of the Ike Dike. The plan is expected to be available for public comment starting in late October and in final form by next spring.

The forecast for the massive project is a lot farther off than the next hurricane during an active season. Congressional approval and matching local funds are still needed.

A&M officials say the investment is well worth it to protect about 6 million people and prevent \$100 billion in damages from a direct hit.

"The Ike Dike would work, I am sure of it," Merrell said in a news release. "If you stop the storm surge at the coast, you protect everyone - Galveston, Houston, everybody."

"Obviously this is a very busy and probably record-breaking season - I believe it's the fifth above-average season

in a row. There are theories that suggest that in the future, we might get more major hurricanes and that there are now many more intense rainfall events. Also, there is evidence that many storms are slowing down as they approach the coast - more flooding and longer duration surges. The flooding threat is getting worse and worse."

Remember the Alamo

Operators of the Alamo are looking for the public's support to preserve Texas' historical landmark.

Texans are being urged to contact their lawmakers on behalf of the Alamo Plan, which would preserve the Alamo Church and Long Barrack, relocate the Cenotaph and build a new visitor center and museum.

The renovations are projected to cost \$450 million and are being supported by the city of San Antonio and the non-profit Alamo Trust, which is overseen by the Texas General Land Office.

As part of the plan, Alamo officials are seeking a permit from the Texas Historical Commission to allow for disassembly, repair and reassembly of the Cenotaph 500 feet from its existing location. The commission meeting is tentatively scheduled for Sept. 22, but details are not yet confirmed.

Some politicians and others have opposed the renovation plan and, in particular, the relocation of the Cenotaph, a 60-foot-tall monument added to the site in the 1930s.

"The Alamo walls need your support if they are to continue to stand," the Alamo officials wrote last week in an email to supporters directing them to supportthealamoplan.com. "Write a letter and tell our Texas officials to act now to support the only plan that will make sure that future generations of Texans will Remember the Alamo!"

Pumped up in Fort Worth

Convenience store retailer Yesway is planning a new way that will move its headquarters to Fort Worth.

Yesway, which bought All-sup's 304 stores last year, is closing its three offices in Abilene, Texas; Des Moines, Iowa; and Clovis, N.M., to consolidate its operations in Fort Worth.

Yesway has 407 stores in Texas, Iowa, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming. The company said it plans to grow to more than 600 convenience stores during the next several years.

The long and meandering boundary

Texans are known for their fanciful language, but this can lead to confusion when it comes to divvying up water rights.

Charles Perry, chairman of the Senate Committee on Water and Rural Affairs, is seeking clarity from the Office of Attorney General about what "meanders" meant to lawmakers in 1951.

The Legislature created the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District with a boundary "along the meanders of the caprock" of the High Plains Escarpment, which describes the geographical transition point between the flat ground and the surrounding rolling terrain.

The meandering definition has led to a dispute between the High Plains water district in Potter County and the neighboring Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, according to Perry, a Republican who represents Senate District 28 in West Texas.

Presumably, an AG decision can mend the fissure.

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

Census News

Census Bureau adapts to ensure everyone is counted

As the U.S. Census Bureau continues to monitor the impacts COVID-19 has on 2020 Census operations, changes to operations are being deployed to ensure the safety of staff and the public while maximizing the number of households that respond on their own to the 2020 Census.

"We are taking steps and adapting our operations to make sure everyone is counted, while keeping everyone safe," said Census Bureau Director Dr. Steven Dillingham. "Our commitment to a complete and accurate 2020 Census is absolute. In this challenging environment, we are deploying these tactics to make sure we reach every household in every community. If you haven't responded, the time to respond is now! Responding to the 2020 Census online, on paper, by phone, or in person with a census taker, helps secure vital resources for your community."

Complete Count: A robust field data collection operation will ensure we receive responses from households that have not yet self-responded to the 2020 Census.

• We will improve the speed of our count without sacrificing completeness. As part of our revised plan, we will conduct additional training sessions and provide awards to enumerators in recognition of those who maximize hours worked. We will also keep phone and tablet computer devices for enumeration in use for the maximum time possible.

• We will end field data collection by September 30, 2020. Self-response options will also close on that date to permit the commencement of data processing. Under this plan, the Census Bureau intends to meet a similar level of household responses as collected in prior censuses,



including outreach to hard-to-count communities.

Accurate Data and Efficient Processing: Once we have the data from self-response and field data collection in our secure systems, we plan to review it for completeness and accuracy, streamline its processing, and prioritize apportionment counts to meet the statutory deadline. In addition, we plan to increase our staff to ensure operations are running at full capacity.

Flexible Design: Our operation remains adaptable and additional resources will help speed our work. The Census Bureau will continue to analyze data and key metrics from its field work to ensure that our operations are agile and on target for meeting our statutory delivery dates. Of course, we recognize that events can still occur that no one can control, such as additional complications from severe weather or other natural disasters.

Health and Safety: We will continue to prioritize the health and safety of our workforce and the public. Our staff will continue to follow Federal, state, and local guidance, including providing appropriate safety trainings and personal protective equipment to field staff.

The Census Bureau continues its work on meeting

the requirements of Executive Order 13880 issued July 11, 2019 and the Presidential Memorandum issued July 21, 2020. A team of experts are examining methodologies and options to be employed for this purpose. The collection and use of pertinent administrative data continues.

We are committed to a complete and accurate 2020 Census. To date, 76.5% of housing units have been accounted for in the 2020 Census, with 12.1% counted by census takers and other field data collection operations, and 64.4% of housing units responding online, by phone or by mail. Building on our successful and innovative internet response option, the dedicated women and men of the Census Bureau, including our temporary workforce deploying in communities across the country in upcoming weeks, will work diligently to achieve an accurate count.

We appreciate the support of our hundreds of thousands of community-based, business, state, local and tribal partners contributing to these efforts across our Nation. The 2020 Census belongs to us all. If you know someone who has not yet responded, please encourage them to do so today online at 2020census.gov, over the phone, or by mail.

"50 for 50" benefits Friona Volunteer Fire Department

The "50 for 50" fundraiser drawing will be held this year on Saturday, September 19th at the Friona Volunteer Fire Department. The drawing will take place at 1:00 p.m. and is open to the public. Entries need not be present to win, but you must be at least 21 years old to participate.

Only the ticket purchaser can claim the winning gun, and the claim period is up to 6 weeks after the drawing. There will be a maximum of 1,000 tickets sold. Each ticket will be re-entered into the drawing after each selection. All State and Federal regulations and laws will apply.

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For more information you may contact Jim Taylor at (806) 265-7264, Randy McCasland at (580) 6491437 or John Taylor at (806) 265-7739. Tickets can be purchased from any member of the Friona Volunteer Fire Department.

| 2020 Census Self-Response Rate Information - August 30, 2020 | |
|--|-------|
| National Response Rate | 64.9% |
| Texas Self-Response Rate | 60.3% |
| Parmer County Self-Response Rate | 46.2% |
| Friona Self-Response Rate | 55.1% |
| Friona Self-Response Rate | 41.7% |
| Farwell Self-Response Rate | 33.3% |

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Hey, crunch starts with the consonant blend "cr"!

1. M
2. P
3. POTATO
4. GRAIN
5. TREE
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7. CAT
8. TRUCK
9. DRAINAGE
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Malachi Torres rushes for the Chieftains' first touchdown of the season



SPORTS



Friona Chieftain Football

Malachi Torres returned to action after missing all of last season due to an injury. He scored the first touchdown of the year for the Chieftains. Brownfield was a good test for Friona since they only had one scrimmage and missed workouts last Spring because of COVID-19. The game featured very few penalties and the defense made a good stop at the end of the first half. The Chieftains will have another strong test as they travel to Borger to play the Bulldogs Friday night.

Junior Varsity Football

The Friona JV traveled to Brownfield last week and defeated the Cubs by a final score of 28-6. Scoring included a 69 yard TD run by Jorge Chavez who also ran for the 2-point conversion. Jorge also had a 15 yard TD run. Oscar Carrillo scored on a 5 yard TD run and Martin Godinez completed a pass to Caden Jeter for the 2-point conversion. Oscar rounded out the scoring with a 37 yard TD run. The JV team will host Borger at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday at Chieftain Field.

Freshman Football

The Friona Freshman competed with the Farwell JV last week. The freshman fell short to the Farwell JV by a final score of 8-40. The lone touchdown scored by the Chiefs was a 3 yard TD run by freshman quarterback Jose Luis Saucedo. The Freshmen will host Borger at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday at Chieftain Field.



Friona 26 Brownfield 13

Scoring Summary

1st Quarter

F - Malachi Torres 21 Yd TD run (Tim Ally kick)

2nd Quarter

B - Zarius Garcia 9 yd TD pass to Jaiden Martinez (JD Vasquez kick missed)

3rd Quarter

F - Brian Chavira 31 yd TD pass to Malachi Torres (Ally kick missed)

F - Jacob Bautista 30 yd TD run (Ally kick)

F - Bryan Chavira 65 Yd TD Run (Ally kick missed)

4th Quarter

B - Niel High 3 yd TD Run (Vasquez kick)

| Rushing Stats | Carries | Yards | TDs | Avg |
|------------------------|-----------|------------|----------|------------|
| 1 Jacob Bautista | 17 | 105 | 1 | 6.2 |
| 4 Mario Bautista | 7 | 66 | 0 | 9.4 |
| 16 Bryan Chavira | 6 | 75 | 1 | 12.5 |
| 12 Malachi Torres | 4 | 25 | 1 | 6.3 |
| Rushing Totals: | 34 | 271 | 3 | 8.0 |

| Receiving Stats | Receptions | Yards | TDs | Avg |
|--------------------------|------------|-----------|----------|------------|
| 1 Jacob Bautista | 1 | 5 | 0 | 5.0 |
| 13 Edwin Barraza | 1 | 8 | 0 | 8.0 |
| 15 Josiah Rejino | 1 | 10 | 0 | 10.0 |
| 24 Malachi Torres | 3 | 36 | 1 | 12.0 |
| Receiving Totals: | 6 | 59 | 1 | 9.8 |

| Passing Stats | Comp | Att | Yards | TDs | INTs |
|-----------------|------|-----|-------|-----|------|
| 7 Bryan Chavira | 6 | 14 | 59 | 1 | 0 |

| Kicking | Extra Pt | Att | Field Goal |
|------------|----------|-----|------------|
| 2 Tim Ally | 2 | 4 | 0 |

| Defensive Stats | UN | AST. | TOT | TFL | FR | FC | INT | SACK |
|----------------------|----|------|-----|-----|----|----|-----|------|
| 1 Jacob Bautista | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 8 Juan Salinas | 3 | 4 | 8 | 1 | - | - | 1 | - |
| 10 Adrian Legareta | - | 4 | 4 | - | 1 | - | - | - |
| 12 Angel Carranza | 6 | 3 | 9 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 14 Isaias Olmos | 1 | 3 | 4 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 15 Josiah Rejino | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 20 Josiah Dominguez | 1 | 7 | 10 | 2 | - | - | - | - |
| 22 Salome Viernes | 1 | 4 | 5 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 28 Tony Rodriguez | 2 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| 30 Alberth Arguelles | 3 | 11 | 15 | 1 | - | 1 | - | - |
| 50 Jake Padilla | 1 | 3 | 4 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 51 Juan Lara | 2 | 2 | 4 | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| 65 Jacob Rando | 1 | 9 | 11 | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| 66 Anthony Abarca | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 76 David Martinez | - | 5 | 5 | - | - | 1 | - | - |

Division II - District 3-3A Football

| Team | District | Overall |
|---------------|----------|---------|
| Canadian | 0-0 | 1-0 |
| Childress | 0-0 | 1-0 |
| Dimmitt | 0-0 | 0-1 |
| Friona | 0-0 | 1-0 |
| Highland Park | 0-0 | 0-1 |
| Spearman | 0-0 | 1-0 |
| Tulia | 0-0 | 1-0 |

District 1-3A Volleyball

| Team | District | Overall |
|-------------|----------|---------|
| Brownfield | 0-0 | 5-0 |
| Denver City | 0-0 | 1-4 |
| Dimmitt | 0-0 | 0-6 |
| Friona | 0-0 | 0-3 |
| Lamesa | 0-0 | 1-5 |
| Littlefield | 0-0 | 0-1 |

Governor Abbott, HHSC announce extension of Emergency SNAP Benefits for the month of September

On Monday, Governor Greg Abbott today announced the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will provide approximately \$188 million in emergency Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) food benefits for the month of September as Texas continues to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Texas will continue to ensure access to nutritious meals as we mitigate the spread of COVID-19," said Governor Abbott. "This emergency SNAP extension will help Texans provide

healthy food for their families."

"As families return to school, this extension helps Texans purchase healthy, nutritious foods for their households," said Texas HHS Access and Eligibility Services Deputy Executive Commissioner Wayne Salter.

More than 972,000 SNAP households will see the additional amount on their Lone Star Card by September 15. The emergency September allotments are in addition to the more than \$1 billion in benefits previously provided to Texans between

April and August. HHSC received federal approval from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to extend the maximum, allowable amount of SNAP benefits to recipients based on family size.

Administered by HHSC, SNAP is a federal program that provides food assistance to approximately 1.4 million eligible low-income families and individuals in Texas.

Texans in need can apply for benefits, including SNAP and Medicaid, at YourTexasBenefits.com or use the Your Texas Benefits mobile app to manage their benefits.

Weather, habitat conditions promising for 2020-21 Dove Season

Informational Dove hunting checklist: <https://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/hunt/dove-checklist/>

September marks the start of dove season for more than 300,000 Texas hunters per year. While 2020 surveys of dove populations were cancelled due to ongoing public health concerns, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) estimates promising hunting conditions ahead of the start of the season.

With a breeding population of about 25 million mourning doves and up to 15 million white-winged doves in Texas, conditions are ripe for a fruitful season. Dove population numbers swell during the hunting season as doves migrate into Texas from other areas in the flyway. With favorable habitat conditions throughout much of the state leading into September, hunters can look forward to a favorable season.

Above average rainfall statewide throughout the spring season has led to prime habitat conditions during the peak nesting months of May and June. Biologists suggest that dry conditions in the northern and western regions of the state may help concentrate birds around food and water sources during the season. Portions of south Texas and the Rio Grande Valley received significant rainfall during Hurricane Hanna but it's unclear if, or to what degree, these rains will have an affect on doves come September.

"It's hard to say exactly how regional dove populations are affected by hurricanes

and other extreme weather events," says Owen Fitzsimmons, TPWD Dove Program Leader. "In this case, I anticipate minimal impacts to September hunting, but the extra rain could lead to better late-season habitat when food is often scarce. South Zone hunters should be ready for some potential late-season action."

On the other hand, normal seasonal weather events like cold fronts can be instrumental for hunting success by kick-starting fall migration, Fitzsimmons says. "Doves will concentrate in bigger fall flights ahead of the fronts, making for some excellent hunting opportunities," said Fitzsimmons. "These groups will often feed heavily in one area for a few days before moving on. Hunters should look to take advantage of any fronts during the season."

Texas makes up one-third of the overall mourning dove harvest in the United States. In addition, Texas makes up about one-third of the overall dove hunters in the United States. Throughout the state, there are three dove game species-mourning, white-winged and white-tipped doves.

Despite the cancellation of this year's annual dove surveys, banding efforts were able to continue statewide. TPWD biologists place leg bands on thousands of mourning and white-winged doves to monitor the factors that influence their populations. Information from hunter-reported bands, or "recoveries", provide estimates of harvest and survival rates. This information

is used in conjunction with data from the Harvest Information Program (HIP), Parts Collection Survey and other harvest surveys to help manage populations and set annual hunting regulations. Hunters are encouraged to report any birds they recover that have leg bands.

Dove hunters should purchase their new 2020-21 Texas hunting license prior to hitting the field this fall. Along with their hunting license, those hunting dove must have the migratory game bird endorsement and be HIP-certified. Be sure to accurately answer the HIP questions when getting certified, and, if a vendor does not ask you questions about your hunting activity last season, please ask that they do so. It's also required by law that hunters have proof of their completion of a hunter education course.

Dove season dates for the North, Central and South Zones, along with regulations, bag limits and more can be found in the all-digital Outdoor Annual. Hunters can also access digital copies of their licenses via the Outdoor Annual and My Texas Hunt Harvest apps.

Anyone hunting on Texas Public Hunting Lands are also required to purchase an Annual Public Hunting Permit. Texas has more than 1 million acres of land that is accessible to the public. More information about these lands and locations can be found on the TPWD website. Hunters using public lands can complete their on-site registration via the My Texas Hunt Harvest app.

Plan A Sober Ride This Labor Day Weekend

While there may be less traffic on the roads this Labor Day weekend, TxDOT is urging those who choose to go out and celebrate to plan ahead for a sober ride before any drinking begins.

"We encourage people to enjoy the long weekend, but to do so responsibly," said TxDOT Executive Director James Bass. "If you plan to drink alcohol and go out, make the plan for a sober ride. It's an easy decision that can prevent senseless tragedies and save lives."

During last year's Labor Day holiday weekend in Texas, there were 382 crashes involving drivers under the influence of alcohol. Those crashes killed 12 people and

seriously injured another 55.

The "Plan While You Can" campaign aims to save lives and reduce preventable crashes by reminding drivers to make a plan for a sober ride if they are drinking alcohol. Driving under the influence of alcohol risks death or serious injuries. It can also be costly. Drivers can face up to \$17,000 in fines and fees, jail time and loss of their driver's license.

Instead of getting behind the wheel if you've been drinking, here are some other options: (1) designate a sober driver, (2) contact a cab or ride-share service, (3) use mass transit, or (4) spend the night. In addition to having a sober ride, if you plan to

go out this holiday weekend, follow the guidance of health officials, and maintain social distance, wear a mask and remember to wash your hands.

"Plan While You Can" is a key component of #EndTheStreakTX, a broader social media and word-of-mouth effort that encourages drivers to make safer choices while behind the wheel, like wearing a seat belt, driving the speed limit, never texting and driving and never driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. Nov. 7, 2000 was the last deathless day on Texas roadways. #EndTheStreakTX asks all Texans to commit to driving safely to help end the streak of daily deaths on Texas roadways.



It might surprise you to know that even with all of Bill's interest in cooking, he purchased his first Dutch oven just a few weeks ago. Buying a Dutch oven is no small decision. His search for a Dutch oven included both internet searches and watching video reviews of the product. His choice came down to the fact that he found a large Dutch oven on sale this summer. Now that is not to say the purchase was inexpensive, but it was cheaper than the usual price. This is not a purchase to take lightly, but I must say that so far, the price was worth the results. The food that comes out of a Dutch oven is just delicious.

Dutch ovens are known by a variety of names such as bake kettle, bastable, bread oven, fire pan, bake oven and camp oven. The French call them a "cocotte". The Japanese version is called "tetsunabe," while in Australia they are known as Bedourie ovens. In South Africa they are referred to "Potjekos" which translates to small-pot food. In the Netherlands they are called "braadpan."

The origin of the Dutch oven begins understandably in the Netherlands. The Dutch had a process of creating brass vessels by casting them in sand. In 1708, Englishman Abraham

Darby traveled to Holland to study this process. He was impressed and returned to England and perfected his method using cast iron for the pot.

Darby soon began shipping these Dutch ovens to the Americas where they became quite popular because settlers and eventually cowboys were cooking over open fires. Along this time improvements were made to the Dutch oven by adding a detachable handle, three legs, and the flanged rim which held hot coals on the lid. These improvements are credited to Paul Revere although this has not been officially confirmed. Dutch ovens were used during the Civil War and were the only cooking vessels carried with Lewis and Clark as they explored the Western United States. Joseph Lodge, founder of The Lodge company, built a cast iron foundry in Tennessee in 1896 and began making and selling their cast iron Dutch ovens.

With the increased use of the gas and electric stove in the mid 1900's, Dutch ovens began to adapt as well. BK, a Dutch company, was the first to introduce a protective enamel layer inside their pots. The well-known brand La Creuset's first enameled Dutch oven was sold in 1925. This version was made famous when Julia Child in-

troduced them to America through her cooking show. Today's Dutch oven refers to a flat-bottomed pot with a round lid and made from cast aluminum or cast iron. The largest manufacturer is still the Lodge company.

Over the years, the use of the old-fashioned Dutch oven or camp oven has been preserved. Organizations such as the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts have taught Dutch oven cooking in their camping programs. States such as Texas and Utah hold campfire cooking cookoffs that utilize Dutch ovens. Utah even made the Dutch oven their official state cooking pot in 1997.

It seems obvious that the name Dutch oven originated because they were first developed from a method from the Netherlands. However, it is unclear to whether the name derived from this event or because Dutch traders in America sold the pans or because the name was made popular by settlers in Pennsylvania. No matter the origin, Dutch ovens made an impact on cooking all across the globe and continue to be an important part of the American kitchen.

For more information about Dutch ovens you can visit www.hunker.com, www.bushcooking.com, www.dutchovenguide.com or www.ovenspot.com

Chicken with Saffron Rice www.williams-sonoma.com

Ingredients:

- 3 1/2 lb. chicken thighs and drumsticks
- Salt, to taste, plus 1 1/4 tsp.
- Freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 2 Tbs. olive oil
- 1 yellow onion, finely diced
- 1 red bell pepper, seeded and finely diced
- 1/4 tsp. crumbled saffron
- 1/4 tsp. red pepper flakes
- 5 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 1/4 cups chicken broth
- 1 can (14 1/2 oz.) diced tomatoes with juices
- 3 cups medium-grain rice

Directions:

Position a rack in the lower third of an oven and preheat to 350°F. Season the chicken with salt and black pepper. In a Dutch oven over medium-high heat, warm 1 Tbs. of the olive oil. Working in batches, brown the chicken on all sides, 7 to 8 minutes per batch. Transfer to a plate. Discard the fat in the pot but keep the bits and pieces in the bottom to add flavor to the dish. In the same pot over medium heat, warm the remaining 1 Tbs. olive oil. Add the onion, bell pepper, saffron and red pepper flakes and cook, stirring occasionally, until the onion is translucent, about 10 minutes. Add the garlic and cook, stirring constantly, for 30 seconds. Add the chicken, broth, tomatoes, and their juices and bring to a simmer. Reduce the heat to medium-low, cover and cook for 20 minutes. Stir in the rice, the 1 1/4 tsp. salt and black pepper. Increase the heat to medium-high and bring to a simmer. Cover the pot, transfer to the oven, and bake for 30 minutes, stirring once halfway through the cooking time. Remove the pot from the oven and let stand for 10 minutes. Serves 6 to 8.

Dutch Oven Pot Roast www.theseasonedmom.com

Ingredients


- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 1 (3 lb.) boneless chuck roast
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 onions, thinly sliced
- 5 carrots, peeled and cut into 2-inch pieces
- 4 large ribs celery, cut into 1/2-inch crescents
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 1/2 cups beef broth, divided
- 2 sprigs fresh thyme (or 1/4 teaspoon dried)
- 2 sprigs fresh rosemary (or 1/4 teaspoon dried)
- 2 bay leaves
- 3 medium Russet potatoes, peeled and cut into eighths

Instructions

Preheat oven to 275 degrees F. Mix the flour with a generous amount of salt and pepper on a sheet of waxed paper. Pat the roast dry; dredge it in the flour mixture on all sides. Heat butter and olive oil in a large Dutch oven over medium-high heat until it is hot but not smoking. Brown the meat to give it nice color (about 5 minutes per side). Transfer the meat to a plate. Reduce the heat to medium and add 1 cup of the beef broth, scraping with a wooden spoon to deglaze the pan (loosening all of the browned bits from the bottom). Add the onions, carrots, celery, and garlic to the pot. Cook, stirring, until the onions are translucent (about 10 minutes). Place the roast on top of the vegetables. Add the remaining two and half cups of beef broth, thyme, rosemary, and bay leaves. Season with salt and pepper, cover, and bake in the 275 degrees F oven for 2 hours. After 2 hours, add the potatoes to the pot, mixing them into the liquid. Cover and return to the oven for another 45 minutes - 1 hour, or until the potatoes are soft and the meat is fall-apart tender.

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Richard Samarron retires

City of Friona employees held a Retirement Party for Richard Samarron last Friday afternoon at City Hall. Richard began working for the city in the year 2000. During his 20-year tenure, Richard work with 4 different city managers and 4 different mayors. The city managers included Paula Wilson, Terri Johnson, Patricia Phipps, and Lee Davila. The mayors were Clarence Monroe, John Taylor, J.B. Douglas, and Ricky White. At the time of his retirement last Friday, Richard was serving as Wastewater Superintendent for the City of Friona. Best wishes to Richard and his family!



Wendy & Richard Samarron



Netta Rodriguez, Angelica Marquez, Richard, and Bianca Berlanga



Javier Huerta, EMS Director Nik Baucom, Richard, and retired Judge Eddie Mays



Richard and City Manager Lee Davila



Richard and co-workers

Small World News



FHS grads Charley Saiz and Deidre (Johnston) Long are both currently teachers at Harpool Middle School, which is part of the Denton ISD.

Charley graduated in 2001 and has been teaching and coaching for 16 years in the Denton ISD. He has been at Harpool since it opened in 2008. He coaches boys athletics and teaches algebra.

Deidre graduated in 2008. She has been teaching for 8 years. This is her first year at Harpool and she teaches 8th grade ELAR.

Water Weekly

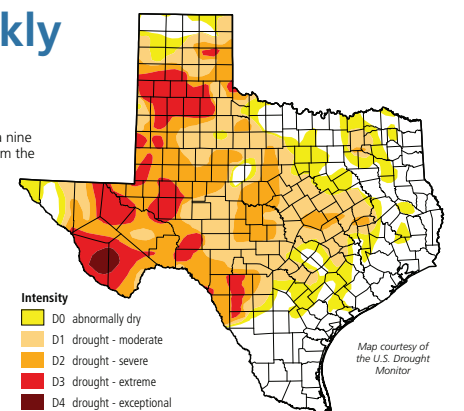
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Water conditions

The latest drought monitor map shows a nine percentage point increase in drought from the previous week, making it the third consecutive week with an increase of seven or more percentage points. In the last three weeks, almost one quarter of the state has slipped into drought.

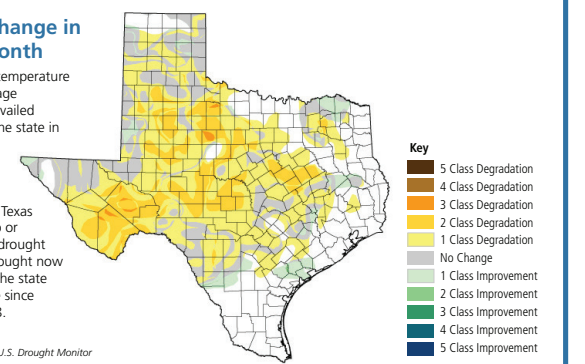
Drought conditions

- 57% now
- 48% a week ago
- 8% three months ago
- 38% a year ago



Drought change in the last month

Above-average temperature and below-average precipitation prevailed across most of the state in August, leading to a large expansion of drought. Large areas of Central Texas experienced two or more classes of drought degradation. Drought now covers more of the state than at any time since September 2018.



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