



## Comptroller distributes \$765 million in monthly sales tax revenue

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced today he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$765.3 million in local sales tax allocations for September, 4.5 percent less than in September 2019. These allocations are based on sales made in July by businesses that report tax monthly. Rising COVID-19 infection rates

in July likely suppressed economic activity.

The City of Friona will receive \$48,651.63 for September. This payment is **50.07 percent higher** than the \$32,418.10 received last September. The 2020 year-to-date allocation total of \$399,743.70 is **33.65 percent higher** than the \$299,075.88 the city received last year during the same time frame.

## HPWD Board lowers 2020 tax rate

During their September 8th meeting, the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District (HPWD) Board of Directors approved a resolution setting the 2020 ad valorem tax rate at \$.0055 per \$100 valuation for operation and maintenance of the district.

The adopted 2020 tax rate is less than the no-new-revenue tax rate of \$0.00604 per \$100 valuation.

Persons with \$100,000 in property value will pay \$5.50 in annual taxes to HPWD under the approved rate as compared to \$6.30 in 2019. The HPWD 2021 fiscal year begins October 1st.

"The HPWD Board of Directors have lowered the tax rate each year since 2014. It is our priority to have balanced annual budgets. This allows us to reduce the tax rate for operation of the district, while at the same time, improve services for constituents in our 16-county service area," said Board President Lynn Tate of Amarillo.

The HPWD Board of Directors also approved an order canceling the November 3, 2020 general election in District Directors' Precincts Three and Four.

Tony Beauchamp of Friona and Lynn Tate of Amarillo were the unopposed candidates for Precinct Three District Director and Precinct Four District Director, respectively. This will be the first four-year term for Beauchamp and the third four-year term for Tate. They

will receive their respective Oaths of Office at a future Board meeting.

Incumbent Precinct Three District Director Mike Beauchamp of Friona did not seek re-election. He was first elected to the position in 2012.

Under the Texas Election Code, the water district may cancel an election if the candidates whose names are to appear on the ballot are unopposed; there are no declared write-in candidates; and there is no proposition to appear on the ballot.

The Election Code also provides that the unopposed candidates be declared duly elected to their respective offices.

Precinct Three includes Bailey County, the portion of Castro County within the district, and Parmer County.

Precinct Four includes the portions of Armstrong, Deaf Smith, Potter, and Randall Counties within the district.

Created in 1951 by local residents and the Texas Legislature, the High Plains Water District works to conserve, preserve, protect, and prevent the waste of underground water within its 16-county service area. HPWD is the first groundwater conservation district created in Texas.

Be sure to "like" the High Plains Water District Facebook page to receive updates on district activities or follow on Twitter at @HPUWCD. Visit the website at www.hpwd.org.



Muleshoe punts the ball away last Friday night in first half action. The Chieftains remained unbeaten for the year with a 27-20 win. Friona will host Dalhart for Homecoming this Friday night. It will be the last non-district game of the season. See more on page 8.

## Food supply chain regaining stability

### Agriculture industry working to meet, adjust to consumer needs

By Kay Ledbetter

Links of the food supply chain, especially the meat supply, are regaining strength after periods of uncertainty during the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic, once again instilling consumer confidence, according to Texas A&M AgriLife experts.

As supplies strengthen, however, the purchasing practices of consumers could be changing as a result of the pandemic, and creating a "new normal" instead of returning to pre-pandemic practices, said David Anderson, Ph.D., Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economist in the Department of Agricultural Economics, College Station.

Anderson said prior to the COVID-19 shutdowns, consumers typically purchased about 50% of their food from



grocery stores for home consumption and then other 50% was met through outside food services, such as restaurants and schools.

The food service side of that equation has not completely recovered, he said, as restaurants are still operating at a limited capacity, if they reopened, and schools are just now starting to open, but again, not all the students will return to the institutions. So, the food supply chain is still adjusting to the changing markets.

There are still some concerns within the agriculture industry and getting back to the balanced marketplace will take an economic recovery that reduces unemployment and revives household incomes, said Greg Pompelli, Ph.D., director of the Texas A&M AgriLife-led Center of Excellence for Cross-Border Threat Screening and Supply Chain Defense Center, or CBTS, a Department of Homeland Security Science and Technology Center of Excellence.

Also, given the importance of global markets to U.S. agriculture, the focus will be on returning to pre-pandemic trade levels, Pom-

pelli said. Trade disputes and the pandemic's impact on the incomes of global consumers have added uncertainty about the strength of export market opportunities for U.S. producers.

#### Meeting consumer needs

Both Pompelli and Anderson agreed that consumers are finding most items they want and need at the grocery store level, although it might not include all of their favorites just yet.

"Where we see changes at the retail level boils down to human behavior. In the early days of the pandemic with paper towels or toilet paper, people assumed they wouldn't be able to find these products for a year, so they stocked up. Now they are settling into new routines and sometimes with new products" said Pompelli. Now, he said, consumers are adapting and moving away from their initial reactions as their concerns about food availability have diminished.

"Today, for the most part, consumers who go to the grocery store might not see exactly what they want, but there are a lot of substitutes available," Pompelli said.

"There will always be some things, favorite brands, that people don't have a willingness to sub, and some of those still might be hard to find in some areas."

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The 2020 Homecoming Queen will be named before the Friona-Dalhart football game this Friday night. The pre-game festivities will begin at 6:30 at Chieftain Field. Queen nominees are (l-r) Nohemi Castillo, Rebecca Maldonado, Kayli Stone, Tiffany Sandoval, and Yazmyne Romero.

**Parmer County COVID-19 stats**

**Tested at Parmer Medical Center**  
**1018**

**Negative Results from Parmer Medical Center**  
**703**

**Pending Results from PMC**  
**8**

**Positive Results from PMC**  
**307**

**Parmer County Residents Positive Results From All Test Sites**  
**401**

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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 September 17-23	T ☀️ 82   52 NE 10-15	F ☀️ 84   50 ESE 10-15	S ☀️ 83   52 S 10-20	S ☀️ 83   52 S 10-20	M ☀️ 85   54 SSW 10-20	T ☀️ 88   56 SSW 10-20	W ☀️ 88   54 SW 10-15	Precipitation September 0.26 Year 8.71	Burn Ban: <b>Yes</b>
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**Community Calendar**

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

**September 11**  
• Patriot Day

**September 18**  
• Homecoming Football Game vs. Dalhart  
Pregame starts at 6:30

**September 19**  
• "50 fo 50" drawing at 1:00 p.m. at the  
Friona Volunteer Fire Department

**September 21**  
• Friona Noon Lions Club Meeting at The Farmwife Kitchen

**September 22**  
• Snack Pak 4 Kids at 3:00 p.m. north entrance  
of Friona United Methodist Church

**COVID-19 News**

**Coronavirus cases confirmed**

As of September 2, 2020

<b>Texas:</b> 670,000 cases 13,855 deaths	<b>Worldwide:</b> 27,600,000 cases 898,000 deaths 18,600,000 recoveries
<b>United States:</b> 6,350,000 cases 190,000 deaths	

**City Council approves budget and tax rate**

The Friona City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 14th at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 619 Main in Friona, Texas. The meeting began with a roll call, an invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Friona City Council approved a budget of \$4,562,501 for 2021 fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021.

The Council also approved setting the 2020 tax rate at \$0.6894 per \$100 valuation for the operation and maintenance of the city. The adopted 2020 tax rate is less than the no-new-revenue tax rate of \$0.6982 per \$100 valuation and is the same rate that was approved for 2019.

In other business, the Council approved the Accounts Payable and Fi-

nanacial Statement for August 2020. Four agenda items were sent back to the Building and Standards committee for their review and recommendations. The Minutes of the August 10, 2020 regular council meeting and the August 31st special budget workshop meeting were approved.

An interlocal agreement with PRPC was also approved concerning application assistance and administration of possible grants.

The Council approved the budget for the Friona Economic Development Corporation for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021. Approval was also given for two FEDC recommendations concerning loans to Parmer Paws and Becky's Bur-

ritos. Parmer Paws will receive a \$50,000 loan to help pay for the new facility at 115 W. 11th and Becky's Burritos will receive a \$25,000 loan to construct signage and a driveway.

City Hall will be closed on September 29th and 30th for year-end procedures.

The next council meeting was rescheduled to Tuesday, October 13th due to the Columbus Day holiday.

All meetings are open to the public. The City Council reserves the right to go into Executive session at any time. Go to [cityoffriona.com](http://cityoffriona.com) to find the agendas and minutes from previous meetings. Information in this article is only a summary. Any questions concerning specific actions should be directed to the City Council.

**Earth hosts Ranch Rodeo**

The Earth Roping Club will be holding its annual Ranch Rodeo in Earth on Friday and Saturday, September 18-19. The ranch rodeo begins at 7 p.m. each night and will include such events as wild cow milking, bronc riding, branding, stray gathering, and sorting.

This will be the 78th year for the rodeo, which was established by the Earth Roping Club in 1942. The Earth Ranch Rodeo is one of several such rodeos held for working cowboys off of real ranches. The Earth rodeo

will draw cowboys and cowgirls from working ranches across the region extending into Oklahoma and Colorado.

The ranch rodeo is sanctioned by the Working Ranch Cowboys Association. Ranch rodeos are held in other communities including Haskell, Roaring Springs, and Alpine; Fort Sumner, NM; Hugo and Lamar, CO; Waurika and Claremore, OK, Camp Verde, AZ; and in Kansas and Nebraska. Those competing are seeking cash prizes as well as points to advance to the world championship which will be held in

Amarillo in November.

There will also be a junior ranch rodeo for youngsters 16 and under which will be held at 2 p.m. The junior events will include sorting, doctoring, trailer loading, branding and steer riding. Contact Tripp Townsend at (806) 647-6149 for more information.

Concessions will be available at each performance.

For more information about the Earth Ranch Rodeo, contact Rex Fennell at (806) 773-6366 or email him at [rhinoroffing@yahoo.com](mailto:rhinoroffing@yahoo.com).



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The new Primary school building is beginning to take shape. Crews are working on the "steel skeleton" with the help of a large crane. Mild weather has also aided in the progress of the project.



**Chieftain football is on the air!!!**

You can listen to Chieftain football on KGRW 94.7 Kickin' Country and online at [Network1sports.com/station/kgrw](http://Network1sports.com/station/kgrw)

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.



**Milk House Market**

*Wedding Registry*

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Cassidy Devault & Tyler Hough

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**ACROSS**

- Livingston is the seat of this county
- In Concho County on U.S. 83 & 87
- 28th governor, Pat Morris
- "what \_\_\_ be done?"
- TX's country briefly (1861-65) (abbr.)
- a "no-no" in 2020 pandemic
- TX-born actress, Capshaw
- how sound is transmitted in a room
- TXism: "get your ducks \_\_\_ a row"
- "\_\_\_ Star State"
- this Masterson had 1st gunfight in TX
- "i.e." (2 wds.)
- underneath settings on a dining table
- dir. from Mineola to New Boston
- TX company name before H-E-B: "\_\_\_ Grocery"
- TXism: "strike while the \_\_\_ is hot"
- El Paso has statue of conquistador Juan de \_\_\_
- Dallas "Old Red Courthouse" was built with this material (2 wds.)
- deadly
- TXism: "\_\_\_ enough to stoke a sparrow" (small appetite)
- TX Dexter who sang "Pistol Packin' Mama"
- Pres. Trump claim: "\_\_\_ news"
- TXism: "\_\_\_ '\_\_\_ up" (gather)
- Roman god of the sea
- Jordan Akins pos. on the Houston Texans
- elected co. prosecutor
- Oyster \_\_\_, TX
- old Dallas area (2 wds.)
- old timers use \_\_\_ dominoes to play "42"
- medical scan
- Rush Limbaugh network?
- joined up with the military
- TXism: "you \_\_\_ that to the bank" (certain)
- Bob of 1946 "Rio Grande Raiders"
- 1993-94 Ranger closer, Henke (init.)
- TXism: "no flies on \_\_\_" (pretty girl)
- TX summers are not \_\_\_ of roses

**DOWN**

- noted TX golf coach, Harvey
- Ector County seat
- what the diner did before exiting the restaurant (3 wds.)
- earlier call sign for Waco's KBGO
- "apiece" abbr.
- Waco is the seat of this county
- TXism: "brave enough to eat in a \_\_\_ town cafe"
- TXism: "he could out \_\_\_ six-legged bobcat"
- dove sound
- thrown into chaos
- TXism for "small pond" (2 wds.)
- Rangers drafted this Robb in 1987
- father
- it's placed on skin for an EKG
- 48 animal jaws
- founding member of TX band Easley: Sherri Du \_\_\_
- \_\_\_ gallon hat
- Gay carried first atomic bomb
- underwater radar

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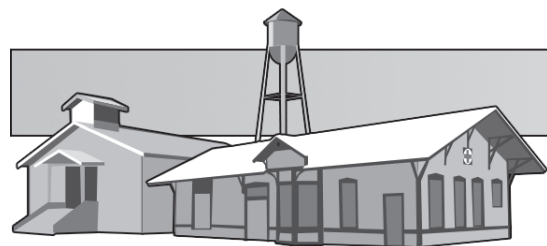
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# TOWN TALK

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According to the Texas drought monitor map, our area is listed as in an extreme drought. Our last good rain was on July 28th. Unfortunately, no rain is on the horizon and the La Niña weather pattern is not favorable for our region.

it is vital that we supply the most accurate information possible. All information on the Census 2020 forms is private. Only qualified 2020 Census workers will have access to the numbers in order to produce the final reports.

The abundance of smoke from the wildfires has caused air pollution to spike across the western part of the country. The worst levels are focused on Northern California and western Oregon. Experts have said that inhaling pollution from these wildfires is like smoking 25 cigarettes a day.

Governor Abbott announced that Wesco Aircraft Hardware Corporation, which now operates under the brand name In-cora™ (Wesco), will relocate its headquarters from California to Fort Worth, Texas, bringing more than \$6 million in capital investment and expanding its presence in the state to include up to 239 jobs. Look for more of this in the near future.

Please make sure to fill out your 2020 Census if you have not done so already. It is very important to get an accurate accounting of everyone who lives in our city and county. Grants and other government payments are based on population so

- National Days**
- September 17 – Constitution & Citizenship Day
  - September 18 – Cheeseburger Day
  - September 19 – Talk Like a Pirate Day
  - September 20 – Fried Rice Day
  - September 21 – Pecan Cookie Day
  - September 22 – Autumnal Equinox
  - September 23 – Snack Stick Day



**These FHS seniors are showing their “can-do” spirit by unloading a trailer full of empty aluminum cans to sold to help fund class events. The workers included (l-r) Rebecca Schlenker, Kayli Stone, Victoria Gonzalez, Marc Mendoza, Adrian Legarreta, Tiffany Sandoval, Emily Amaya, Kambree Kimbrough, Angel Carranza, Juan Salinas, and Alex Guerra (below). The load netted \$455.00 for the Class of 2021. Be sure to keep unloading your empty cans into the trailer which is located on the north side of the Fire Department on Main Street.**

## FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



**DIANNA & DARIO HERNANDEZ at the Marine Base in San Diego during a Jane Wayne Day when wives of the Marines are invited to the base and allowed to dress in Marine gear and fire several different Marine weapons. That is why Dianna is dressed in military gear. Courtesy Photo (Friona Star, August 26, 2004)**

## COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

**Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from September 3, 2020 to September 10, 2020**

- (9/8/20) Riddle 704 LLC — Victor Hernandez, Veronica Zamora — All of L 6 and 7 and part of 8 B 75 in the Original Town of Bovina in Parmer County
- (9/10/20) Jarrell Wright, Karen Wright, Wright Supplemental Needs Trust — Blake Stowers, Katelynn Stowers — 1.69 Ac tract out of the NE part of a tract as the S 243.25 Ac of Sec 31 Charles E Harding Subdiv in Parmer County

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

- (9/11/20) Eric Childers, 31, of Rio Ranch, New Mexico was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a MTR (Burglary of Habitation), pending District Court.
- (9/12/20) Judah Wood, 47, of Prague, Oklahoma was arrested by the Friona Police Department on charges of Possession CS PG2 > 4g < 400g, pending Grand Jury and Possession Marijuana < 2 oz, pending County Court.

## Small Town Cookin'

### Football Food

I was glad to have football back on tv this last weekend and it had me craving easy to prepare and easy to eat appetizers to enjoy during the games. I have included some oldies, but goodies this week.

### Party Wieners

By Vickie Field

From the Friends of the Library Cookbook

- 1 pkg. Li'l Smokies sausages
- 1 jar apple butter

Put Li'l Smokies in a crock pot and pour apple butter over the Li'l Smokies. Heat for 30 minutes to an hour. Great for party snacks.

### Sausage Dip

Carolyn Stowers

From the Drake Family Cookbook

- 1 lb. mild sausage
- 1 can Ro-Tel Diced tomatoes and chilies
- 8 oz. cream cheese

Brown sausage; crumbled. Add Ro-Tel. Add cream cheese. Simmer until cream cheese melts. Serve with tortilla chips.

### Supper Nachos

By Lois Brimhall

From the Olton Young Homemakers Cookbook

- 2 cans refried beans
- 2 lbs. ground beef, browned
- ½ large onion, chopped
- ½ c. green chilies, chopped
- 1 pkg. Lawry's taco sauce mix
- ½ c. water
- 6 oz. Monterrey Jack or Longhorn cheddar cheese
- 1 pkg. frozen guacamole, or make your own
- ½ c. sour cream
- 3 green onions, chopped
- 1 tomato, chopped
- Corn Tortilla chips

Spread refried beans in bottom of a casserole dish. For the second layer, brown the ground beef with the onion. Then add the green chilies, the taco mix, and water to the meat. Cook for 2 minutes until well combined. Then spread over the beans. Spread the grated cheese over the meat mixture. At this point, the dish may be covered and refrigerated until just before serving. Heat oven to 350°F until hot and cheese is melted. Then top with guacamole, sour cream, green onions, and tomatoes. Serve with tortilla chips.

We always enjoy a festival of...

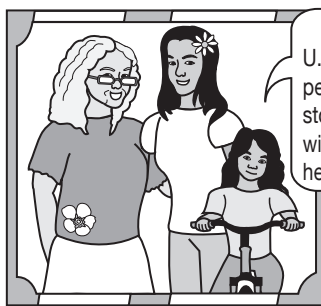
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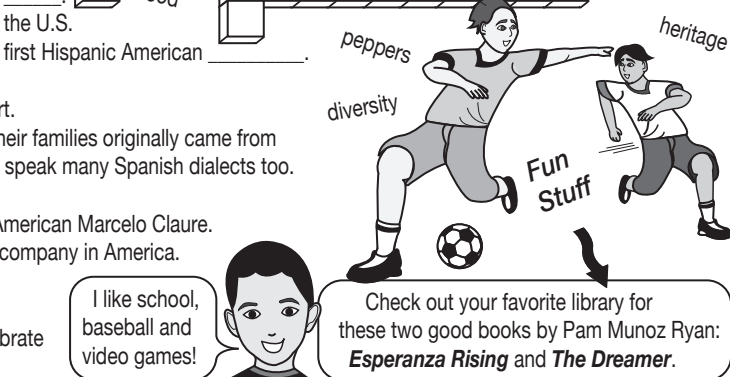
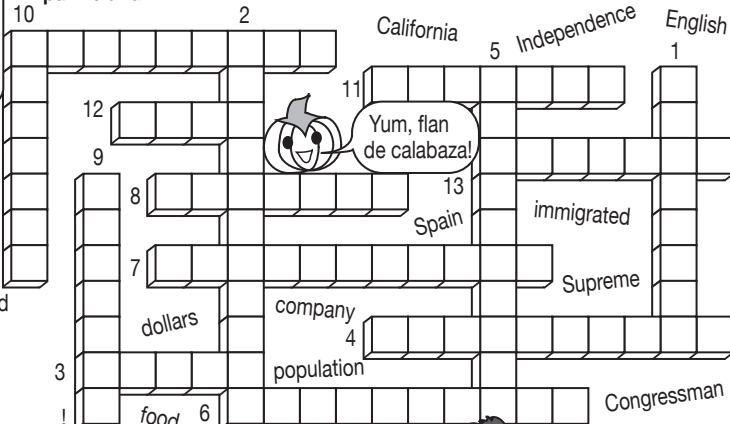
My grandparents, who came to the U.S. from Panama, teach me about the people and culture there through stories, songs and cooking. I share with them all the cool things I learn here in school and from my friends.

1. A celebration of Hispanic \_\_\_\_\_ starts in mid-September and lasts a month.
2. The first day is based upon the \_\_\_\_\_ Day anniversary of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua.
3. The U.S. Hispanic population comes from about 20 countries that shared a cultural heritage with the once-ruling European country of \_\_\_\_\_.
4. About one-third of Hispanic Americans \_\_\_\_\_ to the U.S., meaning that about 65% were born here.
5. In 2019, 59 million Hispanic people in the U.S. made up about 18% of the \_\_\_\_\_!
6. \_\_\_\_\_, Texas and Florida have the largest Hispanic populations in the U.S.
7. The state of Florida in 1822 elected Joseph Marion Hernández to be the first Hispanic American \_\_\_\_\_.
8. In 2009, Sonia Sotomayor, (whose parents came from Puerto Rico), became the first Hispanic person appointed to the U.S. \_\_\_\_\_ Court.
9. Millions of Hispanic people in America speak \_\_\_\_\_ and because their families originally came from places once ruled by Spain (Mexico, Puerto Rico, Cuba, etc.), Hispanics speak many Spanish dialects too.
10. Hispanics' buying power is more than 1.7 trillion \_\_\_\_\_ a year!
11. Giant cell phone \_\_\_\_\_ Brightstar Corp., was founded by Hispanic American Marcelo Claure.
12. Founded in 1936, Goya Foods is the largest Hispanic owned \_\_\_\_\_ company in America.
13. Everyone loves Hispanic dishes! Some of the most popular may include beans, rice, beef, chicken and hot or spicy \_\_\_\_\_.
14. The American experience is one of different peoples and cultures. Celebrate our nation's \_\_\_\_\_ and enjoy everything Hispanic culture offers!

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle and...

Learn About

## Hispanic Heritage



I like school, baseball and video games!

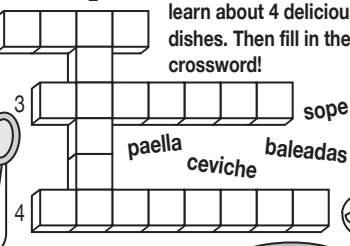
Check out your favorite library for these two good books by Pam Munoz Ryan: *Esperanza Rising* and *The Dreamer*.

My grandfather came from Cuba and now owns a restaurant. He likes to cook many dishes including some from his homeland. One of the most popular is **ajijaco**, a stew made with pork and different kinds of root vegetables...yum! He also makes delicious "fries" using **yucca**, a root vegetable that can be used much like a potato.



## Delicious Dishes!

Read the clues to learn about 4 delicious dishes. Then fill in the crossword!



1. A dish originating in Mexico. It is a small circle of fried maize (corn) soaked in lime, then topped with refried beans, cheese, lettuce, onions, salsa and sometimes pork and chicken.
2. A dish from Spain, uses simmered rice, chicken, chorizo (Spanish sausage), scallops, shrimp, tomatoes, green beans and other vegetables and spices.
3. This dish can be found in Mexico, Panama and Peru. It is raw fish, first soaked in lime juice, oranges, sliced onions and garlic. It is eaten like a dip or a salad.
4. This is a Honduran dish. It is a deep fried tortilla, folded over and filled with refried beans and a special blend of sour cream, salt, and heavy cream.

## Food in English or Spanish

Explorers who sailed for the Kings and Queens of this country claimed the lands they reached by ship and brought the Spanish language. Can you fill in the missing consonants to complete the name of the country? \_\_\_\_\_ ai \_\_\_\_\_

Here are some popular ingredients in Hispanic cooking. Can you match the English word to its Spanish name?

- |             |             |
|-------------|-------------|
| 1. Rice     | 1. Pollo    |
| 2. Bean     | 2. Naranjas |
| 3. Cheese   | 3. Tomate   |
| 4. Lettuce  | 4. Haba     |
| 5. Onion    | 5. Queso    |
| 6. Pork     | 6. Cebolla  |
| 7. Chicken  | 7. Cal      |
| 8. Fish     | 8. Pescado  |
| 9. Cream    | 9. Cerdo    |
| 10. Tomato  | 10. Lechuga |
| 11. Lime    | 11. Arroz   |
| 12. Oranges | 12. Crema   |

## Many Languages From Many Countries

Fill in the blanks with the missing consonants to spell the names of countries that some of our Hispanic population has come from:

1. \_ E \_ I \_ O
2. \_ E \_ I \_ E
3. \_ O \_ \_ A \_ \_ I \_ A
4. \_ L \_ \_ A \_ \_ A \_ O \_
5. \_ U \_ A \_ E \_ A \_ A
6. \_ O \_ \_ U \_ A \_
7. \_ I \_ A \_ A \_ U \_ A
8. \_ A \_ A \_ A
9. A \_ \_ E \_ \_ I \_ A
10. \_ \_ I \_ E
11. \_ O \_ O \_ \_ I \_ A
12. E \_ U \_ A \_ O \_



My family came to the U.S. from Mexico. I am learning English!

I'm from Puerto Rico. I speak in English and in Spanish.



- Chile
- Panama
- Honduras
- Argentina
- El Salvador
- Nicaragua
- Costa Rica
- Mexico
- Ecuador
- Colombia
- Belize
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# Court approves funds for Bovina ISD

The Parmer County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, September 14, 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. Commissioner Kenny White was not in attendance. Minutes from the August 24th 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. The court voted not to participate in the IRS Payroll Tax Deferral Plan. County Extension Agents Janelle Duffey & Wendy gave the court an update on extension activities that have occurred during the past 8 months. They also informed the commissioners that the annual steak dinner has been scheduled for November 7th.

Commissioners discussed county participation in the right-of-way agreement for the overpass at Cargill. Since more information was needed and all commissioners were not present, the matter was tabled until the next scheduled meeting.

A request by the Bovina

ISD for \$83,656.78 from the Permanent School Fund to pay for expenses related to their construction project was approved.

Sheriff Randy Geries reported that there are currently 17 inmates at the Law Enforcement Center. Commissioners approved payment of Sheriff's fees for 2021 which remained unchanged from the previous year.

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.

## Happy Birthday Friona Folks!

**Sept. 17**  
Anna Vazquez  
Pamela Hankins  
Skip Hodges  
Kaegan Kerby  
Mike Hutson  
Don Rogers

**Sept. 18**  
Dale Hart  
Annette Frye  
Hollis Horton  
Jaleigh Hopkins  
Breanna Villanueva  
Nathan King  
Tyler Jameson  
Wendy Carthel

**Sept. 19**  
Harper Haile  
Gabriel Keen  
Phillip Saiz  
Robin Ott  
Misty Chesher  
Phillip Saiz  
Adrienne (Osborn)Vazquez  
Milli (Dixon) Watson  
Shonda Bentley

**Sept. 20**  
Chris Alexander  
Quay Schueler  
Landon Martin  
Jessie London  
Chance Hutson  
Bertha Mendoza  
Magean Garner  
Hannah Alger  
Emma Rector  
JoAnn Padilla

**Sept. 21**  
Randy McCasland  
Gail Sifford  
Nathan Moroney  
Caroline Estrada  
Glen Shirley  
Kevin Reeves

**Sept. 22**  
Delton Lowellen  
Casey Renner  
Paige Baker  
Aimee Houston  
Garrett Tongate  
Carly Talley  
Heather Turner

**Sept. 23**  
Hector Sanchez  
Marisol Posada



### Lazbuddie School Menu for September 21 - September 25

**Monday 21**  
**Breakfast:** Breakfast Pizza, Cereal &/or Toast  
Fruit, Juice, Milk  
**Lunch:** Country Steak, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, GrBeans,  
Fruit, Juice, Milk

**Tuesday 22**  
**Breakfast:** Pancake Wrap & Yogurt  
Cereal &/or Toast, Fruit Juice, Milk  
**Lunch:** Chalupas, Garnish, Rice , Refried Beans,  
Cucumbers, Fruit, Juice, Milk

**Wednesday 23**  
**Breakfast:** Omelet, Toast & Bacon  
Cereal &/or Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk  
**Lunch:** Chicken Spaghetti, Bread Sticks, Salad,  
Cooked Carrots, Fruit, Juice, Milk

**Thursday 24**  
**Breakfast:** French Toast & Sausage Cereal &/or Toast,  
Fruit, Juice, Milk  
**Lunch:** Hamburgers, Garnish, Fries, Broccoli Bites,  
Fruit, Juice, Milk

**Friday 25**  
**Breakfast:** Cinnamon Roll & Yogurt, Cereal &/or Toast,  
Fruit, Juice, Milk  
**Lunch:** Fish, Mac&Cheese, Coleslaw,  
Gr Beans, Fruit, Juice, Milk

## Gas prices ease downward

By GasBuddy

Texas gas prices have fallen 2.6 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$1.88 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations. Gas prices in Texas are 0.7 cents per gallon higher than a month ago but stands 38.1 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$1.49 while the most expensive is \$2.49 per gallon. The national average price of gasoline has fallen 3.2 cents in the last week to an average of \$2.17 per gallon. The national average is down 0.5 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 38.6 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

"Seasonal factors, as expected, are pushing gas prices down in most areas across the country. In addition, oil prices have hit a rough patch on renewed concerns about the economy and falling demand, leaving motorists the beneficiaries for the next few weeks," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "No one should be in a rush to fill up as prices will likely continue to trend lower, especially as the summer gasoline requirement ends on Tuesday, ushering in cheaper to produce winter gasoline and a return to less fragmentation in supply since winter gasoline is common nearly coast-to-coast, making it less of a headache to produce fuel since it can be used universally."

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>.

### Puzzle Solution

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# The Reward of Obedience

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ is worth any cost, yet in our short-sighted perspective it can often be difficult to remember. Genesis 39 depicts the faithfulness of Joseph as he was a slave in Egypt, serving as the head of an official's household, yet obedience to the Lord cost him his job and landed him in prison. In the short term, his obedience appeared to be a waste, as he spent years in an Egyptian prison, but through Joseph's obedience God was positioning Joseph to be used in a tremendous way that only God could have planned. In fact, by the time Joseph's life ended, he was promoted to a position second only to the Pharaoh himself, Joseph had rescued a nation from starvation and even saved his own family, who had sold him into slavery years before. Joseph's faithful obedience to the Lord was costly, but the reward was much greater.

Many other Biblical examples could be named as those who experienced the reward of obedience to the Lord, and in reality, the reward of our obedience will far outweigh

the burden and costs of our obedience. Matthew 25:31-46 makes this clear as Jesus tells of the final judgment of the saved and the lost. Those who are lost in their sins will hear, "Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels," (v41). In this moment, all the sinful orgies, drunken revelries, or worldly treasures will be seen as the vain things that they are in light of eternity in hell. On the other hand, those who know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, will hear the blessed words, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world," (v34). From there, the Master recounts a lifestyle of loving obedience that characterizes His children, and upon one's first sight of glory, the reward of obedience will far outweigh the costs endured on this earth. Loving, joyful obedience to the Savior is worth the reward, not because his followers are simply trying to attain a reward, but because this pleases Jesus Christ, resulting in His glory and our good.

## Panhandle Parables

### The Amazing Pantry

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

*Author's note: This is just one more nod to a lady now at home with the Lord and Pop. I wrote this in October 2016. Hope you enjoy JP*

Growing up my grandmother of whom many in town call Sue, but we knew as "Gram-bie" and now "Gram" had an amazing pantry. It was always full of everything. You could find cereal down on the bottom and then about a million cans of everything. Sometimes you had to hunt a little but you could always find something to eat. One of my favorites was Vienna Sausages and crackers.

Gram could open the little folding doors to the pantry and find the necessary ingredients for all sorts of great meals. She knew great meals could attract grandkids from anywhere some not even her own. I can only imagine just how many meals came from behind the

doors of that amazing pantry. I can't even begin to count the number of people who were blessed by one of those meals. Regardless of the season or the changes that have evolved over the last 50 plus years the amazing pantry was up to the challenge. Potluck lunch? No problem Gram had what she needed. A family gets sick? Gram was ready to feed them. Funerals, showers, weddings, extra guests each opportunity to serve was met with the ability to feed them. Gram didn't just take from the amazing pantry, she invested in it too! So it was always ready to meet the need that presented itself.

Being prepared for change can be a real challenge. Obviously there are things in life that are hard to prepare for, yet there are many others that just having a place to draw from helps ease the discomfort of

change and make it a transition.

God's Word is an amazing pantry of knowledge. If we study it long enough we get to know on which shelf to find what we need. So when change comes knocking you have a warehouse from which to draw the things that can make it better.

As we move through September and the changing of seasons, continue to think about the opportunities that come from being prepared and a willingness to share from your pantry the things that bring people together. Let Christ be your guide and follow Him through His Word. Don't just take from His Word, but invest in it as well, that you may be prepared to meet the change that comes to your door with the ability to feed them too.

Send your church news to the **Friona★Star** frionastar@wtrt.net

## Thinking About Covid and Church

By Teena Hughs

I have been thinking about Covid, and what I have learned from my experiences with it. One of the things I have come to realize is what a privilege it is to get to go to church.

In California, I understand there is a ban on churches meeting in sanctuaries. One church is going against this ban, even though the minister has been threatened with jail time, and the church has been threatened with fines. How sad is that?

Even here in Texas, I visited with a friend in San Antonio a couple of months ago, and she was surprised to hear that we were having actual church in a sanctuary, be-

cause churches there weren't meeting yet.

I have missed more church services this year because of our move. I go every time I am here in Friona, but I admit I have not been good about going when I am at Barksdale. We meet at 9 a.m., because we share a minister with Rocksprings. At 9 a.m., I am usually getting ready to come back here. But, I need to change that!

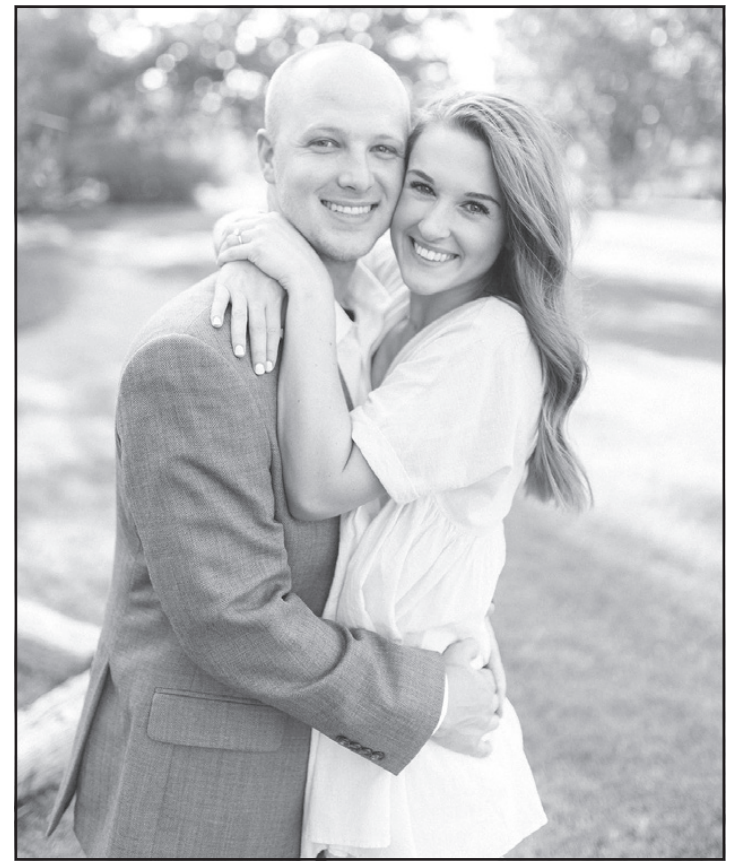
The last two times I have gone to church here, I have felt such a peace. All of the things consuming our lives just seem so distant. It felt good to be in my safe place with my church friends, One of those dear friends gave me hope that I asked God for as I was pulling out of the driveway. It has just felt good to be in church!

With all that is going on in the world, we never know from day to day what crazy idea someone is going to have. You never know when someone will throw something into a judge-shopped court and get going to church banned completely. Who would have thought you could loot and riot in a city and destroy peoples' livelihoods and nothing happens to the looters and rioters, but you can't have church, the one thing they need most?

It is a blessing to be able to watch church services on Facebook and You-tube; but, if at all possible, I encourage you to go in person. The fellowship, the love, care, and concern of your church family can't be duplicated from a computer service.

It is a true privilege to get to go to church. I hope you take advantage of that privilege, and see what God has waiting just for you!

# Engagement



**Barnett - Box**

Ricky and Erin Barnett of Friona, Texas, joyfully announce the engagement of their son, Joshua Thomas Barnett of Norman, Oklahoma to Rachel Elaine Box of Graham, Texas. She is the daughter of Ginger and Luke Robbins of Graham, Texas and the late Travis Box.

Joshua is a 2016 graduate of Friona High School. He earned his bachelor's degree in Business Finance with a minor in Accounting and Energy from Oklahoma State University in May 2020. He is currently working for Aflac as the Market Asset Analyst for the state of Oklahoma.

Rachel is a 2017 graduate of Graham High School. She currently attends Texas Tech University. She will be graduating in December with a bachelor's degree in HDFS (Human Development and Family Studies). She plans to begin graduate school in the spring of 2021 to receive a master's degree in Counseling with an emphasis in Marriage and Family Therapy.

The couple is planning a March 2021 wedding in McKinney, Texas. Josh and Rachel will reside in Norman, Oklahoma.

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# Obituaries



## Bette Ann (Bass) Jones

Bette Ann Jones, 72, of Amarillo, passed away surrounded by her loving family on September 11, 2020. She was born September 25, 1947, in Amherst, Texas, to Estis Bass and Zonah Anthony-Bass. Services were held on Tuesday, September 15, 10 a.m., at Cox-Rowley Funeral Home, followed by a graveside committal service at Friona Cemetery in Friona, Texas at 1 p.m. The visitation was held from 4 - 8 p.m., on Monday, September 14 at the funeral home.



(Hailey) Griffin, Shyann Griffin, all of Linville, AL, Thomas Cronnon, Charlie Jones, of Corpus Christi, TX; her cherished great grandchildren, Allie and Amelia Jones, Kailey, Conagher, Kash, and Chance' Griffin; Her fond siblings, Charles (Pat) Bass of Pea Ridge, AR, Troy (Kayrene) Bass of Canyon, TX, and Barbara Bass of Lubbock, TX.

Bette is survived by her loving children, Marty Jones of Amarillo, Dodi (Derrick) Griffin of Linville, AL, Rusty (Michelle) Jones of Corpus Christi, TX; her dear grandchildren, Mitchell (Heather) Jones, Victoria (Robert) Bermudez, and Bethany Jones all of Fritch, TX, D'Kota Griffin, Hunter

her husband, Charles Jones. Bette was known for her great sense of humor, she was a very creative, talented person, who enjoyed arts and crafts. She had a very good time zip-lining and looked forward to doing more of it. Bette was a charitable person who loved spending time traveling, and especially enjoyed the peacefulness of sitting and adoring the majesty of the mountains. Another favorite past-time of hers was to go shopping, why, because she liked to. Most importantly to remember about Bette, was her strong Christian belief, she loved God.

## Judith Ann (Judy) Dennis

Judith Ann (Judy) Dennis was born on May 31, 1942 to Alexander John and Lucy Frances Jesko, in the car on the way to the hospital in Clovis, New Mexico. It took a few years to get the official birth certificate! Judy was the seventh of ten children. She passed away on September 5, 2020 in Friona, Texas at the age of 78 years, 3 months and 4 days.



Judy attended Farwell Schools and graduated from Farwell High School in 1960. She attended Sacred Heart College in Wichita, Kansas and was twice elected President of her class. Besides leading class activities, Judy was a member of the Student Council, International Relations Club, and Women's Athletic Organization. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration with a minor in Secondary Education. Judy's teaching career spanned twenty years in secondary and post-secondary business education in Kansas, New Mexico, and Texas.

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Judy was also employed at the Pantex Plant in Amarillo, Texas. It was here that she met her husband, Jack Harold Dennis. They were married on June 4, 1983 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Amarillo, Texas. Judy and Jack made their home in Amarillo, Texas. After retiring, they moved back to the farm in the Muleshoe, Texas area in 2002.

Judy was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church

in Hereford, Texas. Judy is preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Mary Carolyn Jesko and Elaine Larson and 2 brothers, Donald Jesko and Kenneth Jesko.

## Irene Perez



Irene Perez, 64 of Bovina passed away September 13, 2020 in Amarillo. Viewing was held from 9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. with Rosary Services set for 7:00 P.M. Tuesday, September 15, 2020 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY with Mass of Christian Burial Services scheduled for 11:00 A.M. Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Friona with Father Gregory Bunyan as Celebrant. Burial following in the Friona Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Irene was known as an extremely strong person that loved her siblings, husband, children and grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents and 1 brother-Alvino Perez.

Those to carry on her legacy include her husband Adam of Bovina, 3 daughters-Melissa Hernandez and husband Eddy of Friona, Monica Walker and husband Jus-

tin of Amarillo, and Katarina Guevara and husband Joshua of Friona, 1 son- Adan Perez and wife Sally of Amarillo, 3 brothers- Pablo Perez of Spearman, Willie Perez and wife Georgia of Amarillo, and Benny Perez of San Angelo, Emma Davila and husband David of Friona, Nelia Garza of San Angelo and Jenny Perez of Ottumwa, Iowa, 11 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

You may send condolences to the family and sign the online guest book at: [www.hansardfamily.com](http://www.hansardfamily.com)



# State Capital Highlights

By Chris Cobler



## Pandemic messes with Texas, prompts new message

**Even during a pandemic, it's best to not mess with Texas.** Texas Department of Transportation officials noticed more personal protective equipment -- face masks, wipes and gloves -- on the side of roads and highways, so they called in the big guns for a new round of "Don't mess with Texas" commercials. The celebrities featured include George Strait, Matthew McConaughey and Eva Longoria.

"Find a trash can, or keep a litter bag in your car, and wait to toss it until you get home," Longoria said via her Instagram page. "#DontMessWithTexas actually means don't litter!"

"Capital Highlights" reader Anna Blythe, who reads the column in the Weimar Mercury, wrote recently that she thinks the "Don't mess with Texas" campaign needs a reboot. She said she's seen much more litter in recent years along Interstate 10 from Baytown to Flatonia.

"I hate to see all the trash on our roadways in our great state of Texas," Blythe said.

About 362 million pieces of litter accumulate on Texas roads every year with items discarded from vehicles accounting for half the mess, TxDOT officials report. Those caught littering can face a fine of \$500. If the tossed litter weighs more than five pounds, the fine can increase up to \$2,000.

For alert readers also wanting to appear in this column, which celebrity appeared in the first "Don't mess with Texas" commercial in 1986? Email the answer, along with your name and the newspaper in which you read the column, to [ccobler@texaspress.com](mailto:ccobler@texaspress.com).

## Cotton-packaging problems

**Plastic is a serious problem for cotton farmers, too.** During the past three years, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has found an increase of plastic in samples that likely originated from the round module wraps used to package cotton, the Texas Farm Bureau reports.

Every bale of cotton is graded by the USDA in classing offices across the country. In 2018, the USDA classing office in Corpus Christi received more plastic-contaminated bales than any other classing office in the country. When small pieces of plastic tear from the wear and embed themselves in the cotton lint, that lowers the crop's quality and price. Roadside litter can contribute to the problem. Plains Cotton Growers CEO Steve Verett says the industry is working to fix the problem: "We have to recognize we can't risk the reputation of being one of the premium fibers in the world. That's what we've lived off of for many years in the U.S., and we can't let this plastic wrap issue become our Achilles heel."

## Ag land values remain strong

Despite the recession, the value of Texas agricultural land has increased, according to a new U.S. Department of Agriculture report.

The average value of the state's agricultural land, including buildings, is up 2.4 percent this year at \$2,170 an acre in the USDA's 2020 Land Values Report.

Across the country, average ag land values are either lower or unchanged from 2019's record highs, according to Morning Ag Clips.

The amount of farmable land has decreased because of urban sprawl. Because of this, farmland is appreciating in value, which is good for investors but can be a mixed bag for farmers. In Texas, 236,000 farmers and ranchers paid \$698 million in property taxes, or about \$3,000 each, according to an article by Pew Charitable Trusts. Ag land can qualify for certain tax exemptions.

## Some news is hard to digest

Those with a hankering for Luby's square fish or a LuAnn plate may have to seek comfort food elsewhere for the first time in almost a century.

Bob Luby opened his first restaurant in San Antonio in 1947. Seventy-three years later, Luby's home-style cooking may be no more.

Luby's Inc., now a Houston-based restaurant company, is liquidating its assets, its board of directors announced. The decision also could mean the end for the company's other restaurant, Fuddruggers.

Stockholders have yet to approve the liquidation plan, and it's possible a buyer could keep the restaurants open. Cafeteria-style restaurants have been buffeted by the pandemic, as some of the 80 Luby's and Fuddruggers locations were closed soon after the COVID-19 outbreak.

## Add some color to your world

The first day of fall is Sept. 22 on the calendar, but that doesn't mean much across most of Texas.

As the summer heat drags on, perhaps planning a visit to see the fall colors will help. Texas Parks and Wildlife offers a guide for fall foliage. Visit [twpd.texas.gov](http://twpd.texas.gov) for tips on seeing the bigtooth maples of Lost Maples State Natural Area, the yellow cottonwoods at Caprock Canyons and the East Texas hardwoods of Lake Bob Sandlin, Cooper Lake, Daingerfield and Martin Creek Lake.

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

# Census News



## 2020 Census Self-Response Rate Information - Sept. 14, 2020

National Response Rate .....	65.9%
Texas Self-Response Rate.....	61.5%
Parmer County Self-Response Rate .....	47.2%
Friona Self-Response Rate.....	55.4%
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# SPORTS



### Varsity Football

The Chieftains battled penalties, no penalties, and weird bounces to beat the Mules 27-20 and move to 3-0 for the year. The Chieftain offense was dominant as it piled up 463 rushing yards including 4 touchdowns. Malachi Torres rushed for 209 yards and scored on runs of 67 yards and 56 yards. Mario Bautista added 125 rushing yards and a touchdown. Quarterback Bryan Chavira gained 102 yards on the ground and one touchdown. Juan Salinas was the leading tackler on defense and his interception of a Muleshoe pass secured the win for the Chieftains.

Two of the biggest plays of the game involved bad bounces. In the first half Friona was driving for a score when a pass from Bryan Chavira bounced off the Friona receiver and was intercepted by Muleshoe at their 3-yard line. In the 4th quarter, the Muleshoe quarterback threw a pass right to the Friona defender for an apparent interception but the ball bounced off him and went right to a Muleshoe receiver who ran it 78 yards for a touchdown. Friona fans know that when you play in Muleshoe you have to expect the unexpected. But even when you expect it, sometimes you still can't believe it.

### Junior Varsity Football

The JV team will play the Dalhart Golden Wolves this week. Game time is 6:30 p.m. in Dalhart.

### Freshman Football

The Friona Freshman hosted the Muleshoe JV last Thursday at Chieftain Field and the Mules won the close contest by a final score of 22-24. Jose Luis Saucedo scored a touchdown for the Chiefs on a 4 yard run. Josh Gonzalez caught a 18 yard touchdown pass from Jose Luis who also scored the two point conversion. On defense, Josh Gonzalez intercepted a Muleshoe pass and returned it for a touchdown. Jarrett White led the team in tackles. The Freshmen will travel to Dalhart to battle the Golden Wolves starting at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday.

### Junior High Football

The 7th grade Braves played Muleshoe last Thursday night and lost by a score of 50-32. Aaron Rosales scored three rushing touchdowns. He also scored three 2-point conversions. Rafael Rocha scored one touchdown and one 2-point conversion. The team played hard all game, but could never take the lead. Jameson Daniels had an interception that set-up one of the touchdowns.

The 8th grade Braves also lost to Muleshoe by a score of 48-0. Even though the team did not score, Edwin Rivas ran hard all night. Abram Rocha and Edwin Munoz played hard and led the team in tackles on defense.

### Varsity Volleyball

Friona beat the Wildorado Lady Mustangs Tuesday night 3-2 in an exciting match that saw the Squaws lead early, trail 2-1, and then storm back to take the final two sets for the win. Friona will host Brownfield next Tuesday night as the teams begin district play.

### Cross Country

Congratulations to Adrian Legarreta for winning his division at the Amarillo ISD Invitational. Also, congratulations to Yvonne Legarreta for winning third place in her division. Please see results on this page and best wishes to our cross country teams!



## Friona 27 Muleshoe 20

### Scoring Summary

**1st Quarter**  
 F - Mario Bautista 2 yd run (Tim Ally kick missed)  
 F - Malachi Torres 67 yd run (Tim Ally kick)  
**2nd Quarter**  
 M - Joey Martinez 1 yard run (2 pt failed)  
 F - Malachi Torres 56 yd run (Tim Ally kick)  
 M - Jeremiah Barron 44 yd pass from Zach Halsey (2 pt failed)  
**3rd Quarter**  
 F - Bryan Chavira 22 yd run (Tim Ally kick)  
**4th Quarter**  
 M - Irvin Torres 78 yd pass from Zach Halsey (2 pt good)

Rushing Stats	Carries	Yards	TDs	Avg
4 Mario Bautista	29	125	1	4.3
12 Malachi Torres	18	209	2	11.6
11 Marc Mendoza	3	27	0	9.0
16 Bryan Chavira	21	102	1	4.9
<b>Rushing Totals:</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6.5</b>

Receiving Stats	Receptions	Yards	TDs	Avg
11 Marc Mendoza	1	12	0	12.0
13 Edwin Barraza	1	11	0	11.0
24 Malachi Torres	2	5	0	2.5
<b>Receiving Totals:</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7.0</b>

Passing Stats	Comp	Att	Yards	TDs	INTs
16 Bryan Chavira	4	7	28	0	1

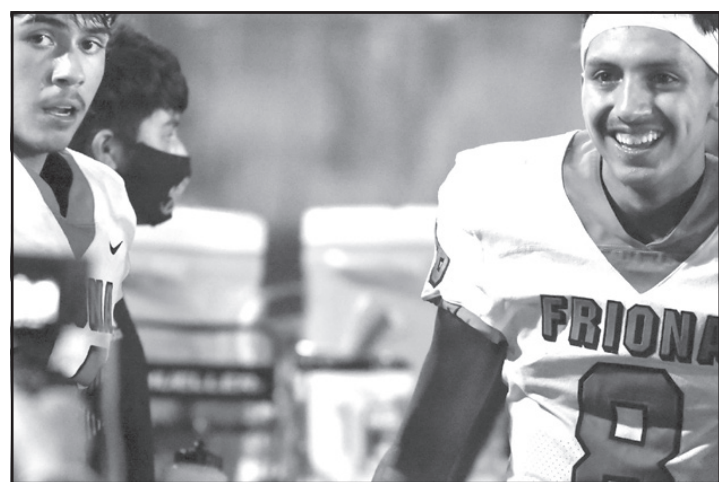
Kicking	Extra Pt	Att	Field Goal
2 Tim Ally	3	4	0

Defensive Stats	UN	AST.	TOT	TFL	FR	FC	INT	SACK
3 Alan Martinez	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
8 Juan Salinas	6	4	10	-	-	-	1	-
10 Adrian Legarreta	2	4	6	-	-	-	-	-
12 Angel Carranza	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
14 Isaias Olmos	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-
20 Josiah Dominguez	3	2	5	-	-	-	-	-
22 Salome Viernes	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
28 Tony Rodriguez	1	8	9	-	-	1	-	1
30 Alberth Arguelles	1	8	9	-	-	-	-	-
50 Jake Padilla	4	3	7	-	-	-	-	-
1 Juan Lara	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
59 Aaron Salinas	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
65 Jacob Rando	1	3	4	-	-	-	-	-
76 David Martinez	-	4	4	-	-	-	-	-

Yards allowed; Rushing 115, Passing 247, Total 362

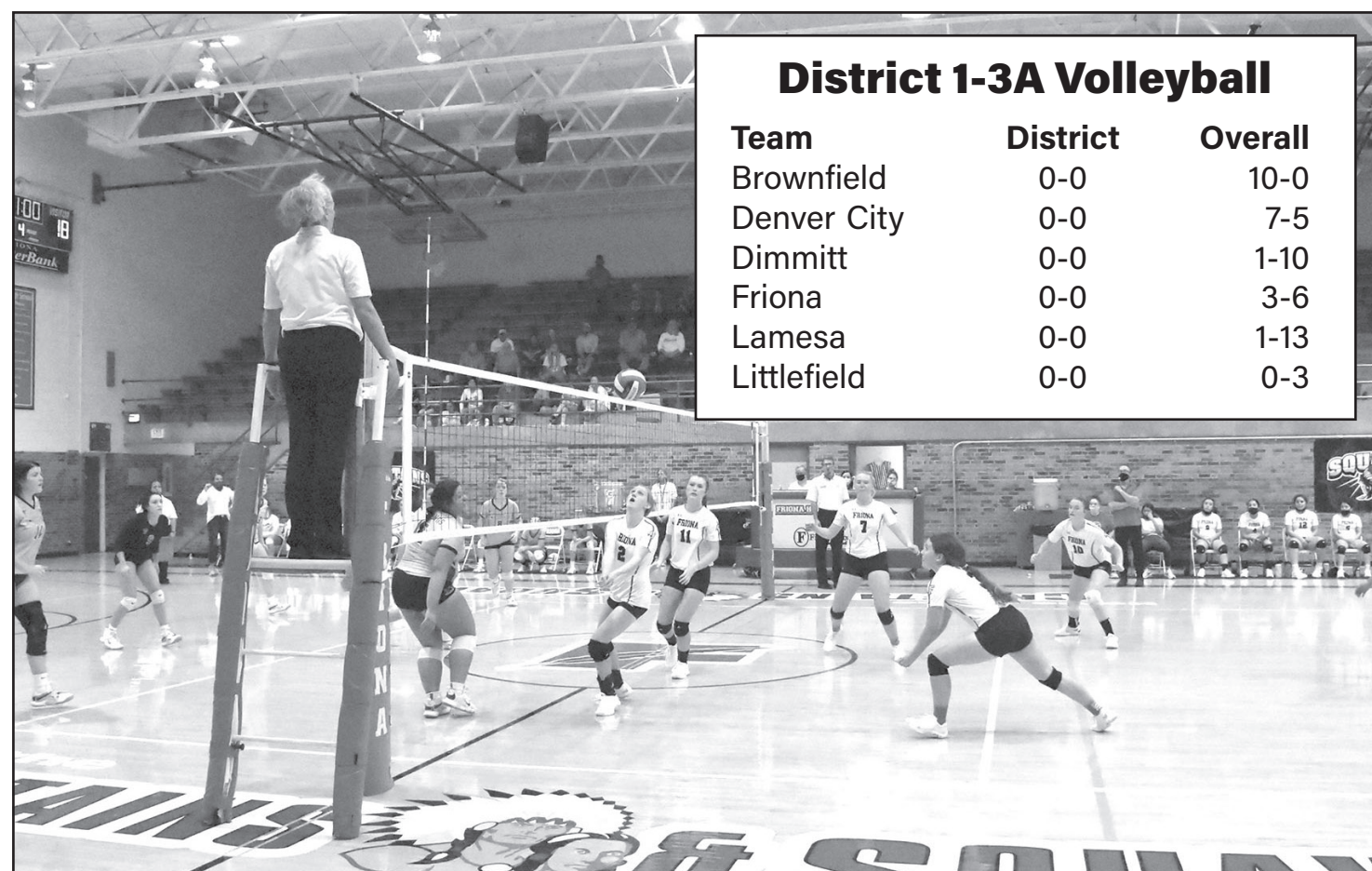
### Division II - District 3-3A Football

Team	District	Overall
Canadian	0-0	2-1
Childress	0-0	3-0
Dimmitt	0-0	0-3
Friona	0-0	3-0
Highland Park	0-0	0-3
Spearman	0-0	3-0
Tulia	0-0	3-0



### District 1-3A Volleyball

Team	District	Overall
Brownfield	0-0	10-0
Denver City	0-0	7-5
Dimmitt	0-0	1-10
Friona	0-0	3-6
Lamesa	0-0	1-13
Littlefield	0-0	0-3



### Amarillo ISD Invitational

Cross Country  
 September 11-12, 2020  
 Thompson Park, Amarillo, Texas

#### Mens Results

##### 5,000 Meters VB Division B

Adrian Legarreta	17:53.56	1st Place
Dieter Ally	20:20.47	18th Place
Gabriel Perez	21:10.69	28th Place
Michael Bautista	21:18.09	29th Place
Alex Guerra	25:45.41	52nd Place
Mario Rodriguez	29:49.40	56th Place

#### Womens Results

##### 3,200 Meters VG Division B

Yvonne Legarreta	13:52.98	3rd Place
Adammaris Rivas	15:49.88	24th Place
Esperanza Santiago	17:23.64	37th Place



# Youth Fishing Day • September 13, 2020 • @ Reeve Lake in Friona



(l-r) Sylvia Mendoza (Hereford); Jeff Scott (Arlington) President, TJA; Jason Smart (Arlington)

Jeff Scott, executive director/president of Texas Junior Anglers, has been traveling to Hereford & Friona to stage youth fishing events for the past 26 years. "We always enjoy coming to Friona and the kids seem to have a blast trying to catch fish," Scott said. He continued, "I really appreciate the assistance that City Manager Lee Davila gave us in setting up the event!"

Sylvia Mendoza has been assisting each of those years, and Jason Smart has been making the road trip to Hereford & Friona with Scott for the past 11 years. The Hereford and Friona events always fall the weekend after Mother's Day in the spring, and the weekend after Labor Day in the fall.

**Thanks Friona, and we will see you next year!**



Sylvia Mendoza and grandkids Jayro, Jaybree, Jaylin, and niece Anastacia



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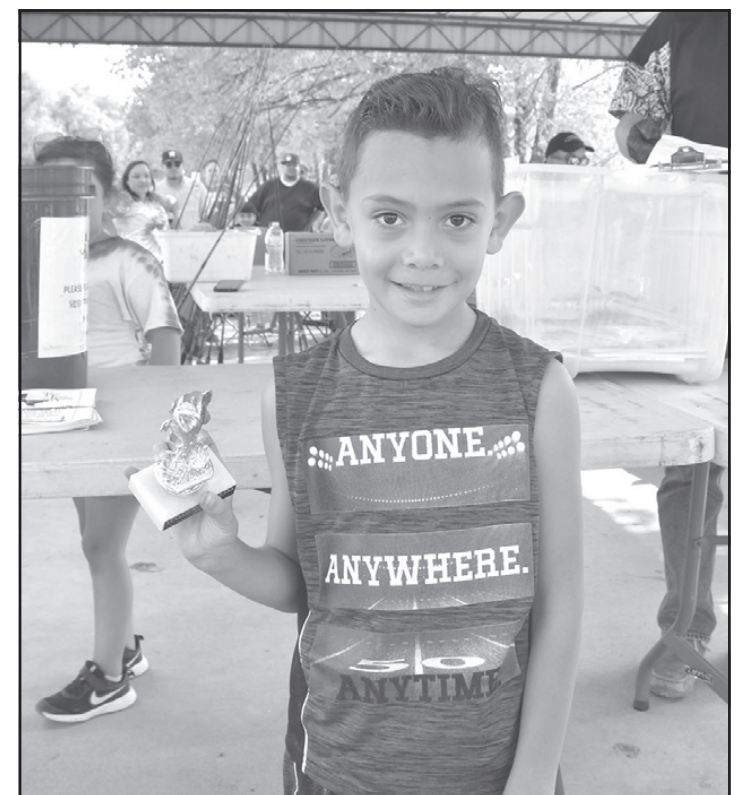
**Auje Busksath**  
1st Place (25 1/8") Age 7-11 (OVERALL WINNER)



**Noe Maydon**  
2nd Place (24") Age 7-11



**Serena Fullerton**  
2nd Place (8 1/2") Age 12-16



**Eden Hernandez**  
Most Fish Caught (7)



## Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan

The growing-up years included watching television together as a family. We had the three basic channels plus S.C.A.T, which was Snyder's local television channel. What more did we need?

Television was still somewhat of a novelty, even a luxury, in those days. In the evenings, our living room was the gathering place after the dishes were cleared. Dad sat in the recliner, feet up, and chewing tobacco for his nightcap. Mom lounged on the couch with a book nearby. The kids were strewn across the floor in various positions to watch our favorites. I envision this now as a Norman Rockwell painting, but truth is I bet we argued over who got to sit on the couch with Mom and who was relegated to the floor.

Bewitched, Raw Hide, Lost in Space, I Dream of Jeannie, The Rifleman, Gunsmoke, and The Monkees (unlike many of their peers, our parents let us watch a sitcom starring four long-haired guys). The popular variety shows made the cut, too. My siblings and I enjoyed the Ed Sullivan Show and The Andy Williams Show for the musical acts they showcased - The Jackson Five and The Osmond



Brothers were equally entertaining with their dance moves and clothing choices. And as for comedy, no one did it better than The Carol Burnett Show.

I particularly enjoyed watching Perry Mason and other mystery/investigative shows with Mother. She had it figured out long before the end, and I marveled, "How does she DO that?" Her inference skills made an impression.

Those hours spent in front of the television were not addictive. We were entertained, but we were also spending time together. We had to be assembled on time because recording was nonexistent. Bathroom breaks were rushed because we could not pause the programming.

We learned to sit quietly because re-winding was not an option. The skills sets of patience, listening, and compromising (what shows were watched) were honed during these couple of hours after dinner time.

I appreciate today's saturation of viewing choices as much as the next person. Pandemic coping skills have been facilitated by Netflix, Disney Plus, and Prime Amazon to choose from thousands of old and new releases or series. Still, delayed gratification is a hard concept for people today. You want it now? You get it at the click of a universal remote or phone.

Just like the magical age of television, the Sullivan family time is long gone from the house on Hill Avenue. Carol Burnett's signature song, performed at the end of her Monday night show, is the anthem that reminds us to cherish our moments together because it goes by ever so quickly.

*I'm so glad we had this time together. Just to have a laugh or sing a song. Seems we just get started and before you know it, Comes the time we have to say so long.*



**Jayro Mendoza**  
2nd Place (21 3/8") Age 6 & under



# Food supply chain regaining stability

By Kay Ledbetter

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One change developing from the pandemic is the future may include more delivery services, boxed meals and curbside grocery pickup options as consumers maintain some of their habits from when store shelves and meat cases were bare and people were asked to stay home, Anderson said.

"Another adjustment I think we are going to continue to see over time is more delivery services of groceries and food. More and more of the shoppers in the grocery aisles are employees putting together grocery orders, either for curbside pickup or for companies that bring the order to your home."

This pandemic has boosted those businesses, and that will become the new norm for those with the money to pay for the convenience of it, he said. There will still be people who choose not to partake in those services, who live in areas where those services are not yet available, or who can't afford them.

### Understanding the food supply chain impacts

When considering the cost of food to consumers, part of the reason we pay so little for food is we have this big, efficient system - most of the time, Anderson said. This became a big issue for the produce, egg, milk and meat markets, as they are perishable products that can't sit on the shelf and wait.

"With the dramatic shutdown of restaurants and food service, it took a while for the industry to make the switch to providing the majority of their supplies to grocery stores, instead of the restaurant and food service industry," Pompelli said.

Overall, Pompelli said the

food and agriculture industries have been resilient, but the pandemic has exposed vulnerabilities in our food supply.

"Where we saw some milk dumped and crops plowed under because demand in certain institutional and food service supply chains vanished overnight, I think that is behind us," he said. "I think we've learned some things. I have been impressed by how some industries were able to recover, do more to protect their workers, and shift their supply chains to meet increased retail consumer demand."

Anderson said when restaurants closed during a prime produce market window and harvest season, there was just no place for those highly perishable products to go. Think about how many salads are served at restaurants - it highlights the perishability of those crops, and the highly seasonal nature of production. When the price received didn't cover harvest costs, the crops were left or plowed up.

"We're probably not back fully in that area because the restaurants are not back at full capacity," he said. "While grocery store sales continue to be greater than what we had a year ago, we still have less going through the restaurants. This adds a little uncertainty for next year's crop. In our Winter Garden area and Rio Grande Valley, we produce a lot of product over the winter and that will depend on how the market recoups moving forward."

Eggs and dairy also suffered oversupply and packaging issues due to restaurants and food service reductions, Anderson said. For instance, restaurants typically get eggs in 60-count flats, and those

eggs needed to be repackaged and sent to the grocery store, but there weren't enough dozen-egg containers. And then there was the question of how to divert from non-retail sale items to retail sale.

While many of the issues have been addressed, especially as more restaurants come back online and schools get back in session, that market still hasn't been completely reestablished, he said. Consumers might not see a fully stocked department like pre-COVID-19 yet or see a greater number of 18-pack instead of dozen-egg cartons.

Dairy faced the same issues, Anderson said. Schools shut down and because the industry moves a lot of fluid milk through tiny cartons to that market, suddenly they had to deal with the packaging issue. Fluid milk prices collapsed as the industry tried to adjust.

"Looking at the data, the drinking milk they were selling actually increased, but they lost a lot through food services in the form of cheese and butter," he said. "But this is also rebounding as production adjusted to match the market, and milk prices are working their way back up."

### The meat case

When the pandemic hit, the consolidated meat packer situation was the most visible logjam in the food supply system, Anderson said.

It only took one or two plants to close their doors or reduce their production to create issues that extended to the consumer meat cases, he said. There were also some problems at processors where boxed beef was sent for further processing, but they were not as large as those at the packing houses.

Overall, though, the meat supply chain has adjusted during the past four months and seems to be leveling back out, Anderson said. Packing plants that had slowed down and/or closed are back online, and beef production the past eight weeks has been higher than a year ago. Pork production is following the same path as well.

"In terms of producing meat, we're back," he said. "We were processing fewer animals for a while, but adjustments are occurring so the total meat being produced every week is back to where it was."

Anderson said the bottleneck in the food supply system still being worked through is with restaurants that remain closed or that are trying to operate at a reduced

capacity.

"While we were not going to the restaurant, we were buying more meat from the grocery stores," he said. "But we are not back to where we were before coronavirus on overall meat purchases, because the grocery store sales don't fully make up for the lost restaurant sales."

Before the pandemic, the meat market was typically divided with consumers getting half from grocery stores and half from food services such as restaurants and schools, Anderson said. But clearly that changed over the past few months, so there's a different mix of products being purchased.

During the height of the crisis, stores limited purchases on the meat cuts most consumers were familiar

with, or sometimes the meat just wasn't there, he said. At other times, there was beef and pork coming into the stores, but people were seeing a different selection of cuts than they normally have seen, based on grocery store strategies.

Many decisions on what to stock were based on their clientele base and also reacting to the recession. Income is a factor in meat purchases, Anderson said. During the height of the pandemic, these prices surged, but wholesale prices have now dropped back down below what they were prior to the coronavirus pandemic.

"We have not seen the prices adjusted in the retail level reports, but I think we are beginning to see the grocery store prices starting to drop."



Sharon White took this "mirror image" photo last week at Reeve Lake. Friona has very few days of little to no wind and Sharon was at the right place at the right time with her camera phone.



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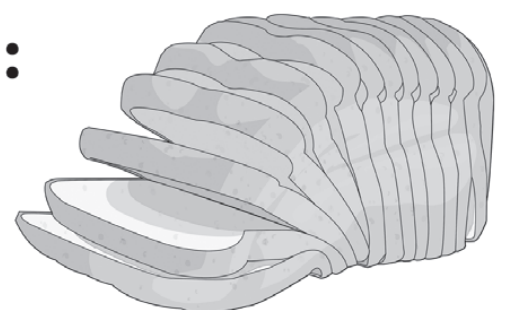
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