



## Prairie Acres to allow visitors again

Interim Administrator Casey Tiffany announced this week that Prairie Acres will be opening up again for visitation. In the Prairie Times newsletter she stated, "We feel it's very important to do this carefully and with some caution."

Some of the guidelines are: (1) if you are experiencing ANY symptoms such as sore throat, runny nose, low grade fever, or even feel a bit more fatigued, then please do not visit; (2) you must have a COVID-19 test within the last 14 days showing that you are negative and a copy of the test must be presented at each visit; (3) you must provide your own mask which can be a cloth, surgical, KN95, or N95 mask; (4) you must be listed as one of the two essential visitors designated by your loved one; (5) visitation hours will be from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and must be scheduled in advance. Call Elizabeth Romero to schedule your appointment; and (6) visits will be held in 1 hour increments.

### The Process

Once you arrive, your temperature will be taken and you will answer some questions regarding symptoms. Next, you will be given training on your mask, personal protective equipment, and hand hygiene. After you wash your hands, you will wait in the conference room until your loved one is brought to you. All of the precautions are mandated by regulators and are deemed necessary to protect the safety of the residents.

### Early Voting

#### October 13-30, 2020

**Location:**  
Parmer County Courthouse  
401 3rd Street  
Farwell, Texas 79325

**Hours:**  
Monday-Thursday  
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Friday  
8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

## Welcome to Friona!!!



Last Friday, the Friona Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture held a ribbon cutting event at Friona's newest business, Desert Nomad Boutique. The new venture is owned by Klair Stowers & Brittany Weddige and is located at 603 Main Street in Friona (next to Creative Chaos). Klair & Brittany started the business online back in February. Store hours are 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. They are closed on Sunday. You can shop online at desertnomadboutique.com and like them on Facebook and Instagram.

(l-r) Kirsten Mikolay, Owners (holding scissors) Klair Stowers and Brittany Weddige, Konner Weddige, Bobby Tyler, Crystal Moroney, Lee Davila, Heather Grimsley, Chris Alexander, Adriana Stowers, Cindy Moreno, Sheri Alger, and Karl Weddige.

## Texas pumpkin yields down, quality up

By Adam Russell

Floydada pumpkin harvest nears completion in

a season with below-average yields and above-average quality, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

Mark Carroll, AgriLife Extension agent, Floyd County, said producers were reporting yields were down 20%-30% compared to last year, but higher quality due to low disease pressure.

Carroll said very little rain and low humidity led to very few heavy dews during the season, which can allow funguses to establish and proliferate.

"It was so dry, and pumpkins require a lot of water, but they're also very susceptible to funguses," he said. "So, the dryness hurt and helped. The quality is some of the best it's ever been because of the low disease pressure."

There are a few pumpkin acres outside of the 600 production acres in Floyd County, Carroll said, but Floydada has established itself as the "pumpkin capital" of Texas.

Most producers were finishing harvest this week just in time for Pumpkin Days, the annual



pumpkin festival, he said. Floydada pumpkins are marketed throughout the state and the U.S.

"It used to all be pumpkins for jack-o-lanterns, but some have gotten into specialty varieties, gourds and odd pumpkin types. The growers have come up with some innovative ways to market their pumpkins, and they work together in ways that are good for everybody."

Tanner Smith, a Floydada pumpkin grower, said tonnage was lower than expected in some areas, but that quality and demand were "through the roof."

Smith said operations there typically begin taking wholesale orders August-September and focus on direct-to-public retail sales in October. Producers are turn-

ing away non-stop calls for wholesale orders, so prices are expected to be higher than normal.

"There were a lot of acres lost to freeze in New Mexico, so that affected supplies," he said. "Demand has been way up. Everybody in Floydada is sold out as far as the wholesale market goes. I think some are wishing they'd hung on to their pumpkins for the retail market."

## J.D. Heiskell & Company makes donation



Abel Zepeda, foreman of the J.D. Heiskell & Co. facility in Friona, presented a check for \$1,500 to the Friona Vocational Agricultural Association to help support local young people involved in FFA, 4-H and FCCLA activities. Board members (l-r) Greg O'Brian (president), Richie Herring, and Mark Osborn accepted the check on behalf of the Friona VoAg Association.

## Water Weekly

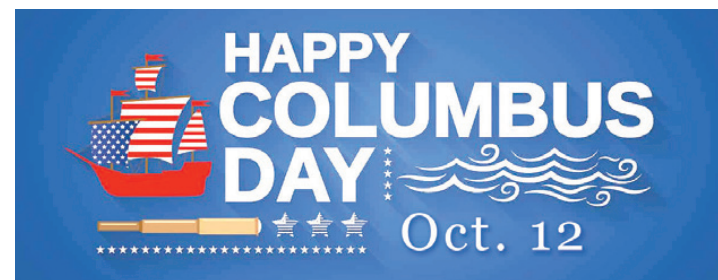
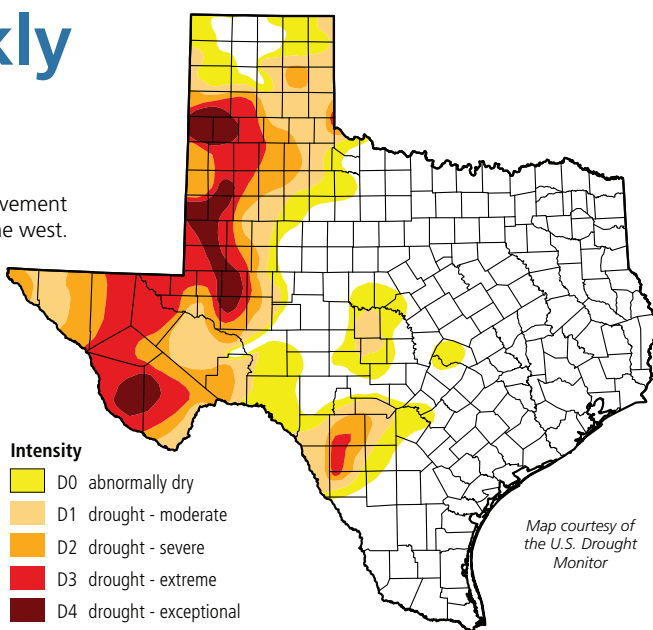
For the week of 10/05/20

### Water conditions

The latest drought map shows some improvement in the east but continued degradation in the west. The total area of the state impacted by drought is unchanged from the previous week, but extreme or worse drought has climbed two percentage points to 12 percent of the state.

### Drought conditions

- ◆ 32% now
- ◆ 32% a week ago
- ◆ 28% three months ago
- ◆ 46% a year ago



## Parmer County COVID-19 stats as of October 6



Active Cases

34

Total Cases

445

Recoveries

403

Fatalities

8



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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 October 8-14	T ☀️ 90   53 SW 10-20	F ☀️ 93   53 WSW 10-20	S ☀️ 93   57 W 10-15	S ☁️ 89   51 W 20-30	M ☀️ 72   41 N 15-25	T ☀️ 71   43 NNW 10-20	W ☀️ 75   43 W 10-20	Precipitation October 0.00 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

**October 12**  
• Columbus Day

**October 19**  
• Friona Noon Lions Club Meeting at The Farmwife Kitchen

**October 20**  
• Snack Pak 4 Kids at 3:00 p.m. north entrance of Friona United Methodist Church

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

**COVID-19 News**

**Coronavirus cases confirmed**

As of September 30, 2020

<b>Texas:</b> 781,000 cases 15,994 deaths	<b>Worldwide:</b> 33,700,000 cases 1,010,000 deaths 23,400,000 recoveries
<b>United States:</b> 7,220,000 cases 206,000 deaths	

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**Friona sports are on the Air!!!**

You can listen to Friona football and volleyball on KGRW 94.7 Kickin' Country and online at [network1sports.com/station/kgw](http://network1sports.com/station/kgw).

Brian Fortner is the voice of Friona ISD sports. He will provide full game coverage for all football games and the home volleyball games. Coverage will also include any play-off games.



**Junior High Student Council**



The purpose of the Student Council at Friona Junior High is to give students an opportunity to develop leadership skills by organizing and carrying out school activities, service projects, and planning events that contribute to school spirit and the community. They are the voice of the student body. The newly elected Friona Junior High Student Council Members are: **Back Row (l-r)** Mrs. Clark, Vanessa Penaran, Ashley Maldonado, Aylin Mendez, and Kitzy Welch. **Front Row (l-r)** Abby Marquez, Kayla Vielman, Aaron Rosales, and Jameson Daniels.

**Zoom tutorial Available**

There will be a socially distanced Zoom tutorial at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 20th in the Friona Methodist Church sanctuary. The tutorial, which is available to anyone interested, will be conducted by Skip Hodges. Please bring your cell phone, iPad, or laptop computer. If you plan to Zoom on a desktop computer, you may attend anyway and learn the steps involved in this process. There will be several experienced "Zoomers" to assist you.



**Parmer County Retired Teachers and School Personnel Zoom!**

All members of PCRTSP are invited to attend the District 16 TRTA convention virtually through a Zoom meeting on Thursday, October 22nd. Changes in health care plans will be one of the main topics. The Zoom link will be sent out October 19th.

On November 10th at 2:00 p.m., members are encouraged to attend a local meeting with county school superintendents via Zoom. The administrators will discuss facility improvements and Covid procedures. Your invitation to this meeting will come from Sharon White through e-mail. Please send

your e-mail address to Connie Slagle at [dennisslagle@hotmail.com](mailto:dennisslagle@hotmail.com) if she does not have it already.

On January 12, 2021, there will be a local meeting with Rhonda Wilkins and hospital personnel regarding current Covid information, which may include ways to boost the immune system, vaccines, and local statistics. This meeting will be conducted by Zoom, also.

If you are interested in these meetings, there is a tutorial available to help you learn how to Zoom. See information elsewhere on this page.

**Milk House Market**

*Wedding Registry*

Adelyn & Galen Clark  
Maegan Davis & John O'Brian  
Anna Murphree & Jeff Chambliss

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

**Call:**  
602-739-0813

Farmhouse to Your House

**Ivy Cottage**  
*Bridal Registry*

**Adelyn & Galen Clark**  
**Anna Murphree & Jeff Chambliss**  
**Maegan Davis & John O'Brian**

**Ivy Cottage • 250-8073**

**ACROSS**

- TXism: "does \_ \_ have a climbing gear? (yes)
- song: "The Yellow \_ \_ of Texas"
- Claudia \_ \_ "Lady Bird" Johnson
- casual shirts
- baseball official, for short
- "R" of "ERA" for an Astro pitcher
- Cowboy Dez Bryant played in the last Pro Bowl at \_ \_ Stadium
- young Native American child
- California city where Peterbilt was located before Denton
- TXism: "bend \_ \_" (drink)
- Texas Education \_ \_
- rock roofer
- rod and \_ \_
- in Burnet County: " \_ \_ Lake State Park"
- Coleman yearly party: "Fiesta de la \_ \_"
- in 1978, TX Barbara Mandrell sang "if loving \_ \_ wrong . . ."
- TX lawyers must join the State \_ \_ Texas
- TX Ivory Joe hit: " \_ \_ My Mind" (1949)
- TXism: "hard as \_ \_ a tent in a windstorm"
- historic theater in San Antonio
- TXism: "he \_ \_ \_ hat to cover his swollen head" (egotistic)
- TX Annette \_ \_ film "Cross My Heart" (1987)
- TX drink: \_ \_ Pepper
- Texas \_ \_ University
- TXism: " \_ \_-loop man" (good roper)
- female saint abbr.
- mouse \_ \_
- engrave metal
- TX Tanya's "One Love \_ \_ Time"
- mother
- dir. to Burnet from Comanche
- TXism: "fast as \_ \_"
- city in 30-across
- TXism: "no hill for \_ \_" (easy)
- green, peko, and oolong
- judge's garment these have won more Olympic medals than anyone else (3 wds.)
- \_ \_ Braunfels, TX
- "Santa \_ \_ National Wildlife Refuge"
- Ted Cruz, e.g.
- TX Wilson of film "Shanghai Knights"
- TX honky tonk singer, Thompson curved shapes
- Grand \_ \_ Opry
- "Bluegrass State" (abbr.)
- this Steve was UT athletic director in 2013-15) (init.)
- where a COVID-19 vaccine will be created
- TXism: "tame as \_ \_ dog"
- mobster gun (2 wds.)
- car grease jobs seat of Crockett County terraced porch
- \_ \_ Aviv
- TX DL, e.g.
- Clint of 1984 film "City Heat" with TX Rip Torn (init.)
- slum areas
- LBJ took first \_ \_ of office 11/22/63
- TX-based 1973 film "The Thief Who \_ \_ to Dinner"

**DOWN**

11 TXism: "hitched \_ \_ in a double harness" (married) portrayed emotion this Oyl (init.)

TX's country

TXism: "dab \_ \_ on" predecessor to ICE and CBP agencies

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**ON YOUR PAYROLL**

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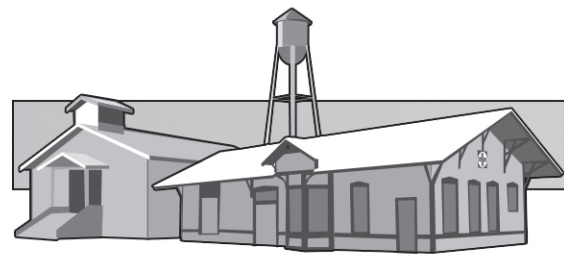
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# TOWN TALK

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The Drive-thru Flu Shot Clinic had an excellent turnout and was deemed a success. It was estimated that approximately 80 flu shots were administered. The turnout was better than last year's walk-in clinic.

There will be a Friona Junior High accountability meeting at 4:00 pm on Wednesday, Oc-

tober 14 at the Friona Junior High Band Hall.

The Prairie Acres "Resident of the Month" for October is Ruth Miller. The "Employee of the Month" is Veronica Reyes. She works at Friona Heritage Estates and has been there since November 2018. Veronica also celebrated her birthday on October 5th. Cin-

dy Hooley, housing manager at Heritage Estates, also celebrated a birthday on October 1st. Call the Friona Star at 250-2211 if you wish to add your name to the birthday list.

Prairie Acres & Friona Heritage Estates will be handing out candy on the lawn beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Halloween day. More details later.

Plans are also being discussed for a modified "Trunk or Treat" event for Halloween. Stay tuned.

Columbus Day is the U.S. federal holiday that commemorates the date when Christopher Columbus first set foot in the Americas. Columbus' voyages across the Atlantic Ocean initiated the European exploration and colonization of the Americas.

While the first voyage in 1492 was immensely significant, Columbus did not actually reach the American mainland until his third voyage in 1498. Instead, while trying to find a sea route to India, he made landfall on an island in the Bahamas that he named San Salvador.

It is now generally accepted that Columbus was not the earliest European explorer to reach the Americas and that Viking sailors had ventured as far as Newfoundland around 1000 AD. (Leif Erikson Day on October 9)

Columbus Day was first officially proclaimed by President Benjamin Harrison in 1892, to mark the 400th anniversary of Columbus' landing in the Bahamas. Franklin Roosevelt established the first federal observance of Columbus Day in 1937. Since 1971, the holiday has been celebrated on the second Monday in October.

## National Days

- October 8:  
**Touch Tag Day**
- October 9:  
**Leif Erikson Day**
- October 10:  
**Angel Food Cake Day**
- October 11:  
**Pastor Appreciation Day**
- October 12:  
**Columbus Day**
- October 13:  
**Train Your Brain Day**
- October 14:  
**Dessert Day**

## FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



**NEW FFA OFFICERS....Elected to new positions in the Friona High School FFA department are, seated, Johnna Thorn, sweetheart; Brian Landrum, president. Standing left to right are Johnny Spring, historian; Danny Hand, reporter; Curt Miller, parliamentarian; Jon Jarecki, sentinel; Tom Schilling, vice president; Alan Monroe, chaplain; Terry Wilcox, treasurer; and Tony Johnson, secretary. (Friona Star, October 16, 1977)**

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

(9/28/20) Jesus D. Rodriguez, 28, of Olton was arrested by the Department of Public Service on charges of Possession of CS PG2 > 4 grams < 400 grams, pending Grand Jury; and Possession of Marijuana < 2 ounces, pending County Court.

(9/30/20) Christopher Tafoya, 42, of Amarillo was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a MTR (Assault) and MTR (Evading Arrest w/vehicle), pending District Court.

(10/1/20) Ascencion Gonzales, Jr., 50, of Friona was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Theft of Property > \$100 < \$750, pending County Court.

(10/3/20) Sergio Salas, 35, of Bovina was arrested by the Bovina Police Department on a charge of Cruelty to Animals, pending County Court.

(10/3/20) Gilberto Torres, 51, of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police Department on charges of Aggravated Assault w/ Deadly Weapon, pending Grand Jury; and Resisting Arrest & Assault, pending County Court.

(10/4/20) Erney Diaz, 18, of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police Department on charges of DWI (2nd), pending County Court; and Racing on Highway, pending County Court.

(10/4/20) Martin Ramirez, 26, of Hereford was arrested by the Friona Police Department on charges of Assault, pending County Court; Resisting Arrest, pending County Court; Assault on a Public Servant, pending Grand Jury.

(10/4/20) Edgar Chavira, 24, of Friona was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Violation of Probation (Possession of Marijuana < 2 ounces), pending County Court.

## COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from September 24, 2020 to October 1, 2020

(9/24/20) Darlene Hromas McManigal — Michael McManigal — All of S 74' of L 4 and all of TE N 16.16' L 5 B 1 Ridgecrest Unit No 1 Vol 121 Page 365

(9/24/20) Juan Lopez — Christian Arturo Meza — L 18-20 Blk 13 Original Town of Farwell

(9/28/20) David Cantu, Pedro Cantu, Alma Alicia Cantu Armstrong, Janie Cantu, Javier Cantu, Manuel Cantu — Jesus Cantu Ibarra — All L 25-32 of Blk 33 Original Town of Farwell

(9/28/20) Alberto Nicolas, Sahara Nicolas, Alma Orozco — Erik Graxiola Garcia, Rosa Bravo — A 1.000 Ac Tract of Land being Tract 3 in L 5 Sec 32 T9S R1E in Parmer County

(9/28/20) Alberto Nicolas, Sahara Nicolas, Alma Orozco — Mayel Nunez Valenzuela, Mayra Chacon — A 1.000 Ac Tract of Land being Tract 4 in L 5 Sec 32 T9S R1E in Parmer County

(9/29/20) Richard W. Kyle, Debbie Brehm — Alexis Cisneros — All of L 27 and 28 B 28 Original Townsite of Farwell in Parmer County

(9/30/20) Robert Clint Hurst Jr., Shannon D. Hurst — Brian Martin, Sherri Martin — All of sec 1 and N 1/2 of Sec 6 Gregg County in Parmer

## Lions Club News

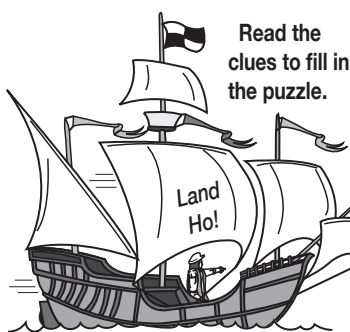


Lion Mark Smith (left) and District Governor Henry Wyckoff (right) of the Amarillo Downtown Lions Club were guest speakers at the Friona Noon Lions club meeting on Monday. Mark is the co-chair of the District 2-T1 Texas Lions Camp Committee. The Texas Lions Camp is located in Kerrville, Texas. DG Henry Wyckoff is the 2T-1 District Governor and represents the Lions Clubs in the Texas Panhandle.

One of DG Wyckoff's service projects is the feeding of first responders all around the area. The governor will bring his portable grill to the Friona Fire Department on Thursday, October 29th to feed and recognize the first responders of Parmer County.

## Newspaper Fun!

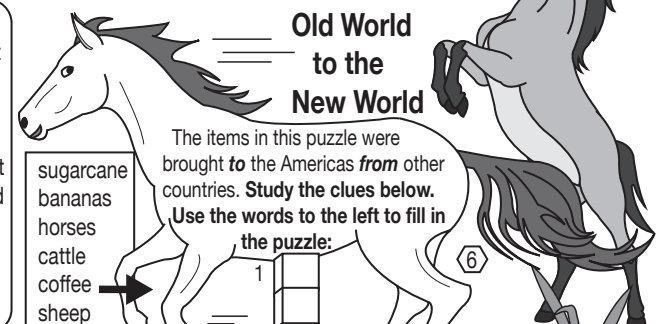
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Read the clues to fill in the puzzle.

## 500 Years of Change!

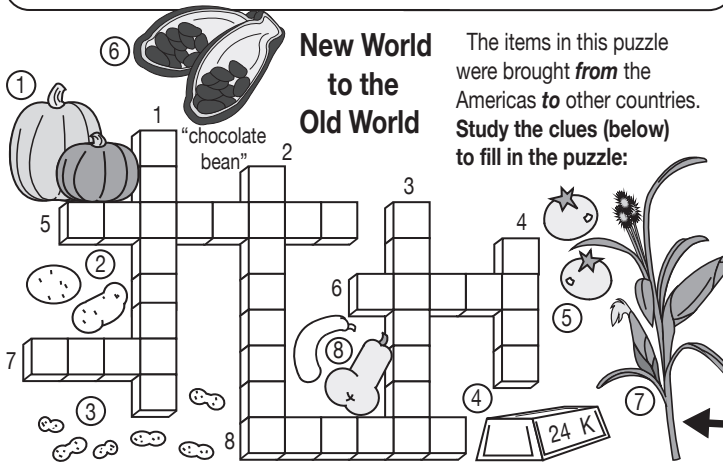
For many years people have talked about – and argued about – the impact of explorer Christopher Columbus' landing in the Americas. Many people view his journeys as opening up an exciting "New World." But, others point out that the lands Columbus found had many people already – with their own ways of life – and see his coming to these lands as destructive. In the end, we all can agree that Columbus' voyages to the Americas beginning in 1492 set in motion a period of massive change that continues today – over 500 years later!



Old World to the New World

The items in this puzzle were brought to the Americas from other countries. Study the clues below. Use the words to the left to fill in the puzzle:

- sugarcane
- bananas
- horses
- cattle
- coffee
- sheep
- wheat
- pigs



New World to the Old World

The items in this puzzle were brought from the Americas to other countries. Study the clues (below) to fill in the puzzle:

- bean for hot drink; from Asia first
- gold
- peanuts
- corn
- pumpkins
- cacao
- potatoes
- squash
- tomatoes

## East to West - West to East

After Christopher Columbus made several trips between Europe and the Americas, changes began to take place in the lives of people on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean. The voyage sped up the exchange of people, culture, maps and writings, which spread new ideas and knowledge across the world.

Which parts of people's lives were affected by the exchanges or changes listed below? Match them:

1. food and animals
2. farming sugarcane, roping cattle
3. Native American words + Spanish words
4. missionaries, prayers, spiritual treasures
5. disease, medicines

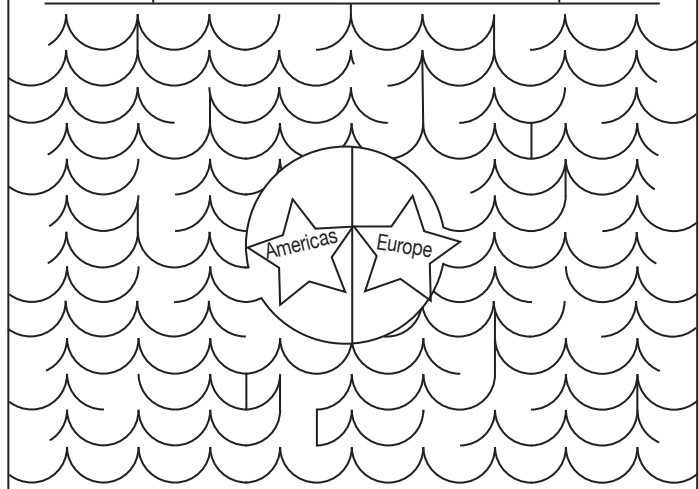
- A. health
- B. religion
- C. language
- D. work
- E. diet

Beans have been exchanged all over the world!

People fall for us!

## Sailing Across the World

"Sail" the ship (#1) to Europe. Then, "sail" the ship (#2) back to the Americas (it's O.K. to cross ship paths).



## Words From the Native Americans

These Native American words have changed over the years, but we still use them today!

Find and circle these words:

maize tobacco hammock manatee canoe barbecue iguana

D T R F I G U A N A I E M O U Y H K S F  
J O U D F E S C U F J H A O A H F V C O Y  
B A R B E C U E H N K J H I G D O A C  
O A J H G Y A H F A U T O V F Z I M P E  
I C H G T R N I T Y T F D S A E E M U O  
A C I J K M O E R I G I J N K O L A S W  
H O A D G J E D F E N A C I R R U H T E



**Lazbuddie School Menu for Oct. 12-16**

**Monday 12**

**Breakfast:** Sausage, Biscuit, Gravy, Cereal &/or Toast, Fruit Juice, Milk  
**Lunch:** Fajitas, Rice, Beans, Baby Carrots, Salsa, Fruit, Juice, Milk

**Tuesday 13**

**Breakfast:** BreakfastCombo, Hashbrown, Cereal &/or Toast, Fruit Juice, Milk  
**Lunch:** Chicken Smackers, Potatoes, Corn, Green Beans, Roll, Fruit, Juice, Milk

**Wednesday 14**

**Breakfast:** Breakfast Pizza, Cereal &/or Toast, Fruit Juice, Milk  
**Lunch:** Burritos, Queso, Corn, Tomato Cup, Salad, Fruit, Juice, Milk

**Tuesday 15**

**Breakfast:** Strudel, Yogurt, Cereal &/or Toast, Fruit Juice, Milk  
**Lunch:** Teriyaki Chicken Breast, Rice Pilaf, Breadstick, Normandy Veg, Salad, Fruit, Juice, Milk

**Wednesday 16**

**Breakfast:** French Toast & Bacon, Cereal &/or Toast, Fruit Juice, Milk  
**Lunch:** Hamburgers, Fries, Garnish, Cucumber Dippers, Fruit, Juice, Milk

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Dear Editor,  
 October is National Substance Abuse Prevention Month. By communicating with kids about how cannabis affects the developing brain, parents and educators can help keep kids substance-free.

In 2019, nearly twelve percent of eighth grade students reported using marijuana in the past year and almost seven percent used marijuana in the past thirty days. That's why Responsibility.org launched a new digital module as part of their longstanding, science-based underage drinking prevention program, Ask, Listen, Learn: Kids and Alcohol Don't Mix. Holding honest, fact-based conversations with kids is the most important way to keep them substance-free, and digital programs like Ask, Listen, Learn provide important resources to parents and educators.

Kids are faced with tough decisions every day. By holding these conversations, we can increase their knowledge of the developing brain and empower them to make healthy decisions which includes saying no to underage drinking and cannabis use.

Chris Swonger  
 President & CEO  
 Distilled Spirits Council of the US and Responsibility.org  
 Arlington, VA  
 202-637-0077

**Happy Birthday Friona Folks!**

**Oct. 8**  
 Guthrie Duff Tongate  
 Myrna (Cain) Marlott

**Oct. 9**  
 Nathan Parson  
 Brooklynne Johnston  
 Melodee Hansard  
 Betty Lamb  
 Maddie (Murphree) Flores  
 Jacob Bautista  
 Jeanine Powell

**Oct. 10**  
 John Baxter  
 Rose Ann Ray  
 Carolyn Stowers  
 Blair (Smiley) Morris  
 Eleanor Maricle  
 Raul Dominguez  
 Roy Grubbs  
 Gavin Douglas  
 Wayne Odell

**Oct. 11**  
 Cathy Shields  
 Nathan Turner  
 David Woods  
 Julie Howard  
 Matt Lingle

**Oct. 12**  
 Kim Smiley  
 Jim Murphree  
 Alma Rivera  
 Martha Schueler  
 Mayra Olmos

**Oct. 13**  
 Rhonda Murphree  
 Joe Boeckman  
 Shirley White  
 Steven Smith  
 Junior Clark  
 Lucretia (Field) Morgan  
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**My Relationship with God**

By Teena Hughs

I have mentioned more than once that I am reading Integrity's "i Worship Daily Devotional Bible" this year. One of the reasons I love this Bible is the devotional that comes with each day's reading. The devotionals have a Scripture verse, an "i reflect" section, an "i pray" section, and it concludes with an "i respond" section. I particularly like the "i respond" section because it usually challenges me to get out of my comfort zone and do something to make me a better person, and to help me worship God more.

Last Saturday's "i respond" was this: "If you were to write an e-mail message to a friend telling about the condition of your relationship with God, what would you honestly say? What would you iden-

tify as the changes you need to make? Write that message, and send it to a friend who could hold you accountable."

Honestly, I don't know what I would say. You see, I am doing the things I have been taught that I need to do to have a relationship with Jesus: I praise and thank Him; I pray; I read my Bible; I am in a Community Bible Study, thanks to Zoom. I will admit that with our current living situation, I am not serving Him like I once was, but I have used the time to work on my prayer life and spend more time reading the Word. And, I admit I need to do a better job of just being still and listening to Him.

Something is missing though, and right now, I cannot figure out what it is. So, I have been asking myself questions like: Am I praying be-

cause I really and truly want to have a relationship with God; I want to see Him work; I want to live my life in total dependence on Him; or do I pray because I feel like I have to? I ask the same questions about reading and studying God's Word and serving Him. I also question exactly how deep a relationship do I want to have with Jesus; in fact, how deep is my relationship with Him right now?

As I write this, I feel like I am in a rut with my prayer life and reading. I pray the same things every day. I have tried to change the order of what I pray, and I have worked on praying things according to God's will. With that said, I feel better and my day goes better after I have spent time in prayer and reading the Word first thing in the morning.

Life has ebbs and flows. Sometimes it seems to be good and exciting; sometimes it seems to be boring and dull. Sometimes we feel the mighty presence of God; sometimes we wonder if He is even listening to us. If life and relationships were good all the time, we wouldn't continue to seek Him; in fact, when life is really good, that is when I pay the least attention to God.

So, until God shows me what is missing in my relationship with Him, I am going to keep doing what I am doing. I am going to keep striving to have the relationship with Him that He wants me to have with Him. And, I am going to look for Him and see what I learn from this. I can always count on God to teach me something!!! Take care and have a great week!

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# Obituaries



## Charlotte Neece

Charlotte Neece, Age 74, of Abilene, Texas, passed away on October 4, 2020 in Abilene, Texas.

A private graveside service will be held on Thursday, October 8th at Elmwood Memorial Park in Abilene.

The funeral service will follow at 2:00 pm at Southern Hills Church of Christ with Kenneth McClung, Scott South, Danny Minton and Truett Roberts officiating. Services are under the direction of The Hamil Family Funeral Home, 6449 Buffalo Gap Road.

Charlotte was born in New Home, Texas to Leonard and Jo Nettles on August 8, 1946. She attended school in New Home, Texas and Friona, Texas. At Friona she was a member of a state basketball championship team and was named an All State basketball player. She attended Lubbock Christian University and graduated from Abilene Christian University. She then graduated from Hendrick Medical Center Medical Technology school and was certified as a Certified Medical Laboratory Technician. She worked in several hospital laboratories



and a medical research laboratory in Dallas.

She married Allen Neece on May 31, 1969 in New Home, Texas. Charlotte and Allen recently celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary. After the children were older, she went back to college and became a certified Special Education teacher. She taught Special Education Inclusion at Fannin Elementary in Abilene for 10 years. In 2001 she was recognized as an outstanding teacher by the Spotlight on Teachers. She still had several of her students who would see her and seek her out.

She was a sweet and faithful member of Southern Hills Church of Christ always working "behind the scenes." She

loved Meals on Wheels and she and her long-time friend Jan South delivered meals for many years. She was a member of Women for Christian Homes.

She is survived by husband Allen Neece: daughter Kimberly Gibson and son Landon Neece: brother Danny Nettles: parents Leonard and Jo Nettles: grandchildren Trent Gibson, Brittney Gibson and Devin Rhodes. Charlotte was faithful to her Lord and the best Nana anyone could ever have.

Memorials can be made to Meals on Wheels or your favorite charity.

The family wishes to extend our sincere thanks to Dr. Jeff Edwards and his staff, Dr. Lindley and his staff, Hendrick Medical Center, Hendrick Hospice Care, and all the nurses, technicians and aides who cared for her every need. Special thanks are extended to all her friends who provided food and visits to her and her family during her illness.

Online condolences may be submitted at [www.hamilfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.hamilfamilyfuneralhome.com).

# The Person of Healing

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

In the New Testament, Jesus Christ's power was displayed in many supernatural ways, one of which was divine, instantaneous healing of those who were sick with physical illness or disabilities. The purpose of His healing was to display his glory and help other see the works of God through him. Rightfully so, Jesus has earned the nomenclature of the Great Physician. When it comes to divine healings in the ancient world, though, it is interesting that others also claimed to be able to provide divine power to heal ailments. The Greek and Roman cultures were drawn to the false gods who provided hope for healing, and even in Jesus day, we see the seven sons of Sceva and Simon the magician as opportunists who looked to garner

power for themselves in commanding a supernatural power (Acts 8, 19). Today, there are also those who claim healing powers from a divine source, and when you see such a bold claim, you will do well to be reminded that if their claim of healing is separated from the person of Jesus Christ, then their powers are suspect at least and demonic at worst.

Jesus Christ is the healer we need in our lives. He heals physically, emotionally, mentally, relationally, and most of all, spiritually. Even in the book of Acts, after Jesus' ascension, the point of the divine healings was to display Jesus' power over our sicknesses, and most importantly his power to forgive our sins. Do you know his healing, forgiving, saving power in your life?

## Panhandle Parables

### Seeds The Series (I'm Just A Seed) pt. 1

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

"Hi, I'm just a seed. I have been growing on this plant all summer. I am not sure what is next but that big machine I hear coming I suspect will be part of my future. I am small and seemingly insignificant, but I believe there is a big plan for me, if I will do what I was born to do." The machine comes rolling along picking the fruit of this year's crop and some will follow suit next year and go through another machine to be planted. Each little seed is told the story, a story that comes from the one little seed they call Mom. She died last spring, but left the story for her children in the plant that she died to grow. Each little seed has heard the story, but it begins to become very real as they go flinging through the air into a truck and carried off to be processed. By next Spring these little seeds find themselves in a package on a shelf having this conversation.

"Hi, I'm just a seed my mom was a corn seed so I guess that is what I am. What are you?"

"Same as you, but I can hear a seed in the next package that sounds bigger let's see what he is."

"Hey big sounding seed in the next package what are you?" In a low bass voice the seed says, "I'm pumpkin." Then voices from other little packages begin to yell out, cucumber, watermelon, tomato and squash.

Jesus spoke of farming. He talked of seeds and soil types, and of harvest and planting. It begins with the seed. And although we all begin as such in our spiritual walk as we grow and learn we find the purpose of our existence to die to ourselves that God may take control and do with us what He does with the plants of the earth reproduce. Join me this month as we journey with our little seed friends. Although their journey is physical may ours be eternal.

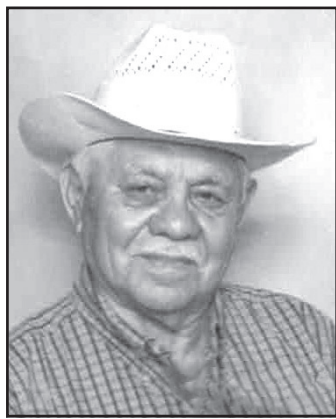
## Natividad Gutierrez Saldana

Natividad Gutierrez Saldana, 92, a resident of Los Fresnos passed away September 20, 2020 in Harlingen, Texas.

He lived in Friona, Texas from 1962 to 1983. He was employed with a construction crew that helped build the Missouri Beef Packers plant west of town. "Nato" also worked for Dave Thompson and other area farmers during those years. He was very active in both the Friona and Bovina Catholic church. His oldest daughter, Socorro "Coco" Perez, worked in the Friona school system for over 20 years.

Natividad is preceded in death by his loving wife of 62 years Catalina Saldana as well as one son, Guadalupe Saldana.

He is survived by his twelve children; Socorro (Felix) Perez,



Martha Bautista, San Juana Saldana, Maria Antonia (Rafael) Gonzalez, Yolanda Walker, Esteban (Juana) Saldana, Rosa Maria (Joe Reeves) Saldana, Rogelio (Maria) Saldana, Caridad (Scott) Reed, Ernesto Saldana and Abel R. (Teri) Saldana: thirty four grandkids, sixty seven great-grandkids and five great great grandkids as well as two siblings; Juana

Herrera and Teresa (Doro) Villegas.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, September 30, 2020 from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m., with rosary at 6 p.m., at Thomae-Garza Funeral Home in San Benito, Texas.

A chapel service was held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, October 1, at St. Cecilia Catholic Church with burial at Los Cuates Community Cemetery in Los Fresnos, Texas.

You may sign the online guestbook, light a remembrance candle, or send words of comfort to the family of Natividad Saldana at: [www.thomaeagarza.com](http://www.thomaeagarza.com).

Funeral arrangements entrusted to the care of Thomae-Garza Funeral Directors and Crematorium, 395 S. Sam Houston, San Benito, Texas, (956) 399-1331.

## Gas prices drift lower

By GasBuddy

Texas gas prices fell 1.3 cents last week to an average of \$1.85 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations. Gas prices in Texas are 4.4 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 47.4 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$1.19 while the most expensive is \$2.69 per gallon. The national average price of gasoline fell 0.7 cents last week to an average of \$2.17 per gallon. The national average is down 4.3 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 49.0 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

"It's been a fairly quiet week for gas prices yet again, but with oil tanking last week, there's a possibility motorists may see a renewed downward direction in average prices in the days or weeks ahead," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "However, according to Pay with GasBuddy data, gasoline demand inexplicably rose last week to the highest level since August, breaking with conventional wisdom that fall demand is typically weak. While we have no direct reasoning for the rebound, five of seven days last week saw much above the prior week's gasoline demand, in fact, Fri-

day saw the highest gasoline demand since Labor Day. If demand continues to somehow defy such conventional trends, we may see an end to the possibility of future declines."

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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# State Capital Highlights

By Chris Cobler



## Irving company pivots to green energy

Vistra, an energy powerhouse based in Irving, announced plans to achieve net-zero carbon dioxide emissions by 2050.

A key part of that plan is a capital investment of \$1.15 billion by 2022 on solar and storage projects in California and Texas. The company also plans to close coal-fire energy plants in Illinois and Ohio by 2027.

"Vistra's commitment to our transformation to a low-to-no-carbon future is unequivocal and offers unique opportunities for growth and innovation," President and CEO Curt Morgan said in a press release.

Vistra solar projects opening within the next two years in Texas are in Andrews, Brightside, Emerald Grove, Forest Grove and Oak Hill. A solar project and energy storage project is planned at Upton 2 near Emerald Grove. Energy storage is planned in DeCordova southwest of Dallas-Fort Worth.

Vistra is a Fortune 275 retail electricity and power generation company. Its holdings include TXU Energy, Homefield Energy, Dynegy, Ambit Energy and Luminant.

## Early voting starts Oct. 13

Gov. Greg Abbott's executive order and a Texas Supreme Court decision changed some counties' plans for handling mail-in ballots for the Nov. 3 election.

Citing security concerns, Abbott ordered all 254 Texas counties to offer only one drop-off location for absentee ballots.

"These enhanced security protocols will ensure greater transparency and will help stop attempts at illegal voting," Abbott said.

Democrats accused the Republican governor of trying to suppress the vote, particularly in larger metropolitan areas. The League of United Latin American Citizens, the League of Women Voters and two individuals filed a lawsuit to challenge the order.

"Geographically, Harris County is larger than the entire state of Rhode Island," Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo said. "Our population rivals that of the entire state of Colorado. To propose only a single, secure drop-off location for a county of our size during a pandemic is ludicrous."

Earlier, the Republican-controlled Texas Supreme Court issued a ruling that created a similar partisan reaction about voting security and rights. The court said Harris and other counties could not send unsolicited mail-in ballots to voters.

In-person early voting starts Oct. 13 in Texas. The Texas Library Association is encouraging its member libraries to share election guides created by the League of Women Voters.

Early voting runs until Oct. 30. The deadline to apply for a mail-in ballot is Oct. 23, and the deadline to return a mail-in ballot is Nov. 3.

Along with visiting their local libraries and

reading their local newspapers, people may go to the League's vote411.org for information about their ballots for the general election. Also, the Texas Tribune, a statewide nonprofit news initiative, offers ballot information at TexasTribune.com.

## Top educators make the grade

Texas' two top teachers work in opposite ends of the Lone Star state.

The Texas Association of School Administrators honored Eric Hale, a kindergarten and first-grade teacher from the Dallas Independent School District, as the 2021 Elementary Teacher of the Year and Anthony Lopez-Waste, a history teacher from Canutillo ISD in El Paso, as the Secondary Teacher of the Year.

Hale was chosen to represent the state as Texas Teacher of the Year in the National Teacher of the Year competition. The announcement was made during the virtual convention of the school administrators and the Texas Association of School Boards.

"My students and parents have survived a category F-3 tornado and are presently living in a pandemic. It is essential that I make sure they know I am here for them and value their educational development," said Hale, who teaches at David G. Burnet Elementary School.

Superintendent of the Year honors went to J.A. Gonzalez of McAllen ISD. Hurst-Eules-Bedford ISD won best school board.

## 'Texas in my Rearview Mirror'

Texas lost one of its brightest country stars when singer-songwriter Mac Davis died at age 78 of complications from heart surgery.

Born and raised in Lubbock, Davis was known most for his country/pop songs of the 1970s, including "Baby Don't Get Hooked on Me," and for writing a number of Elvis Presley hits, including "Don't Cry Daddy," "In the Ghetto" and "A Little Less Conversation." Davis also had a successful acting career, starring in his own variety show and the movie "North Dallas Forty."

The address for the West Texas Walk of Fame is 1501 Mac Davis Lane in Lubbock, which he sang about in "Texas in my Rearview Mirror."

"Many hearts are broken today, including my own, with the death of one of my dearest friends, Mac Davis," country legend Dolly Parton tweeted. "We lost one of the world's greatest writers, singers and entertainers."

A date for Davis' funeral is pending. In keeping with the last line of "Rearview Mirror," his wife said he will be buried in Lubbock in his jeans.

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

# Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



Last week I posted an excerpt from this poem on Instagram. It accompanied a photo of a coloring page I had completed of such a vase mentioned in the words below. Here's to generational history, the heart of a child, special gifts, and the riches that exist in the story of keepsakes. — sjs

## A Vase — by Brad Leithauser

There was a vase that held the world's riches, but it wasn't cheap. It cost a dime — and this in a time and place

when dimes were sizable, especially for a girl of eight whose construction-worker father was unemployed. The old metaphor

was literal in this case and she counted her pennies till there were ten — then embarked on a mission of great secrecy,

a purchase whose joys ran so deep, seventy years later, as she told the tale again, her face flushed. It was a birthday gift for her mother.

There was a race of people heretofore glimpsed only on hanging scrolls in library books. They were on the vase —

the smallest whole figures imaginable, purposeful and industrious as they fished or planted rice or hiked a hill

whose spiral trail led to a temple perched upon a crag between cloud and waterfall. They were a vision exported from Japan —

a country far as the moon, and far more beautiful,

whose artists grasped an eight-year-old girl's

soul's need for the minutely amplitudinous.

There was a place (Detroit, the thirties) now slipped from sight, though here and there I'll catch some holdover trace —

maybe the grille on an old apartment door, or a slumped block of houses, draped in torn sheets of rain, apparently posing for

black-and-white photographs. Even the out-of-a-job, men like my grandfather, donned hats back then before leaving the house — to circle endlessly about,

as if a lost job were a lost coin that might yet be found on the street where it had been dropped, making them whole again.

There was a face, rucked with care, that would dreamily soften if talk floated off toward some remote someplace

beyond the seas. My grandmother had a yen for the faraway

(which she imparted to her daughter), even as her life was tethered between a gray icy motionless Midwestern city —

stalled like a car with a frozen ignition — and a Tennessee farm without electricity.

(She did once see

Washington — cherry season — and often spoke of those long pink walkways beside the water that were Japan's gift to a grateful nation.)

There is a vase — a piece of gimcrack that somehow made its way to a crowded curio case

in a small souvenir shop in Detroit, seventy-plus years ago — which today stands atop

the mantel in the apartment in DC

where my fading mother is now living. When she was eight, in 1933,

she gave it to my grandmother, who

for all her poverty bequeathed her daughter so rich a bounty, including a taste for giving:

the gift of grace.

It seems a little miracle almost — that it's intact, the little vase,

conveying what its makers set out to convey:

an inward island spared by Time, by the times. These days, she can scarcely say

who she gave it to, or on what occasion.

A — birthday? The pilgrim climbs the winding hill forever, station by station,

and "Isn't it beautiful?" she asks. "You bought it for a dime," I tell her. It

holds the world's riches still.

# Census News



## 2020 Census Self-Response Rate Information – October 5, 2020

National Response Rate .....	66.7%
Texas Self-Response Rate.....	62.5%
Parmer County Self-Response Rate .....	48.3%
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Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the General Election held on November 3, 2020 will be tested on October 8, 2020 at 2:30 PM at Parmer County Courthouse to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all offices and on all measures.

Susie Spain  
Signature of Officer

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## October is Child Health Awareness Month

In October, celebrate Child Health Awareness Month by becoming more aware of children's health issues and evidence-based strategies to prevent them. These issues are preventable by educating and instilling healthy habits at an early age.

This unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic has shifted the way children are interacting with their peers, participating in activities, and receiving education. The school health non-profit organization, Action for Healthy Kids, recommends for kids to stay connected with their pediatrician, stay active, and eat healthy. These actions have proven to fight against health disparities, strengthen the child's immune system, and mental well-being.

Most Texas schools are conducting distance learning, so staying active will help children to learn better and reduce their stress levels. "Physical activity and play are still important parts of the curriculum," says, Erica Reyes, Extension Program Specialist with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension. Reyes continues, "engagement needs to include lessons about getting up from the computer screen and doing brain breaks that are action based".

Parents also play a vital role in maintaining a healthy lifestyle for their child. At home, parents are encouraged to implement sitting less and moving more along

with discussing the benefits of healthy eating.

Physical activity and healthy eating can be combined during virtual learning to provide education, movement, and fun! Studies show that incorporating movement into learning can assist a child in gaining and retaining knowledge. Action for Healthy Kids reports, "taking an unstructured approach and allowing children to move while they learn is a great way to get the brain stimulated and promote exercise - it also allows for a deeper dive into the mind-body connection".

While any activity has benefits, Reyes promotes simple and accessible movement. She adds, "Walking is one of the easiest and least expensive ways to stay healthy".

Another way to help form a sustained habit of walking/activity is by participating in any local Extension Walk Across Texas (WAT) programs. Walk Across Texas! is a FREE, 8-week program designed to help Texans establish the habit of regular physical activity. A new on-line feature Walk Through Texas History is a four-week program designed to help Texans establish the habit of regular physical activity while learning the rich history of Texas.

For more information please contact your Healthy South Texas Specialist Erica Reyes by calling (956) 969-5656 or sending email to Erica.reyes@ag.tamu.edu

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# SPORTS



Friena will start the second half of the season when they host the Tulia Hornets this Friday. The Chieftains will then face Childress, Canadian, and Spearman. These three teams are currently ranked in the Top 10 in the State and Canadian is ranked at the top. Essentially, the playoffs have begun. Go Chiefs!!!

## Next Week In Sports

### Varsity Football

The Chieftains (1-0, 4-1) will host Tulia this week. It is Senior Night and the pre-game festivities will start at 6:30 p.m.

### Junior Varsity Football

The JV team (4-1) plays at Tulia beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday.

### Freshman Football

The Freshman team (2-3) play at Bovina beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday.

### Junior High Football

The 7th grade Braves (1-2) host Tulia beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday.

The 8th grade Braves (1-2) also host Tulia beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday.

### Varsity Volleyball

The Squaws lost a close match to Littlefield 3-2 last Saturday. The Squaws (2-2, 5-9) will host Denver City this Saturday at noon and also host Dimmitt next Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

### Cross Country

The cross country teams will compete at the Lubbock Invitational this Saturday.

### Junior High Volleyball

7th B — 4 wins 3 losses  
7th A — 6 wins 1 loss  
8th B — 5 wins 2 losses  
8th A — 1 win 6 losses



### 7th Grade Cheerleaders

**Back row (l-r)** Reese Steelman, Mia Moreno, Evelyn Hernandez, Yaselene Faudoa; **Middle row (l-r)** Adaly Rubalcava, Anaesha Carranza, Merary Salinas, Mekhila Shepherd; **Front row (l-r)** Ashley Chico, Aurora Bolanos, Emily Ibarra.



### 8th Grade Cheerleaders

**Back row (l-r)** Vanessa Penaran, Marilyn Cho, Rosalia Silva, Lillianna Abarca, Kitzly Welch; **Middle row (l-r)** Vanessa Martinez, Nadia Snyder, Aylin Mendez, Xandra Castaneda; **Front row (l-r)** Carolyn Borjas, Ashley Maldonado, Jazmin Bautista.



Friena Cross Country — **Front row (l-r)** Makayla Ramos, Michael Bautista, Alex Guerra, Adamaris Rivas, Yvonne Legarreta, Esperanza Santiago, and Ilse Avalos. **Back row (l-r)** Fabian Salinas, Dieter Ally, Mario Rodriguez, Gabriel Perez, Adrian Legarreta, and Isaias Olmos.

## Mid-Season Stats

Rushing Stats				
	Carries	Yards	TDs	Avg
1 Jacob Bautista	31	246	4	7.9
4 Mario Bautista	78	338	3	4.3
11 Marc Mendoza	8	36	0	4.5
12 Angel Carranza	3	14	0	4.7
16 Bryan Chavira	86	516	7	6.0
24 Malachi Torres	49	393	5	8.0
<b>Rushing Totals:</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>1543</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>6.1</b>

Receiving Stats				
	Receptions	Yards	TDs	Avg
1 Jacob Bautista	2	43	1	21.5
3 Alan Martinez	2	23	0	11.5
11 Marc Mendoza	7	107	2	15.3
13 Edwin Barraza	2	19	0	9.5
15 Josiah Rejino	4	43	0	10.8
24 Malachi Torres	9	130	1	14.4
30 Alberth Arguelles	2	8	0	4.0
<b>Receiving Totals:</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13.3</b>

Passing Stats				
	Comp	Att	Yards	TDs INTs
16 Bryan Chavira	28	61	373	4 4

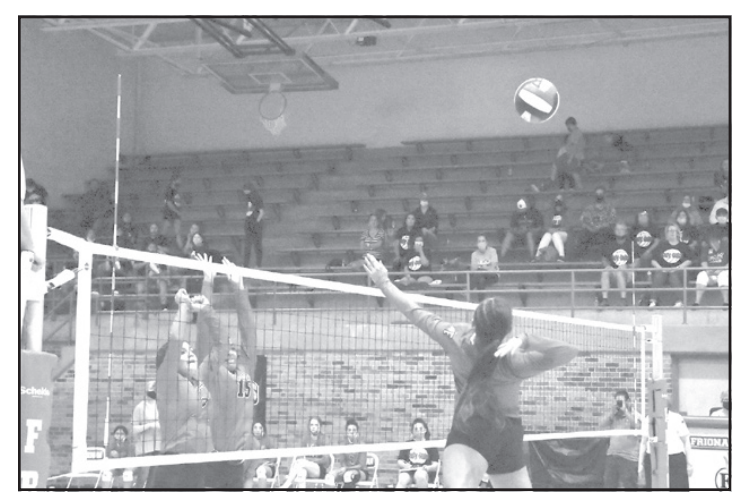
Kicking			
	Extra Pt	Att	Field Goal
2 Tim Ally	15	20	0

Defensive Stats								
	UN	AST.	TOT	TFL	FR	FC	INT	SACK
1 Jacob Bautista	2	3	5	-	-	-	-	-
2 Tim Ally	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
3 Alan Martinez	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
4 Mario Bautista	1	2	3	-	-	-	-	-
7 Moises Pina	1	2	3	-	-	1	-	-
8 Juan Salinas	19	26	47	2	1	1	3	0.5
10 Adrian Legarreta	7	19	26	-	1	-	1	-
12 Angel Carranza	19	9	28	-	-	-	-	-
14 Isaias Olmos	9	6	16	1	-	1	-	-
15 Josiah Rejino	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
20 Josiah Dominguez	9	22	37	6	-	-	-	0.5
22 Salome Viernes	2	10	12	-	-	-	-	-
28 Tony Rodriguez	6	24	34	4	1	1	-	2
30 Alberth Arguelles	9	27	38	2	-	1	-	0.5
50 Jake Padilla	6	17	26	3	-	-	-	2
51 Juan Lara	3	8	13	2	1	2	-	1.5
53 Victor Puga	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
55 Mathew Dimas	-	6	6	-	-	-	-	-
59 Aaron Salinas	2	5	5	-	-	-	-	-
65 Jacob Rando	2	22	26	2	-	1	-	-
66 Anthony Abarca	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
76 David Martinez	1	25	29	3	-	1	-	0.5
74 Aaron Rodriguez	-	1	2	1	-	-	-	-

Yards allowed; Rushing 805, Passing 805, Total 1501

Division II - District 3-3A Football		
Team	District	Overall
Canadian	1-0	4-1
Friena	1-0	4-1
Spearman	1-1	5-1
Childress	1-1	4-1
Highland Park	1-1	1-5
Tulia	1-1	4-2



District 1-3A Volleyball		
Team	District	Overall
Denver City	4-0	13-5
Brownfield	3-1	15-2
Littlefield	3-1	7-6
Friena	2-2	5-9
Dimmitt	0-4	1-16
Lamesa	0-4	1-16

Canyon Invitational Cross Country Meet		
October 3, 2020		
<b>Men's Results</b>		
<b>5000 Meter Boys</b>		
Adrian Legarreta	17:20	1st Place
Dieter Ally	18:87	11th Place
Gabriel Perez	20:02	19th Place
Michael Bautista	20:03	20th Place
Isaias Olmos	20:58	34th Place
Fabian Salinas	21:22	39th Place
Alex Guerra	23:37	45th Place
Mario Rodriguez	26:44	47th Place
<b>Women's Results</b>		
<b>2 Miles Girls</b>		
Yvonne Legarreta	12:46	1st Place
Ilse Avalos-Reyes	14:21	15th Place
Adamaris Rivas	14:30	22nd Place
Makayala Ramos	15:33	36th Place
Esperanza Santiago	16:07	43rd Place



## Small Town Cookin'

The fall always seems like a good time to cook with apples. They are especially good in desserts.

### Glazed Fresh Apple Cookies

Felicia Duncan and Mrs. Tom C. Smith  
Olton's Young Homemaker's Cookbook 1976

- |                            |                                     |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 2 c. flour, sifted         | 1 c. finely chopped apple           |
| 1 t. soda                  | 1 c. dark or light raisins, chopped |
| ½ c. soft shortening       | ¼ c. apple juice or milk            |
| 1 ½ c. brown sugar, packed |                                     |
| ½ t. salt                  | Vanilla Glaze                       |
| 1 t. cinnamon              | 1 ½ c. sifted confectioner's sugar  |
| 1 t. ground cloves         | 1 T. soft shortening                |
| ½ t. nutmeg (optional)     | ¼ t. vanilla                        |
| 1 egg, unbeaten            | 1/8 t. salt                         |
| 1 c. nuts, chopped         | 2 ½ T. cream or evaporated milk     |

Preheat oven to 400°F. Sift flour with soda. Mix shortening, brown sugar, salt, spices, and egg until well blended. Stir in half of flour mixture, then nuts, apple, and raisins. Blend in apple juice and the remaining flour mixture. On greased cookie sheets, drop rounded tablespoons of dough, 2" apart. Bake 11 minutes or until done. While cookies are still hot, spread thinly with vanilla glaze.

Glaze: In a small bowl, blend confectioner's sugar with soft shortening, vanilla, salt, and cream or evaporated milk.

### Apple Crisp

Luella Drake  
From the Drake Family Cookbook

- |               |             |                  |
|---------------|-------------|------------------|
| 2 c. apples   | ¾ c. flour  | ½ c. brown sugar |
| 1 t. cinnamon | ½ c. butter |                  |
| ½ c. water    | ½ c. sugar  |                  |

Slice apples and put in baking dish. Sprinkle cinnamon over apples and add water. Mix sugars, flour, and butter until mixture is crumbly. Spread over apples and bake for 45 minutes at 375°F.

### German Apple Cake

Billie Taylor from Nell Boyer  
From the Cathedral of the Plains Family Cookbook in Perryton, TX

- |                    |                             |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2 lg. eggs         | 4 c. thinly sliced apples   |
| 1 c. oil           | 1 c. chopped nuts           |
| 2 c. sugar         |                             |
| 1 tsp. vanilla     | Icing                       |
| 2 tsp. cinnamon    | 1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese |
| 1 tsp. baking soda | 3 T. melted butter          |
| ½ tsp. salt        | 1 tsp. vanilla              |
| 2 c. flour         | 1 ½ c. powdered sugar       |

Beat eggs and oil until foamy. Mix dry ingredients. Add to egg mixture. Add apples and nuts. The mixture will be stiff, and you may have to use your hands to fold in the apples. Pour into a 9x13-inch pan and bake for 45 minutes at 350°F.

Icing: Beat until smooth. If too thin, add more powdered sugar.

## State sales tax revenue totaled \$2.6 billion in September

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced that state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.57 billion in September, 6.1 percent less than in September 2019. The majority of September sales tax revenue is based on sales made in August and remitted to the agency in September.

"The COVID-19 pandemic and low price of crude oil continue to weigh on the Texas economy and sales tax revenue," Hegar said. "As was the case the last month, state sales tax receipts from all major sectors, other than retail trade, were down compared with the same month last year, with the steepest declines in the oil and gas-related sectors.

"Receipts from the information sector were down due to federal preemption of sales taxation of internet access service. While tax receipts grew from some lines of retail business, especially those related to

home improvements and outdoor recreation, most of the increase from retail trade was due to remittances from online out-of-state vendors and marketplace providers who did not collect Texas tax a year ago, but which are now required to collect and remit Texas tax following the Wayfair decision and subsequent legislation passed last session.

"Pandemic-induced changes in consumer shopping behavior also were apparent in generally increased receipts from big box retailers and declines from department stores, apparel stores and other mall and strip center specialty retailers. Receipts from restaurants also remain significantly below pre-pandemic levels."

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in September 2020 was down 2.5 percent compared to the same period a year

ago. Sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 60 percent of all tax collections. The effects of the COVID-related economic slowdown also were evident in some other sources of revenue in September 2020.

Texas collected the following revenue from other major taxes: (1) motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$454 million, up 4.3 percent from September 2019; (2) motor fuel taxes — \$294 million, down 9.7 percent from September 2019; (3) oil production tax — \$227 million, down 31.9 percent from September 2019; (4) natural gas production tax — \$71 million, down 28.1 percent from September 2019; (5) hotel occupancy tax — \$34 million, down 36.9 percent from September 2019; and (6) alcoholic beverage taxes — \$78 million, down 33.7 percent from September 2019.

## Peanut acres up, yields likely down

By Adam Russell

Texas peanut harvest is underway, and producers are expecting lower per-acre yields than last season, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

Emi Kimura, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension agronomist and state peanut specialist, Vernon, said peanut acres were up, but that she expected yields to be down due to drought conditions.

Crop surveys by the U.S. Department of Agriculture show Texas producers planted 165,000 acres in 2019 and estimate that 190,000 acres were planted in 2020, up 25,000 acres.

Texas producers dig several different peanut types including Spanish, Valencia and Virginia varieties, she said. Most Texas acres are planted as runners, the most widely consumed type.

A few producers might have started digging their fields, Kimura said, and some will begin next week in the Rolling Plains and West Texas. Digging will ramp up over the next few weeks, and producers will be busy through mid-October.

The season began with planting in the northern Rolling Plains and

West Texas in the first week of May and in West Texas and a little later for Central and South Texas, she said.

Cold snaps in April slowed germination in the Rolling Plains, but followed with plenty of heat units, Kimura said. But there was not enough rain to keep up with plants' water demands despite irrigation.

Peanuts in Central, South and especially West Texas faced worse conditions early, but rains helped Central and South Texas fields. West Texas was worst off due to drought.

"It was so dry in West Texas in July and August that irrigation couldn't keep up with plants' demand," Kimura said. "Conditions in Central and South Texas and the Rolling Plains were not as dry as the west, and the overall effects of drought are difficult to estimate at this point."

Kimura said temperatures were cooler than normal during September, which also likely slowed the crop's progress some, and that frost in the windrows before late October could be trouble.

### Peanut yields down

Last year, the average yield in Texas was 3,100 pounds per acre. The September forecast estimated yields to be 2,900 pounds per acre.

Kimura said drought was the factor that contributed to the yield reduction most because there was below average pest and disease pressure this year.

There were reports of crown rot and leaf spot, but damages were not significant, likely due to proactive spraying. There were also reports of pod rot, but the extent of damage won't be known until peanuts are harvested.

Kimura said peanut producers will need to time their harvest well to maximize pound-per-acre yields. Producers are advised to check peanut maturity by digging samples in several locations around their field to determine when to harvest.

"They need to target the right timing to have the pods intact and attached to the vine and minimize immature pods," she said. "It's one of the hardest decisions to make as a producer."

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