



Ask an expert: A climatologist explains La Niña's impact on Texas

According to the National Weather Service, La Niña conditions are currently in place, favoring a warmer and drier pattern across the Lone Star State through the winter and spring. To explore what a La Niña weather pattern means for Texas, we asked Dr. Nelun Fernando with the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) to describe anticipated weather conditions for the next few months.

Texas. During a La Niña event, the Pacific jet stream (a band of strong winds in the upper atmosphere with associated storm systems) is north of where it typically traverses our state. As a result, we will likely not get the storm systems that we would get if the jet stream was located farther south. Therefore, it is likely that this winter and spring will be drier and warmer than normally expected.

What effect does a La Niña pattern typically have on our state?

The influences of El Niño or La Niña events are most pronounced during the winter and spring seasons over

La Niña is also associated with a more active Atlantic hurricane season. This increased activity is because the vertical wind shear (the change in wind speed and direction with height) is weaker during a La



The presence of La Niña conditions means little chance of drought relief in the form of rainfall through winter or early spring.

Quick Facts

- A La Niña event can last approximately 9 to 12 months.
- A La Niña (or El Niño) pattern starts developing in the spring/summer and tends to peak in the fall or early spring. Depending on when an event peaks, the timeline of the associated impacts to temperature and rainfall over a given location could vary.
- The onset of numerous extreme Texas droughts has been associated with a La Niña event, including the 1950s, 2006, and 2011 droughts.

Niña year, enabling tropical storms to develop vertically without impediment. We still have more than a month to go in what has been one of the most active Atlantic hurricane seasons on record. So, we may see more hurricanes impacting Texans along the coast through November.

How could La Niña condi-

tions impact drought conditions in Texas?

The western part of the state is currently in the throes of serious drought, with 18 counties in West Texas and the Panhandle experiencing exceptional drought. While La Niña may not necessarily be the culprit for the onset of drought in these regions, its presence means little

chance of relief in the form of rainfall through winter or early spring.

Warmer temperatures, combined with lower rainfall, in the winter and spring seasons could potentially provide the right mix of ingredients to set the stage for drought persistence, spring drought intensification, and summer heatwaves, as was

experienced in the winter-spring of 2010-2011. However, La Niña is not the only factor affecting rainfall between now and next summer. We can say with some certainty, though, that the die is loaded toward drought persistence over West Texas through the winter and possibly through spring.

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Thank You!

The FISD Board of Trustees honored district employees with a luncheon last Monday at the Friona Community Center. The Board wanted to show its appreciation for all the hard work that has been done to keep the school functioning during the COVID-19 pandemic. Also, adapting to ongoing construction work has been another variable to solve this year. The Board would like to thank everyone for their dedication to the students!!!



School board members (l-r) Wade Schueler, Antonio Rocha, Jason Rector, and Andy Montana serve up the hamburgers.



School board members (left) Jamie Lewllen, (right) Jeri Lynn White, and Superintendent Jimmy Burns dish out the fixins.

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.
Reminder:
 Bring photo I.D. when returning absentee ballots to the courthouse

Parmer County COVID-19 stats as of October 20

Active Cases
99

Total Cases
538

Recoveries
422

Fatalities
17

— Special thanks to —

- Cargill supplied the hamburgers
- Kendrick Oil supplied water and sodas
- Amigos of Hereford supplied buns, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, pickles, and chips
- Optima Dairy supplied the cheese
- City of Friona supplied the Community Center



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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 22-28	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	Precipitation October 0.00 Year 8.71	Burn Ban: Yes
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Lions Club News

Community Calendar

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

October 23
• FHS Band Booster brisket sandwich carry-out dinner from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Veterinary Industries

October 31
• Halloween Trunk or Treat @ PMC parking lot

November 1
• St. Ann's Turkey Dinner in Bovina from 11:30 a.m. till 2:00 p.m.

November 2
• Friona Noon Lions Club Meeting at The Farmwife Kitchen

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

November 11
• Veteran's Day

November 16
• Friona Noon Lions Club Meeting at The Farmwife Kitchen

November 17
• Snack Pak 4 Kids at 3:00 p.m. north entrance of Friona United Methodist Church

November 26
• Thanksgiving



Opening Soon!

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

COVID-19 News

Coronavirus cases confirmed

As of October 21, 2020

Texas:	Worldwide:
879,000 cases	40,900,000 cases
17,644 deaths	1,130,000 deaths
	28,000,000 recoveries
United States:	
8,320,000 cases	
221,000 deaths	



Pam Kendrick was the guest speaker at last week's Friona Noon Lions Club meeting. She gave the club a progress report on construction and renovations at the new Parmer Paws building. Club members were also given a tour of the facility. The Grand Opening is expected to be near the first of November. Fred Cook presented a check from the Lions Club to Pam for Parmer Paws. Kaci Morris, representative for U.S. congressman Jodey Arrington, was also a guest at the meeting.

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.

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.



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- ACROSS**
- TXism: "bellered like ___ bull" (yelled)
 - wander
 - Gulf mollusk
 - TX Kris Kristofferson wrote & sang "___ Me Make It Through the Night"
 - "___ count" (lost the fight)
 - Korean martial art: ___ Kwon Do
 - progenitors for us kids (2 wds.)
 - Rangers sports-caster, Nadel (init.)
 - this Bob opened 1st TX cafeteria in 1947
 - TX Meat Loaf starred in this 1980 rock 'n roll film
 - DFW runway, e.g.
 - GMC Savannas or Chrysler Pacificas
 - TXism: "he'd charge ___ with a bucket of water" (brave)
 - Cowboy or Texan 6-point play (abbr.)
 - "careful, ___ for yet"
 - highway charge
 - British boy
 - "South Plains ___" nurtured art in NW TX area
 - TXism: "just two whoops and a holler ___" (near)
 - teenage "kissing disease," for short
 - TXism for "coffin" (2 wds.)
 - Darren Mc ___ was in "Bullet for a Badman" with TX Audie Murphy
 - TX Tejano band: "Little Joe ___ Familia"
 - TXism: "got as much to ___ hibernating bear"
 - UT player Mo Bamba's NBA Orlando team
 - this TX Dexter wrote "Pistol Packin' Mama"
 - Santa's word
 - band "Van ___" was at Farm Aid I
 - this Moody won U.S. Open in Houston in 1969
 - very fat
 - TXism: "he'd charge ___ with a bucket of water" (brave)
 - TXism: "tough as ___ hide"
 - nat'l identifier
 - TXism: "just two whoops and a holler ___" (near)
 - teenage "kissing disease," for short
 - TXism for "coffin" (2 wds.)
 - Denton once had "___ Street Fair"
 - this Otto directed TX Tierney in 1944 film "Laura" (init.)
 - not often
 - goblin or gnome
 - TXism: "saddle sores eventually ___"
 - TXism: "blister ___" (handle)
 - 1997 blockbuster with TX Bill Paxton
 - former NASA astronaut, Margaret "___ rest"
 - TX electronics co.
 - TX Tanya's "One Love ___ Time"
 - steak order
 - TX Florence Bates was in 1947 film "The Secret Life of Walter ___"
 - Ms. Lansbury
 - legitimate
 - Clifford Irving's "autobiography" of TX Howard Hughes
 - "neat as a ___"
 - Quanah H.S. class (2 wds.)
 - "___ Molly" was filmed in Bastrop
 - shock ___
 - TX-born John who was a guard for the Philadelphia Eagles
 - yippee!
 - impudent behavior
 - TX Strait was ACM's Top ___ Vocalist in 1985
 - TXism: "stewing in ___ juice"
 - "Sin City," for short

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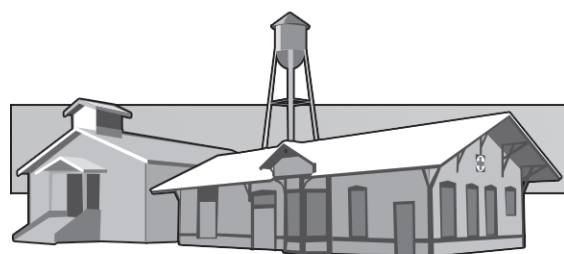
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Friona FCCLA members will be selling Pink Ribbon Cookies at Friday's football game. Each cookie will be \$2.00. All proceeds will go to the Parmer County Cancer Coalition. Come out and support this FCCLA project and your Parmer County Cancer Coalition.

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This year's "Trunk or Treat"

event hosted by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office will take place in the Parmer Medical Center's parking lot. There will be a "Best COVID-19 Mask" contest and a helicopter landing. More details next week. If you would like to donate, volunteer, or just have questions, call the Sheriff's Office.

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Parents are encouraged not to take kids door-to-door this year to gather Halloween treats because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

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St. Ann's Catholic Church of Bovina, Texas will host their annual Turkey Dinner on Sunday, November 1st from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the St. Ann's Parish Hall on 3rd Street in Bovina. They will be serving turkey & dressing, creamed potatoes & gravy, green beans, homemade bread, cranberry sauce, relish plate, desserts, and tea & coffee. Donations will be \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under 6 years of age. Take-out plates will be available at no additional charge. A quilt made by St. Ann's Society will be raffled off at the dinner.

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All Parmer County first responders (city/county/state law enforcement, fire, EMS, etc.) and a guest are invited to a special meal on Thursday, October 29th starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Friona Fire Department just north of the city park. The meal is being provided by the T2-1 Lions Club District Governor Henry Wyckoff of Amarillo. The Friona Noon Lions will help with the serving. Please RSVP to frionastar@wtrt.net or send text to 806-265-5200 if you plan to attend. Thank you!

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Election reminders. The Precinct 402 polling location is at the City of Friona Council Chambers at 619 Main in Friona. Also, due to the Texas Legislature, there is no "straight line party voting" this year.

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National Days

- October 22 — Make a Dog's Day
- October 23 — TV Talk Show Host Day
- October 24 — Bologna Day
- October 25 — Mother-in-Law Day
- October 26 — Pumpkin Day
- October 27 — American Beer Day
- October 28 — Chocolate Day

Happy Birthday Friona Folks!

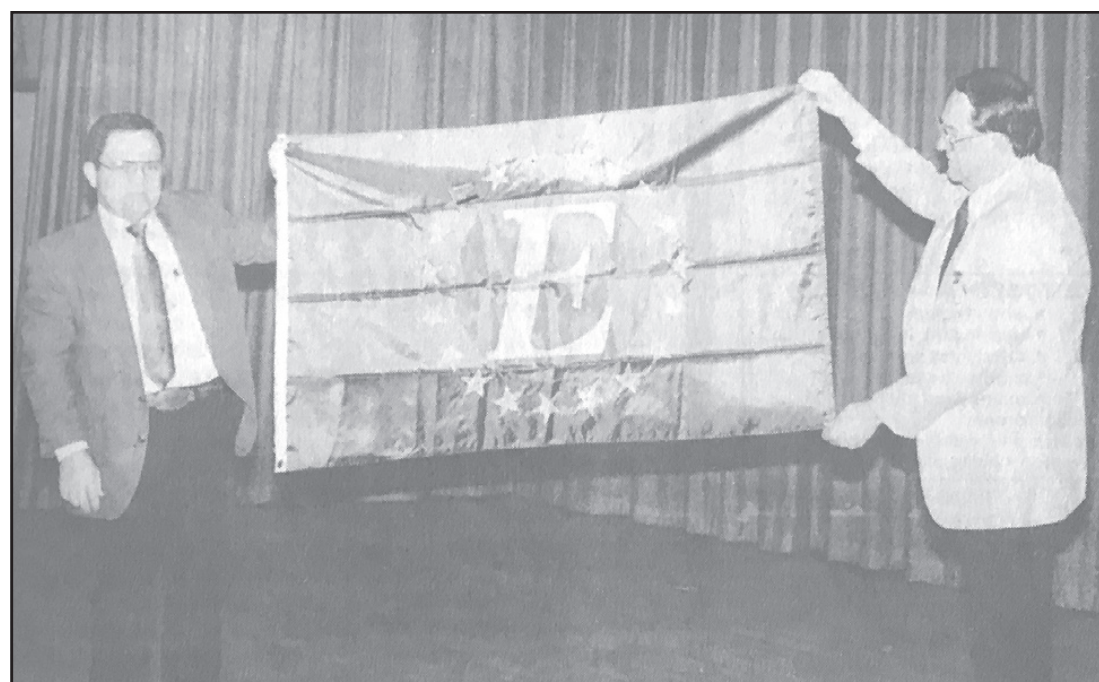
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Tiffany Vazquez
Darla Sealey
Norma Thompson
Carrie Schueler Landrum
Juan Samarron
Mary Beth Wylie
Carla Boyd</p> <p>Oct. 23
Pamela Kendrick
Jessie Kube
Jett Jarecki</p> <p>Oct. 24
Patsy Bandy
Winfield Davenport
Diane Mowery
Ben Santiago
Corina Ortiz</p> <p>Oct. 25
Tommy Hefner
Jeff Moser
Philip G. Martinez
Jodie Denton
Mike Roberts
Shayla (Weatherly)
Shelburne
Tammy Odell
Chuck Mills</p> | <p>Oct. 26
Mary Maddox
Ethan Tongate
Susan Bailey
Dawn Henry</p> <p>Oct. 27
Dr. Felipe Jubay
Carolyn Lane
Jared Buske
Colby Whitten
Amanda Maricle
Jayn Looper</p> <p>Oct. 28
Lunell Horton
Kirk Wright
Billy Williams
Sawyer Osborn
Zachary Barrett</p> |
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To have your birthdays listed in the newspaper, email them to frionastar@wtrt.net or call @806.250.2211

FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



FLAG PRESENTED....Friona Superintendent Hal Ratcliff, and Junior High Principal Tommy Hancock hold the flag that was presented to the local junior high by Governor Clements in Austin last weekend, signifying that the local campus is "exemplary." This was in addition to the \$13,700 cash award. The flag was unveiled at Thursday morning's assembly program. (Friona Star, October 27, 1990)

Newspaper Fun!

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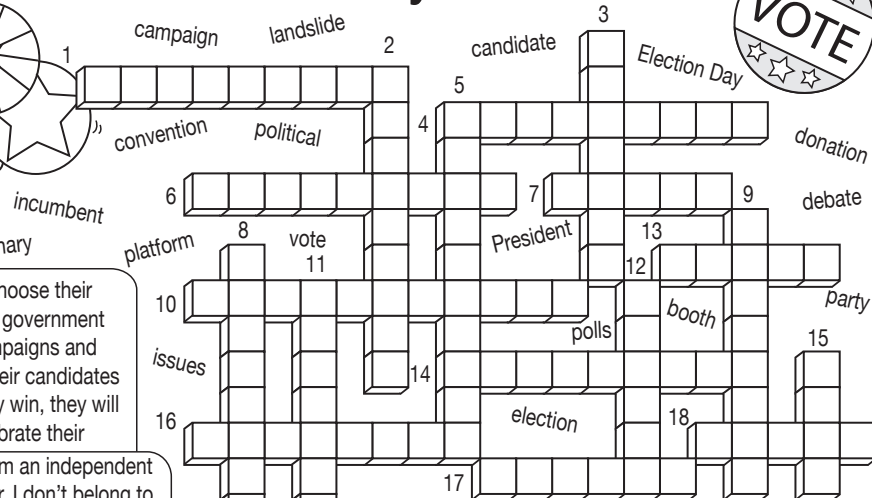
Elections - A Party of Parties!

Have you and your family been talking about the elections this year? Have you asked your parents if they belong to a political party? Political parties are made up of different groups of people who organize to point out the way they think the government should work.

Political parties choose their candidates to run for government offices. They run campaigns and ask people to vote their candidates into office. When they win, they will surely "party" to celebrate their victory!

I'm an independent voter. I don't belong to any political party.

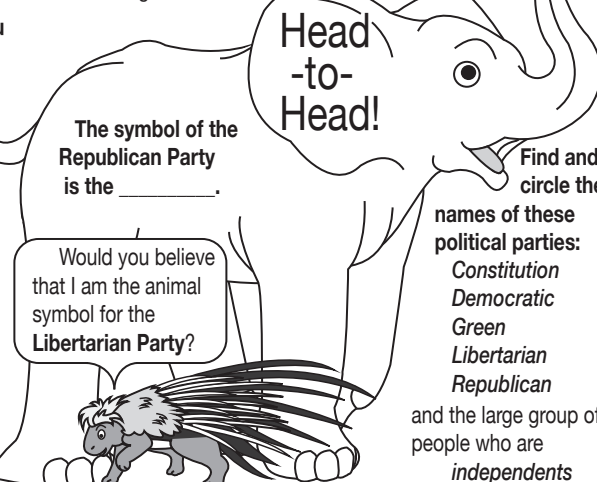
- Read the clues to fill in the puzzle:**
- having to do with government affairs
 - election where one candidate wins by a large majority
 - in a _____ election, parties vote for the people who will represent them in the general election
 - a person who is running for President
 - a political party's largest gathering
 - highest political office in the United States
 - group of people joining together to make government work the way they want it to
 - a political party's official stance on the issues



- a Presidential _____ is held every 4 years
- Tuesday in November set aside for voting
- planned activities to help people win an office
- discuss or argue an issue; sides present their ideas
- information gathered by asking voters questions
- sitting President whom may be replaced after election
- to register a choice in the election
- money given by people to help their candidate win
- problems in the world that voters worry about
- compartment where a person votes secretly

The two major political parties in the United States are the Republican and Democratic parties. They often go "head-to-head," especially during the debates, when candidates use their heads to think and answer questions quickly! Other, smaller political parties have their own points of view and their own candidates running for office.

Can you find and circle all the words on this page that begin with the letter "p"? My favorite "p" word is "peanuts!"

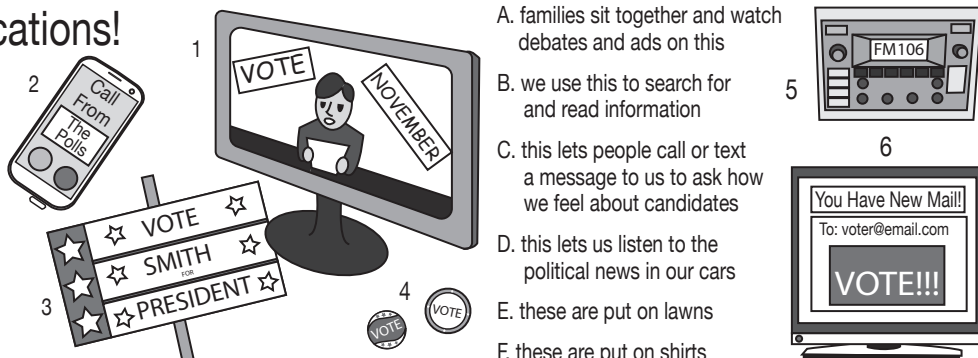


Some voters back this horse... er... donkey!

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Campaign Communications!

People running for office need votes to win the positions they want. They have to explain their ideas and plans to help our towns, cities, states and country. After we hear what they have to say, we have to think about and decide who might help the most. How do candidates get their messages out? Look at the pictures. Match each to a phrase that tells how it helps us learn about people running for office.



- families sit together and watch debates and ads on this
- we use this to search for and read information
- this lets people call or text a message to us to ask how we feel about candidates
- this lets us listen to the political news in our cars
- these are put on lawns
- these are put on shirts

Puzzle Solution

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National Principals Month

Each October, National Principals Month recognizes the essential role that principals play in making a school great. Principals set the academic tone for their schools, and it is their vision, dedication, and determination that provide the mobilizing force for achieving student success.



Deidre Osborn
Principal
Friona Primary School
Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st Grade



M'Kell Jeter
Principal
Friona Elementary School
2nd-5th Grade



Daniel Rosales
Principal
Friona Junior High School
6th-8th Grade



Erika Montana
Principal
Friona High School
9th-12th Grade

Friona Area Ag Students Aim for \$1,000 AgYouth Scholarships

FFA and 4-H high school seniors in the Friona area are completing their nomination applications for the 6th Annual AgYouth of the Month scholarship program, which has already awarded over \$100,000 in scholarships. **The online nominations are due Friday, October 23.**

AgTexas Farm Credit Services established the program in 2015 as a way to call positive attention to the outstanding work that high school students are investing themselves in to benefit agriculture, their schools and their communities. Even during the virtual learning caused by the coronavirus, students are still raising and grooming their livestock.

They look forward to joining this past spring's honorees from the Friona area, who were Adaline

White (Friona FFA) and Marcos Juarez (Friona FFA), Logan Paetzold (Deaf Smith County 4-H), Heidi Gruhlkey (Adrian 4-H), Jackson Neelley (Vega FFA) and Emily Jackson (Vega FFA). Also, Avery Timms (Lazbuddie FFA), Payton Tolbert (Sudan FFA), Emma Rich (Sudan FFA), Ivonne Gonzalez (Farwell FFA), Erica Williams (Farwell FFA) and Sloan Osborn (Farwell FFA).

Of these, Avery Timms, Emma Rich, Ivonne Gonzalez and Logan Paetzold each received a \$1,000 scholarship check.

This spring's award ceremony took place on Facebook Live due to social gathering restrictions.

"The pandemic reveals that we live in a changing world, and it also shows that we will find innovative solutions to our challenges by becoming more resourceful and

imaginative," says AgTexas Farm Credit CEO Tim McDonald.

He adds, "The purpose of the AgYouth program is to recognize and support our young Ag leaders while building relationships within the communities that we serve. These students represent some of the best and brightest minds of the next generation of agriculture in Texas and the United States. It's our privilege to once again pay tribute to their achievements thus far and encourage them for the future."

Students involved in both 4-H and FFA benefit from their organizations' emphasis on leadership development and public speaking, both of which help these emerging leaders grow their confidence and presentation skills.

Through the AgYouth program, students submit their applications

until Friday, October 23. All senior students in good standing with their local FFA or 4-H program and high school within counties in which AgTexas serves, are eligible for nomination by going online to www.agtexas.com/news/ag-youth.

A total of 78 students will be selected as Ag Youths of the Month. Each honoree will receive a \$100 gift card, a certificate of achievement and will be featured in their local newspaper and on social media.

The highlight of the program is the spring banquet, which introduces the Friona area honorees to fellow students from the Panhandle region. Past keynote speakers at the banquet have included Hall of Fame Rodeo Announcer and AgTexas spokesman Bob Tallman, former Texas FFA Vice President

John Smithwick from Idalou, 2017 scholarship recipient Jacey Snapp and then-2018-19 Texas FFA President and AgTexas AgYouth scholarship recipient Cory Sinkule.

"We are very pleased to have created the AgYouth of the Month program because it brings positive attention to young people who are investing in our state and nation as well as their own futures," says McDonald. AgTexas created the program as the result of an internal brainstorming session about how to encourage and reward excellence in youth Ag achievement in high school.



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Seeds The Series (Grow With A Purpose!) pt. 3

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

The garden saga continues as each little plant begins its life above the ground. They are amazed at how they are growing so quickly, purposefully, if you will. Our little friend the corn seed/plant has really hit a growth spurt and is taller than many other plants. He notices a man around the garden each day. This man seems to be doing all he can to help the garden plants grow. He even pulls other plants that are selfish. They are the weeds. They are the bullies armed with discouraging words that show up and do their best to make life miserable. "Now I know why those weeds are called "careless," they don't care

about anybody but themselves," says the pumpkin plant with a low voice. The tomato plant chimes in and adds, "Yes they are careless and that is why we must stick together and encourage each other to keep going. The weeds can make us lose sight of our focus."

"Hey everybody, trust the guy with the hoe. He is for us and if he is for us the weeds don't stand a chance," says the towering corn plant.

All is well in the garden and the plants learn to trust the gardener who waters and fertilizes and best of all gets rid of the weeds. They are growing with a purpose and with the help of each other they

begin to see the fruit of their labor.

It is true for the young believer in Christ. The more they learn of God's plan for their life the better equipped they are to deal with the adversity in life. There will always be naysayers looking to judge and demean their faith, but with trust in God who waters and fertilizes through the use of other Christians there is hope and as long as there is hope there is life. So as you start your walk engage in the lives of other Christians, especially those a little further down the road. Learn from them, study God's Word, trust God knows what He is doing and grow with a purpose.

The Pathway of Healing

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Let's pretend you are desperately sick and you want to leave no stone uncovered to pursue the gift of the Lord's healing. This is not to deny the effectiveness or use of modern medicine, but it is to seek the Lord's pathway to divine healing from Him. How would you go about seeking the Lord's healing in your life? Thankfully, James 5:14-16 provides a New Testament pathway of healing.

James 5:14-16 dives into a section of James regarding patience in suffering and seeking the Lord in prayer. The focus on healing begins with the person who is sick to recognize they are sick, and

from there they are to call the elders of their church. Those church leaders move into action through faith-filled praying over the person, anointing them with oil, and giving them opportunity to confess their sin. Some scholars suggest the sickness mentioned in the passage is a result of sin in the life of the sick person, but that is not crystal clear. What is clear, is that those who are sick can seek the Lord's healing from their infirmities, and their local church has an important part in this. Inviting church leaders to gather and pray over the sick is a powerful act that has potential to

unleash the healing power of God in the life of those who are sick.

The pathway of healing that God lays out in his word is clear and simple, but it is not a formula for automatic healing. In fact, the "prayer of faith" that is prayed over the sick, is not a prayer demanding God heal, but it is a prayer of faith that God is in complete control, that he is fully capable of healing the sick, and that we will trust his will and direction in each situation. Sometimes God heals, sometimes he doesn't, yet in both scenarios, our full trust is in him, and not in a gift he may give.

Our Greatest Blessing

By Teena Hughes

Last Thursday, during my prayer time, God reminded me that the contractor on our house at the ranch, Ray Ross, told me about six weeks ago that he was about to start "putting our house back together." While I wondered why God brought that to mind, I found myself quickly thinking about how God puts our lives back together, just like Ray is putting our house back together.

I daresay that each of us has experienced some hardship, some tragedy, some terrible event that just shattered our world. We don't have hope; we don't see any way life will ever be "normal" again; we don't think we can survive. We want our lives put back together, but we don't know how it can or will happen. But, we do know how our lives can be put back together again... with God's help!!!

When we find ourselves feeling like our lives are shattered, we want God to "fix it" as quickly as possible. But, as my friend Kitty Gallman said in Sunday School yesterday, God is slow, precise, and steady; and, He is.

He knows what we need, and He is willing to wait for all of the pieces to fall into place to put our lives back together. In doing so, time doesn't matter to God. He just wants the very best for us.

I would never say Ray Ross is slow, but he is steady and precise, and our house is reaping the benefits of his quality work, just like we reap the benefits of God's slow, steady, and precise work. When I saw the new windows in the house, they looked good to me, but he said he still had a lot more work to do on them. That is the way it is with God. We feel like everything is good, but He is continually working to make us into the person He desires us to be, and He always has more work to do to make us into the likeness of His Son Jesus.

The house at the ranch is 70+ years old, and it, and the area around the house, needed A LOT of cleaning, re-modeling, and it needed more room. Sometimes, we need to surrender to God; we need to spend time with Him and let Him re-model us into the person He created us to be. We also need

to let Him clean out the trash and junk in our lives, and then add things like more love, kindness, compassion so that we can treat others the way we want to be treated.

Ray told me one time that he loves our house. By the way he is taking care of it, I believe He does. Feller told me a few weeks ago that he feels like Ray is doing things to the house that he doesn't have to do, but they are things that make the house even better.

God loves us. He knows we make crazy mistakes; He knows we find ourselves in messy situations; He knows when we hurt and when we feel hopeless. Yet, He always goes above and beyond to help us, even when He doesn't have to. I don't know about you but I have done so many sinful things and had so many sinful thoughts that I can't believe God continues to bless me in any way, but He does, all because He wants me to be a better, more Christ-like person. He loves me, and He treats me like He loves me. What greater blessing is there than that????!!

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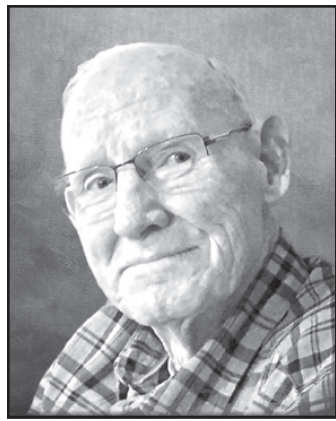


Obituaries



W. L. "Dub" Cleveland

W. L. "Dub" Cleveland, 86 of Mesquite, formerly of Friona entered the Kingdom of Heaven on October 16, 2020. In his death, he continues to be a very giving person by donating his body for research in hopes to help others in medical ways. There was a Celebration of Life on Sunday, Oct. 18, 2020 at 3:00P.M., at Casa View Baptist Church, Garland, Texas where he served as a deacon.



Dub was born in Slaton, TX, on October 20, 1933.

He was a natural athlete and graduated from Friona High School. His athleticism awarded him a position on the West Texas State College "Buffs" football team where he was co-captain, earned "All Conference" honors and was invited to play in the Senior Bowl. After graduation, he pursued his love of sports and history by coaching/teaching in Tulia, Amarillo, Vernon, Hart, Panhandle and Friona. After thirty-four years in education he retired to enjoy participating in church mission trips to Mexico, Germany, Brazil and here in the states. He was part of the Lay Witness Mission for Christ at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, GA, Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child in

Denver, CO, and Coppell, TX, and Samaritan's Purse Disaster Relief Team in Joplin, MO. He lived his life sharing the good news of Jesus wherever he lived and wherever he traveled. He and Virginia, enjoyed years of mission work, fishing, camping, traveling with friends, and most importantly, spending time with family. If you know Dub, you know his love for family was second only to his love of Christ. He and Virginia moved to Mesquite in 2012 to be close to their children and families. He continued to be involved in his new church and community just as he had in Friona for 43 years. He was employed by Whataburger of Mesquite as a courier. There, he shared kindness and compassion to those in which he had con-

tact. Everyone was excited to see Mr. Dub drive up to their restaurant.

He is preceded in death by his father, Clifford Cleveland, his mother, Lillian Crow Jones, step-father, W. H. "Shorty" Jones, and brothers DeWayne Cleveland and Charles Jones.

Dub is survived by his college sweetheart and wife of 65 years, Virginia Naylor Cleveland, his children, Dale (Kathy) Cleveland of Springtown, TX and Cindy (John) Heiman of Mesquite, TX. He also leaves behind two grandsons, Jarrod (Claire) Cleveland of Ft. Worth, TX, and Colton (Shae) Cleveland of Tomball, TX, three precious great-grandchildren: Espen, Scarlet, and Dalton Cleveland, his brother, Roy Lee Jones of Branson, MO, sister, Raye Jean London Daniels of Friona, TX, and a host of cousins, nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Friona ISD scholarship fund, Casa View Baptist Church, Samaritan's Purse or an organization of your choice.



Mary Sue Fowler

Mary Sue Fowler, age 93, a longtime resident of Bovina, Texas, passed peacefully into the loving arms of Jesus on October 19, 2020. From her birth on July 22, 1927, to her death on Monday, she nourished people around her with warmth, love, faith, and generosity.



Viewing will be held Tuesday, October 27, 2020 from 9:00 A.M. until 8:00 P.M. at HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home in Friona with Celebration of Life Services scheduled for 2:00 P.M. Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at the Bovina United Methodist Church with Rev. Larry Mitchell, pastor, officiating. Arrangements by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

She was born on a farm in Hale County, Texas, to Fred and Eula Mae Gross, and was the oldest of seven children. Later, the family moved to the community of Sand Hill near Floydada, Texas. After graduation, she attended Lippert's Business School in Plainview, Texas, and worked as a nurse's aide at the Plainview Hospital. It was during this time that she met the love of her life, Lonnie Joe Fowler. They were married in Carlsbad, NM on December 7, 1946, and enjoyed 47 wonderful years together ---- Lonnie Joe as a lifelong farmer, and Mary Sue as a homemaker, mother, and gardener.

They made their first home in Floyd County, Texas. By 1951, the family expanded when their daughter, Nancy, and son, Robert, came into the world. Now a family of four, they moved to Silverton, Texas. Mary Sue's love and faith continued to touch friends and strangers alike as she served tirelessly in her church and community

spreading joy everywhere she went.

In 1964, the family moved to Bovina, Texas. Mary Sue continued to be a bright light of service and generosity as she gave her heart and time to her church and community. One of her favorite things to do was arrange flowers from her own garden to decorate the church sanctuary and deliver them to homebound neighbors. She was often found humming hymns as she watered the beloved plants in her greenhouse.

She treated everyone like a neighbor and was truly a vessel of God's love. Whether it was helping sew quilts for an orphanage in Brazil or sharing a home-cooked meal with a grieving family, Mary Sue was always ready to reach out with the love of Christ to anyone in need. It wasn't always an easy life, but no matter what the circumstances, she always kept a positive attitude, and her family members remember her frequently reciting one of her favorite verses and mottos: "This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!"

For her leadership and service, the Bovina community elected her Woman of the Year in 1976, and she received the Heritage Award

in 2001. She lived in Bovina for 53 years before moving to Farwell, Texas, where she has resided for the past three years.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Lonnie Joe, and their infant baby, Mary Elsie; her parents, Fred and Eula Mae; sister Olive Hinton and her husband Henry; three brothers, Dan, Dave, and Allan; sisters-in-law Gloria and Alice; and nephew Ray.

Left to honor Mary Sue's legacy and remember her love and her two children, Nancy (Bert) Harden and Robert (Kay) Fowler; three grandchildren, Ashley, Allison, and Hayley; three brothers, Jerry (JoAnn), CT (Joan), and Lonnie (Peggy); sister-in-law Barbara; 14 nieces and nephews; many grand nieces and nephews, and close family members and friends.

Let us all continue to spread the light and joy that lives on through Mary Sue's legacy by memorial contributions in Mary Sue's name to the Matthew 25 Fund at The Bovina United Methodist Church at P.O. Box 127 Bovina, TX, 79009. Mary Sue established the fund many years ago as a way to provide for those in need. She was inspired by these words from Matthew 25:35 "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger and you invited me in."

You may send condolences to the family and sign the online greeting book at: www.hansardfamily.com



State Capital Highlights

By Chris Cobler



State resumes requiring job searches to get benefits

Texans receiving unemployment benefits will need to show an active effort to find a job starting Nov. 1.

The Texas Workforce Commission suspended the requirement in March as the pandemic started. More than 3.6 million have filed for unemployment relief since then, according to Texas Tribune research.

Workforce Executive Director Ed Serna said the state continues to suffer from the pandemic, "but we're seeing employment opportunities begin to bounce back in Texas as our economy restarts. There are opportunities out there, and getting Texans back to work and businesses up and running again will create even more."

Abhi Rahman, Texas Democratic Party communications director, called the action "wrong and emblematic of Republicans who will do the most cruel thing imaginable every chance they get."

"These are Texans who are struggling to put food on the table or fighting off evictions," Rahman said. "These are Texans who have lost everything due to no fault of their own."

Workforce officials report 695,000 jobs are available at WorkInTexas.com, the state's online portal. Texas Workforce also reported the state's unemployment rate jumped to 8.3% in September, up from 7% in August.

Big-time advocate in small town

A small-town Texas librarian is making big waves as an advocate for universal broadband access.

Dianne Connery, director of the Pottsboro Area Library, is spotlighted in Arizona State University's ShapingEDU's blog for her efforts to make high-speed internet available in her town of 2,000. Pottsboro is about 75 miles north of Dallas.

The article notes she helps library users with their online medical appointments, works to create wifi hotspots around Pottsboro for students during the pandemic, and teaches people how to use Google Drive. She also drives around town testing to show where broadband coverage has been exaggerated by service providers.

"Working in a rural library, I talk to people every day who struggle with not having access to broadband," Connery said. "Their stories inspired me to work to improve conditions. In particular, I saw how young people do not have the same experiences and opportunities as kids in the suburbs and urban environments."

Burning like a heat wave

La Niña conditions threaten to make this a dangerously dry and warm winter and spring in much of Texas.

A La Niña event could lead to a drought and a summer heat wave similar to the weather

pattern that smacked the state in 2010-11, according to Nelun Fernando with the Texas Water Development Board. Other factors might affect the amount of rainfall between now and the summer, he said, but already 18 counties in West Texas and the Panhandle are experiencing exceptional drought.

"We can say with some certainty, though, that the die is loaded toward drought persistence over West Texas through the winter and possibly through spring," Fernando said.

Giving Texas the business

The Aggies and the Longhorns aren't likely to finish No. 1 in football this season, but Texas can celebrate a national championship in economic development.

The state ranked No. 1 for the eighth consecutive time in a survey of U.S. corporate executives. The survey was announced at the International Economic Development Council's annual conference, which was held virtually in Dallas.

Executives preferred Texas over No. 2 Georgia by a wide margin. North Carolina, Florida and Tennessee round out the top five. Factors cited in the ranking: overall business climate, a favorable tax climate, a pro-business environment, and access to talent.

Carve out Halloween fun with care

Halloween activities will need to be more thoughtful this year to be safe during the pandemic, the Texas Department of Health Service advises.

Trick-or-treating from door to door is considered a high-risk activity for spreading COVID-19 and should be avoided, according to the state health department and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. People also should avoid attending crowded indoor costume parties and going to an indoor haunted house or on a hayride with those who are not part of their household.

Instead, the state and federal health agencies recommend lower-risk holiday activities such as carving pumpkins, decorating at home and having a virtual costume party. Moderate-risk activities include participating in one-way trick-or-treating where goodies are left at the end of the driveway; having a small group, outdoor, open-air costume parade where people are 6 feet apart and wear protective masks; and visiting pumpkin patches where people use hand sanitizer, wearing masks is encouraged or enforced, and people are able to maintain social distance.

Costumes with facial coverings are not sufficient replacements for proper cloth face masks, officials said.

"Do not wear a costume mask over a protective cloth mask because it can be dangerous if the costume mask makes it hard to breathe," the CDC advises. "Instead, consider using a Halloween-themed cloth mask."

Small Town Cookin' By Jeri Lynn White

It's October, so we need pumpkin recipes

I can't help it. I have to include a couple of pumpkin recipes for October. The bread recipe is common, but the second recipe is from the Olton Home-maker's 1976 Cookbook. It sounds like it would be tasty.

Pumpkin Bread

Kathy Childress

From the Cathedral of the Plains cookbook

3 c. sugar
3 1/2 c. flour
1 1/2 tsp. salt
1 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. nutmeg
2 sp. baking soda

1 c. oil
2 c. canned pumpkin
4 eggs
2/3 c. water
1 c. nuts, chopped
1/2 c. raisins (opt.)

Directions:
Put all ingredients into a large bowl and beat well. Add nuts and raisins. Divide into 3 greased loaf pans. Bake for 1 hour at 350oF. Yield: 3 loaves

Frozen Pumpkin Pie

Louise Martin

From the Olton Homemaker's 1976 Cookbook

2 c. canned pumpkin
1/2 pint whipping cream, whipped
1 tsp. nutmeg
1 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 tsp. salt
1 1/2 c. sugar
2 c. graham cracker crumbs
1 pint of vanilla ice cream, softened

Mix the pumpkin, nutmeg, cinnamon, salt, and sugar together. Then fold into whipped cream. Put in freezer and leave. Sprinkle graham cracker crumbs over long baking dish 1/2" deep. Spread softened vanilla ice cream over crumbs about 1 1/2" thick. Pour the pumpkin mixture over this. You can keep this in the freezer until all gone.

Gas prices edge lower

By GasBuddy

Texas gas prices have fallen 0.8 cents in the past week, averaging \$1.86 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 and stand 42.8 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$1.44 while the most expensive is \$2.69 per gallon. The national average price of gasoline has fallen 2.9 cents in the last week, averaging \$2.15 per gallon. The national average is down 1.7 cents per

gallon from a month ago and stands 50.0 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

"Gas prices have continued to remain subdued in large part due to the stalemate in Washington that's holding back another round of stimulus for Americans, which could boost the economy and oil demand and help Americans get back to work," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "Absent some resolve from lawmakers to boost the economy, we're likely in store for another week of sideways price movements, keeping average gas prices

near current levels for the fourth straight month. We may continue to see us stuck in this territory until there's meaningful change in our COVID-19 outlook."

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Lunch: Hot Dog, Sweet Potato Fries, Chips, Fruit, Juice, Milk

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Lunch: Hamburgers, Fries, Garnish, Carrots, Snowball Salad, Fruit, Juice, Milk

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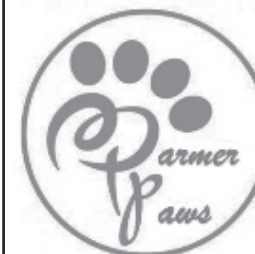
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Bushland	88.6 bu/acre	89.7 bu/acre	90.3 bu/acre
Grain Yield	High	Low	Average
Dryland Regional	77 bu/acre Bushland	25 bu/acre Wellington	40 bu/acre
Forage Yield	2017	2018	2019
Bushland	18227 lbs/acre	15383 lbs/acre	8066 lbs/acre (Heavy rain before emergence)
Lockett	N/A	10364 lbs/acre	11048 lbs/acre

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SPORTS



Friona 26 Childress 50

Scoring Summary

1st Quarter
 C - Daren Mathis 18 yd run (Ceasar Rojas PAT, no good)
 F - Mario Bautista 6 yd run (Tim Ally PAT, no good)
 C - Childress, Daren Mathis 14 yd run (2 point conversion, good)
 C - Collin Bishop 1 yd run (Ceasar Rojas PAT, no good)

2nd Quarter
 C - Devron Sim 64 yd pass from Collin Bishop (2 point conversion, good)

3rd Quarter
 F - Bryan Chavira 60 yd run (Tim Ally PAT, no good)
 C - Lamont Nickleberry 18 yd pass from Collin Bishop (2 point conversion, good)
 C - Collin Bishop 7 yd run (Ceasar Rojas PAT, good)

4th Quarter
 F - Malachi Torres 41 yd pass from Bryan Chavira (2 point conversion, no good)
 C - Lane Foster 1 yd run (Ceasar Rojas PAT, good)
 F - Bryan Chavira 2 yd run (2 point conversion, good)

Rushing Stats	Carries	Yards	TDs	Avg
1 Jacob Bautista	15	79	0	5.3
4 Mario Bautista	6	31	1	5.2
16 Bryan Chavira	25	159	2	6.4
24 Malachi Torres	6	8	0	1.3
Rushing Totals:	52	277	3	5.3

Receiving Stats	Receptions	Yards	TDs	Avg
1 Jacob Bautista	1	2	0	2.0
24 Malachi Torres	5	53	1	10.6
Receiving Totals:	6	55	1	9.2

Passing Stats	Comp	Att	Yards	TDs	INTs
16 Bryan Chavira	6	9	55	1	1

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

Defensive Stats	UN	AST.	TOT	TFL	FR	FC	INT	SACK
1 Jacob Bautista	6	4	10	-	-	-	-	-
4 Mario Bautista	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
7 Moises Pina	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
8 Juan Salinas	3	8	11	-	-	-	-	-
10 Adrian Legarreta	1	5	6	-	-	-	-	-
12 Angel Carranza	1	3	4	-	-	-	-	-
14 Isaias Olmos	2	3	5	-	-	-	-	-
20 Josiah Dominguez	2	5	8	1	-	-	-	-
24 Malachi Torres	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
28 Tony Rodriguez	5	4	9	-	-	-	-	-
30 Alberth Arguelles	2	7	9	-	-	-	-	-
50 Jake Padilla	2	1	3	-	-	-	-	-
51 Juan Lara	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
72 Andrew Husted	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
76 David Martinez	3	3	6	-	-	-	-	-

Yards allowed; Rushing 259, Passing 368, Total 619

The Week in Sports

Varsity Football

The Friona Chieftains fell to the Childress Bobcats 50-26 last Friday night in Childress. The Bobcats are currently the #9 ranked team in the state. Mario Bautista scored Friona's first touchdown on a 6 yard run. Bryan Chavira ran for two touchdowns and connected with Malachi Torres on a 41 yard pass play for another touchdown. On defense, the leading tacklers for the Chiefs were Juan Salinas (11), Jacob Bautista (10) and Tony Rodriguez (9). The Chieftains (2-1, 5-2) host the #1 ranked Canadian Wildcats Friday night at Chieftain Field.

Freshman Football

The Freshman team defeated the Dalhart Golden Wolves 8-6 in a defensive battle last Thursday at Chieftain Field. Friona scored on a 8 yd Run by Abisai Torres. Adian Trevino made the 2 point conversion on a 3 yard run. Defensive standouts were Michael Bautista with a fumble recovery, Johnny Gonzalez with an interception, Adian Trevino with an interception, and Kenneth Vielmann with 5 tackles for a loss. Jarrett White lead the team with 12 total tackles.

Junior High Football

The 7th grade Braves lost to Childress 44-6. Rafael Rocha scored the touchdown for the Braves. They are now 2-3 overall and 2-1 in district.

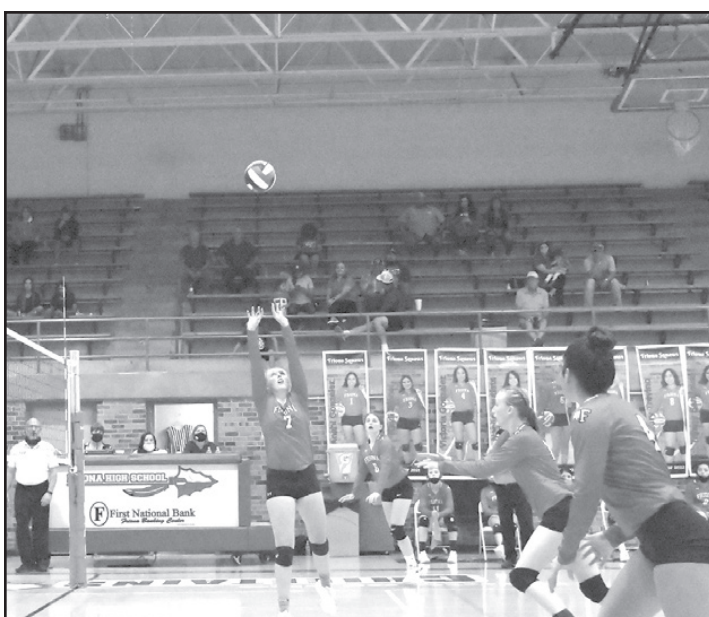
The 8th grade Braves lost to Childress 40-0. They are now 1-4 overall and 1-2 in district.

Varsity Volleyball

The Squaws are in the playoffs! They defeated Lamesa 3-1 last Saturday night at Lamesa. The Squaws (4-4, 6-11) are on the road for their final two games which are at Denver City on October 24th and at Littlefield on October 27th. The Squaws are competing with Littlefield for the 3rd and 4th seed for the playoffs.

Cross Country

The cross country teams competed at the District Meet in Lubbock on Wednesday. Adrian Legarreta (1st), Dieter Ally (3rd), and Yvonne Legarreta (1st) are advancing to Regionals! The boys team finished in 3rd place. Full results next week.



Division II - District 3-3A Football

Team	District	Overall
Canadian	3-0	6-1
Childress	3-1	6-1
Friona	2-1	5-2
Spearman	2-1	6-1
Tulia	1-2	4-3
Highland Park	1-3	1-7
Dimmitt	0-4	0-7

District 1-3A Volleyball

Team	District	Overall
Brownfield	8-1	20-2
Denver City	7-1	16-6
Littlefield	4-2	8-7
Friona	4-4	6-11
Lamesa	1-7	2-19
Dimmitt	0-9	1-21

On Election Day, November 3, voters must vote in their precinct where registered to vote:

Precincts 101 and 202
Senior Citizen's Center
1410 Washington, Friona, TX

Precinct 401
Lazbuddie Methodist Church
665 FM 1172, Lazbuddie, TX

Precinct 302
Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church
646 FM 1731, Farwell, TX

Precinct 402
City of Friona, Council Chambers
619 Main St. Friona, TX

Precinct 301
Farwell Community Center
209 9th St., Farwell, TX

Precincts 201 and 303
EMS Building
109 3rd St., Bovina, TX

Precinct 203
Rhea Community Center, Rhea Community
Hwy FM 2013, 24 Miles NW of Bovina, TX

Early Voting:

October 13 - October 30, 2020
Mon-Thur 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday 8:30 - 3:00 p.m.
Parmer County Courthouse
401 3rd St, Farwell, TX 79325

Texas honey production tops 7.4 million pounds

By Adam Russell

Texas remained sixth in the nation for honey production in 2019, and is home to thousands of overwintering hives that contribute to the nation's agricultural economy each growing season, according to Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service experts.

Molly Keck, AgriLife Extension entomologist, Bexar County, said Texas beekeeping falls into three categories - hobbyists, sideliners and commercial.

Hobbyists are backyard beekeepers who keep bees, typically less than 10 hives, to meet Texas' agriculture exemption for property taxes and/or to produce honey for their household, to share and/or sell locally. Sideliners typically have 50-250 hives but also maintain a full-time job.

"The plight of the honeybee and beekeeping to protect populations is a part of the increasing trend of hobbyist beekeepers," Keck said. "But around 75% of the residents who participate in our Beekeeping 101 course are doing it to get that ag exemption with the bonus being honey for themselves and to share with family and friends and maybe sell at local farmers markets."

Commercial beekeepers are those who keep 500 colonies or more. Their livelihood depends on bee husbandry and by moving large numbers of hives around the state and nation to pollinate crops and/or produce honey.

In Texas for instance, a commercial beekeeper may deliver hives in the Rio Grande Valley to pollinate watermelon fields and move those same hives to the Texas Plains to pollinate cotton later in the growing season. Then in the summer they may move their colonies to South Dakota or North Dakota for clover honey production.

Honey production and home base

Juliana Rangel, Ph.D, AgriLife Research honey bee scientist in the Department of Entomology, Bryan-College Station, said Texas is home to many beekeepers because they hold bees here in winter and then take them to other states for pollination services in February and throughout the year.

Rangel said as Texas is not among the states that require apiary permitting or registration, it is difficult to keep an accurate tally of beehives, activities like queen and bee sales and honey production.

The annual U.S. Department of Agriculture honey report in March 2019 showed 132,000 honey-producing colonies in Texas. By comparison, North Dakota, the No. 1 honey-producing state, reported 550,000 colonies. Texas colonies produced 7.4 million pounds of honey in 2019, according to the USDA report. Total U.S. honey production topped 154 million pounds.

Even though the top honey-producing states are North Dakota and South Dakota, California, Florida and Minnesota, Rangel said thousands of those hives are based, or at least overwinter, in Texas as the state offers a mild winter climate for bees.

"A lot of these major producers who provide pollinator services and produce honey have a residence in Texas, but travel throughout the year before returning their bees to the state in preparation for winter," she said.

Honey production requires nectar sources from wildflowers like bluebonnets, Indian paintbrush and almond ver-

vena, Keck said. East Texas' climate provides the best conditions for a long honey "flow" that typically starts in February or March and can continue until the end of the year, depending on temperatures.

"Honey bees produce throughout Texas, but there's less production in West Texas because it's dry and there's fewer nectar sources," she said. "Central Texas typically gets a sizeable flow in the spring and a tiny one in the fall. Freezes in the Panhandle limit production there, but there's also an abundance of agricultural settings that they benefit."

Honey bees prefer monocrops, or large swaths of a particular nectar source, whether it's bluebonnets, cucumbers, fruit trees, watermelons or clover, Keck said. Native bees, on the other hand, prefer to pick and choose nectar sources.

The Dakotas are top honey-producing states because of massive fields of clover that provide a good nectar source for honey production, Rangel said. Bees are taken there in late spring and early summer for honey production.

Nectar harvest in Texas coincides with major wildflower blooms in early spring, Rangel said.

"Nectar harvest in Texas is short but abundant and spikes in mid-to-late spring. By early summer there's not much, but then there's a fall bloom that produces some honey as well," she said. "During summer and after that bloom, those honey-producing hives are fed sugar syrup."

Trends in beekeeping

Rangel and Keck said interest in honeybees and beekeeping is on the rise, but that the number of active beekeepers in Texas is difficult to nail down. Rangel believes the number of hobbyists likely stays steady due to attrition and addition each year. Keck said participation in AgriLife Extension's Beekeeping 101 program, which is designed for beginners, suggests beekeeping is on the rise, especially in South and Central Texas.

"The number is at least staying steady," Rangel said. "The problem when you're a beginner is that you may be discouraged by a colony's death in winter and wash out within three years, but you have new hobbyists starting. And over the last 10 years, because of pollinator awareness, the numbers have definitely gone up."

Rangel said controlling Varroa mites is the biggest challenge for beekeepers. This pest can introduce dozens of viral pathogens that cause colonies to collapse if untreated.

In Texas, Rangel said there are fewer crops that require foliar pesticide applications, which are detrimental to honeybee populations. The landscape is also populated with diverse plants that pollinators, including native bees and honeybees, can feed from year-round.

But urbanization is impacting that landscape, she said.

"People should be aware of the importance of pollinators," Rangel said. "Bees provide pollination services that represent over \$16 billion to the U.S. economy every year, and one-third of the food we eat is pollinated by honey bees. They just need to be aware that avoiding harsh chemicals to control weeds and planting pollinator-friendly areas on their properties can go a long way in protecting pollinators, including the honey bee."



Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan

As I have written about in previous columns, the five Sullivan siblings are pretty tight. We have shared tastes in music, movies, reading, history, art, and sports (excluding Shane, although I did convert him to PGA golf after the 2015 U.S. Open at Chambers Bay). But it is Sabrina, the youngest at 54, who decided years ago to shake up the wide world of sports in our family.

The Dallas Cowboys were a relatively young franchise when Scotty, Sara, and I were kids. Maybe that's what happened to Sabrina. She fell for the Houston Oilers when she was in cloth diapers. Then, when Ted Turner and WTBS introduced nightly baseball games, Sabrina jumped ship from the Yankees to the Braves. To this day, she tells me she changed football and baseball loyalties because she wanted to cheer for the underdogs. I have other theories as to why the baby of the family abdicated.

First, phonetics: a quarterback with the name [Warren] Moon was much easier to pronounce than [Roger] Staubach.

Second, color schemes: the Cowboys combination of blue/silver just did not pop like the Columbia Blue of the Oilers. Add red and white--the trio of colors must have must have hypnotized our sister.

Third, white shoes: toddlers in the 60s and 70s did not wear cute baby Converse, Nike, or Walmart knockoffs. As with her siblings, Sabrina wore those hard-soled white high-top shoes so we could balance ourselves and not sprain our ankles, I guess. The Oilers had a star kickoff/punt returner named Billy "White Shoes" Johnson. Think about little Brina standing in front of the tv set and seeing a guy wearing shoes like hers. Besides, "shoes" and "Moooon" have that goo-goo sound. The

Cowboys forfeited our little sister to Houston because of sounds, colors, and footwear—I just know it.

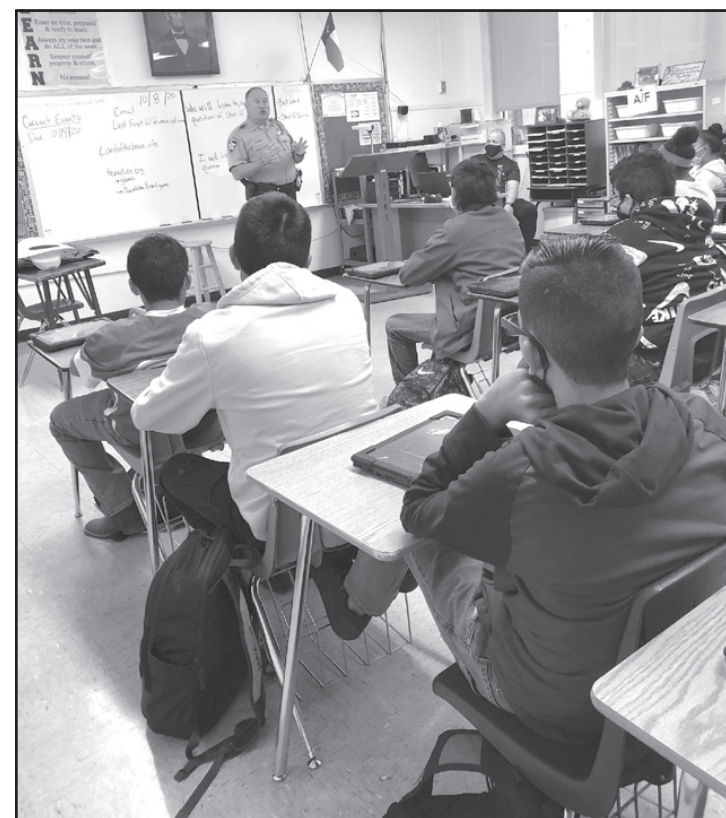
Until the late 70s, most baseball coverage was limited to regional exposure or the network coverage of the major league Game of the Week televised on Saturday afternoons. Then came Channel 17.

Ted Turner, the Southern media mogul who eventually purchased the Atlanta team, got in on the satellite boom and began nation-wide syndicated coverage on what was then WTBS. The Braves became known as America's Team, and Sabrina fell for them curve, slider, and sinker. While the rest of us in the household were cheering on the Yankees, Sabrina turned to Dale Murphy and Bobby Cox.

Her Oilers are now the Tennessee Titans. Once Bum Phil-

lips and Earl Campbell left the Oilers, she never felt the same anyway. As for the Braves, they have been happily married to Sabrina now for over 40 years. She has planned vacations around their visits to Texas ballparks, traveled to Atlanta to catch playoff games, and she and her husband went to Cooperstown, New York, for Chipper Jones Hall of Fame induction in 2018.

Today, the old Oilers defeated today's Houston Texans in overtime. And as I type this, Sabrina is glued to Fox Sports watching Game 7 of the National League Championship Series. The Braves and Dodgers are tied 3-3 in the bottom of the seventh inning. If the Braves win, they go to the World Series for the first time since 1999. For the record, they lost that Series to....the Yankees.



Parmer County Sheriff Randy Geries went back to school last week. Sheriff Geries conducted seminars with each of Mr. Gonzales' junior high classes. Discussion topics included interactions with law enforcement, current events, and procedures to follow when calling 911 to report an emergency.

A Party of Parties!

On Election Day we vote for our new leaders.

1. The symbol of the Republican Party is the **elephant**.

2. The symbol of the Democratic Party is the **donkey**.

3. Some voters back this horse... er... donkey!

4. Hey, look at me!

5. I'm soaring in the polls!

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It's the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown!!!

Amelia Taylor sent these pictures to the Friona Star showcasing the family pumpkin harvest. Her daughter, Amanda had sent her the seeds from "Floydada" pumpkins bought last year and asked that they be added to the garden for this year. The results are in and the total weight of the pumpkins was nearly 600 pounds with the heaviest being 96 pounds. That is Pumpkin Strong.

Ask an expert: A climatologist explains La Niña's impact on Texas

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What does a La Niña pattern mean for our state's water supply?

The majority of our state's major water supply reservoirs are located in the eastern half of the state and, at the end of September 2020, these were in pretty good shape due to the recent rains. However, storage at Elephant Butte Reservoir, which serves El Paso, and in other res-

ervoirs in the Panhandle, West Texas, and Central Texas are even lower than usual for this time of year.

Warmer temperatures and less rainfall in the winter through spring seasons could result in declining reservoir storage due to increased evaporative loss and reduced river flow to all water supply reservoirs in the state. Inevitably, such an impact would be more detrimental to communities relying on water

supply from reservoirs already low in storage.

What's the connection between El Niño and La Niña?

You can think of El Niño and La Niña as two faces of the same coin, where the coin is a phenomenon known as the El Niño Southern Oscillation (also referred to as ENSO). During an El Niño event, the tropical Pacific Ocean off South America's western

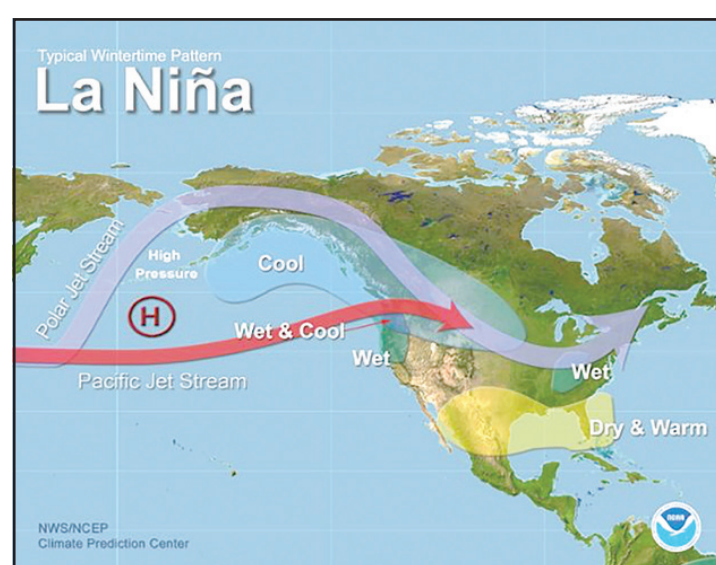
coast is warmer than the long-term average. During a La Niña event, or the other side of the coin, that same region is cooler than the long-term average. Temperature changes in the Pacific have huge impacts on weather systems globally.

If sea surfaces are cooler during a La Niña phase, why do we expect warmer temperatures?

Remember how the jet stream and associated storm systems are farther north of their climatological or typically expected positions? This change in the jet stream means that there could be less cloud cover over Texas, and more solar radiation can reach the land surface leading to sensible heating and warmer temperatures.

About Dr. Nelun Fernando

As the Manager of the Water Availability Program



La Niña conditions are currently in place, favoring a warmer and drier pattern across Texas through the winter and spring. Photo credit: National Weather Service

at the TWDB, Dr. Fernando is in charge of providing programmatic direction and oversight for the technical assistance provided to the regional water planning process and the compilation of reservoir evaporation data used for water rights permitting and regional water planning. Dr. Fernando has expertise in drought diagnostics and early warning, coastal runoff modeling, and developing actionable climate information for water resource applications.

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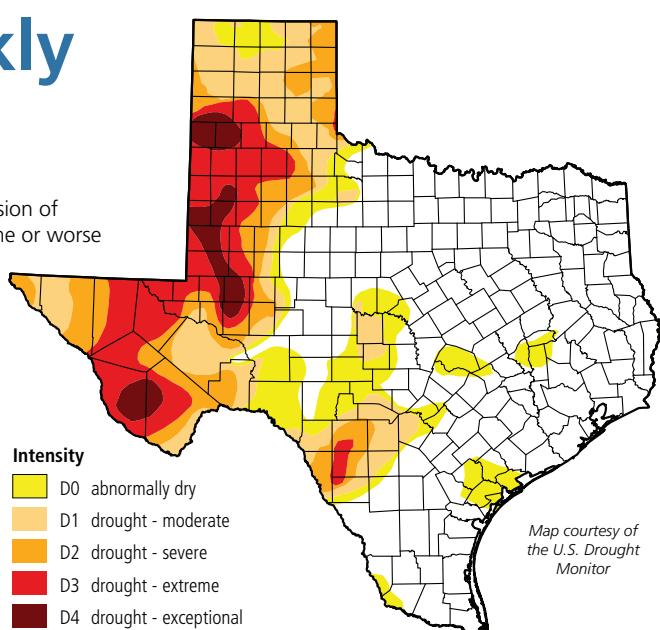
For the week of 10/19/20

Water conditions

The latest drought map shows slow expansion of drought for the third straight week. Extreme or worse drought is now impacting 14 percent of the state, similar to early September 2020 when it covered its largest area since August 2018.

Drought conditions

- ◆ 36% now
- ◆ 33% a week ago
- ◆ 32% three months ago
- ◆ 50% a year ago



Map courtesy of the U.S. Drought Monitor



CONFUSED About Your Medicare Options?

If you are considering joining or switching to Medicare Advantage Plan during the Medicare open enrollment period, please BE AWARE:

Medicare Advantage Plans ARE NOT Traditional Medicare.

If you have a Medicare Advantage Plan:

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- Lower premiums may be offset by HIGHER out-of-pocket costs.
- You MAY NOT be able to use local physicians and healthcare services, or these services could COST MORE.
- Other services may be LIMITED.

BE CAREFUL...when changing your prescription drug program to make sure you have not switched to a Medicare Advantage plan by mistake.



Parmer Medical Center and Friona Rural Health Clinic encourage you to carefully evaluate any Medicare Advantage Plan before you give up traditional Medicare. Check with Rhonda Wilkins, Director of Senior Services, at 806.250.2754 if you have any questions about your Medicare coverage.

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