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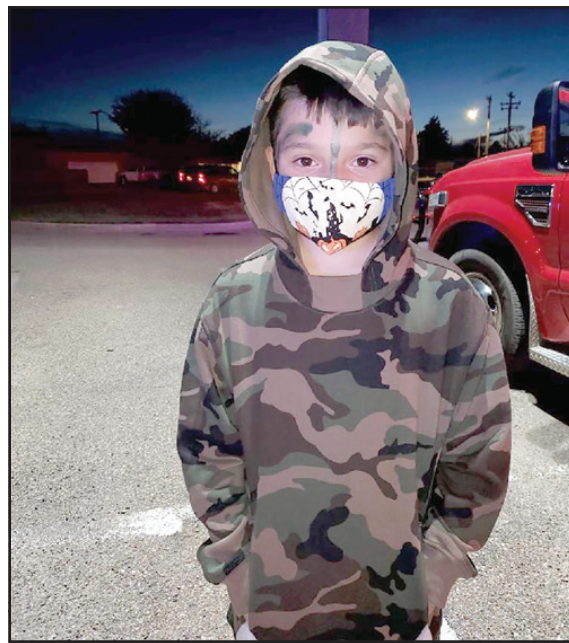


Friona 4-H helped Parmer Paws move into their new building last Sunday.

2020 Trunk or Treat Winners



Best Decorated Covid-19 Mask
First place - Ariana Balli



Best Decorated Covid-19 Mask
Second place - Nathan Fernandez



Best Decorative Trunk
Ghost Busters

U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission Launches a "November Salute" to Celebrate the Lives of America's Servicemen and Women, Past and Present

Program honors veterans, active duty military and all who have served in defense of freedom

In recognition of Veterans Day and the millions who have served in our nation's military, the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission today announced the launch of the America 250 November Salute, a month-long celebration of veterans, active duty military and their families.

"We wouldn't be celebrating the 250th Anniversary of our nation without the brave service and sacrifice of the U.S. Armed Forces, veterans and all those who have worn our nation's uniform," said Dan DiLella, Chairman of the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission. "We hope the November Salute offers all Americans the opportunity to remember, thank, and honor the men and women who defend our freedoms and democracy."

Throughout the month, Americans will have the opportunity to submit a photo of themselves or their loved ones to an online photo mashup generator, with America 250 branded photo filters commemorating the



service of veterans, active duty military and in remembrance of those who have gone before us. The filtered image will be available for the user to download and display in an online "Gallery of Salutes" for all Americans to see and enjoy.

Americans will be able to submit their photos beginning November 1, 2020 through the end of the month on www.NovemberSalute.America250.org. The full Gallery of Salutes

will also be available on the America 250 website, www.america250.org. As an official program of the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission, photos from the America 250 November Salute will be shared with the U.S. National Archives.

"In the lead up to America's 250th birthday in 2026, the service of our nation's heroes and their families will be an incredibly important theme," added DiLella. "We look forward to establishing

additional activations and partnerships that honor, recognize and celebrate their important role in the history and future of our country."

Officially known as the United States Semiquincentennial, "America 250" will be the most expansive and inclusive milestone in our nation's history. During the official commemorative period beginning this year and culminating on July 4, 2026, America 250 has the opportunity to engage nearly 350

million Americans and millions more friends worldwide through engaging programs, educational outreach and signature events. More information about the Commission's vision and approach to programming can be found in Inspiring the American Spirit, its report submitted to the President on December 31, 2019.

About U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission: The U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission was established by Congress to inspire all Americans and each American to participate in our greatest milestone ever—the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States. The Commission is charged with orchestrating the largest and most inclusive anniversary observance in our nation's history. The Commission will work with public and private entities across the country to make America 250 a once-in-a-lifetime experience for all Americans. For more information visit www.america250.org

Parmer County COVID-19 stats as of November 3



Active Cases
79

Total Cases
595

Recoveries
497

Fatalities
19



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Friona Weather November 5-11	T ☀️ 80 42 NNE 10-15	F ☁️ 77 46 SSW 10-20	S ☁️ 74 47 S 20-30	S ☁️ 73 46 SW 20-30	M ☀️ 67 31 WSW 15-25	T ☀️ 56 29 WNW 10-20	W ☀️ 61 34 SW 10-20	Precipitation November 0.00 Year 9.18	Burn Ban: Yes
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Jr. High News



Community Calendar

Send Calendar information to: frionastar@wtrt.net
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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

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- 3.) Search

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

COVID-19 News

Coronavirus cases confirmed
As of November 3, 2020

Texas:	Worldwide:
974,000 cases	47,600,000 cases
18,722 deaths	1,220,000 deaths
	31,700,000 recoveries
United States:	
9,470,000 cases	
233,000 deaths	

Congratulations to our Friona Junior High Students of the Month for October.

The Friona Junior High Student of the Month embodies our mission and exhibits good character, leadership, and personal academic success.



Back Row Left to Right - Angel Saucedo (8th Grade), Karen Morales (7th Grade), Michael Alvarez (6th Grade), Front Row Left to Right - Avrem Hernandez (7th Grade), Karely Nunez (8th Grade), Miranda Pina (6th Grade)

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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.

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.



Milk House Market

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Maegan Davis & John O'Brian
Anna Murphree & Jeff Chambliss

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Friday 11-5
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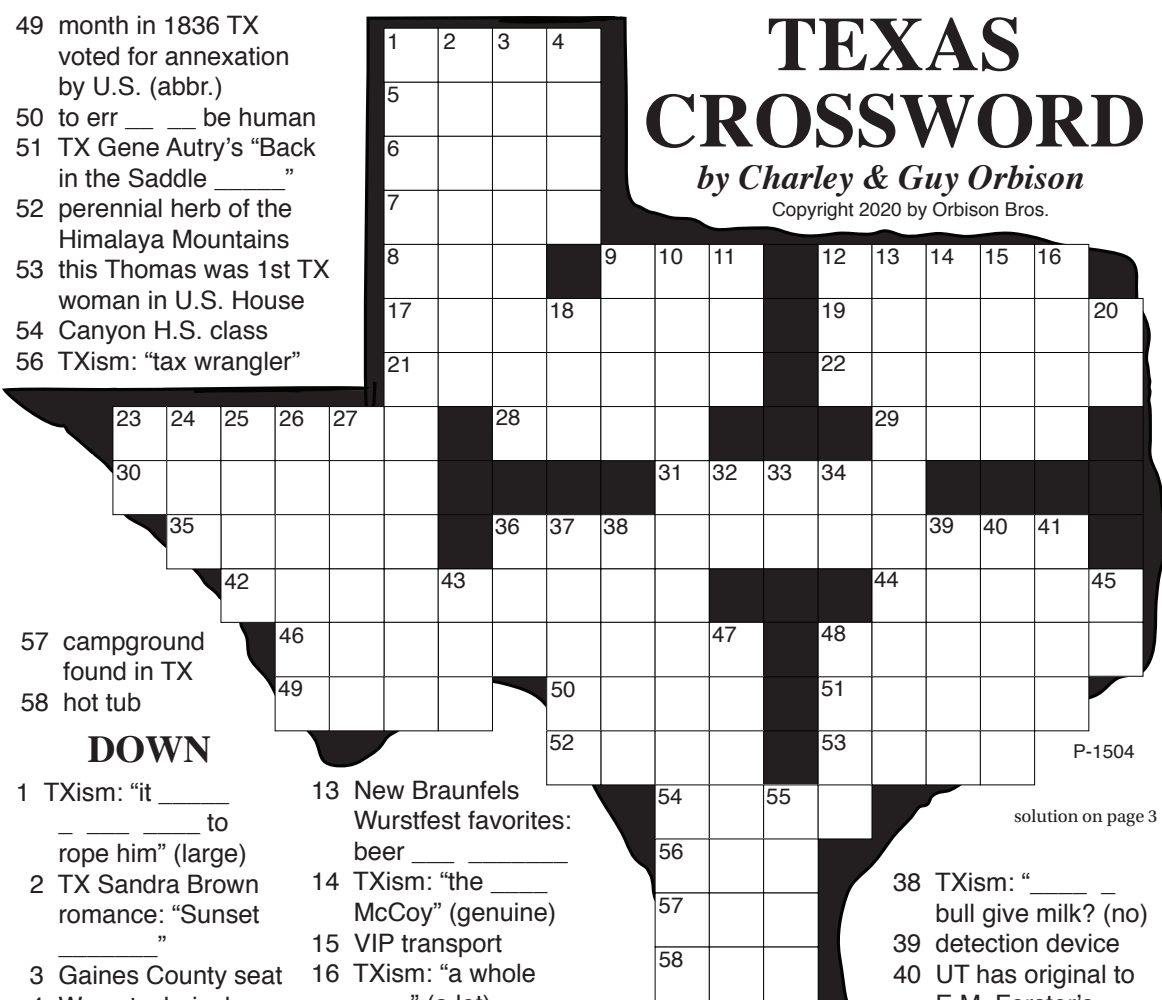
- 1 TXism: "gut check"
- 5 TX or IA town
- 6 Beaumont TV
- 7 Ranger sports-caster Nadel
- 8 ___ Angelo, TX
- 9 ending for a Valley citrus drink
- 12 former home of the "Tango Frogs": ___ Corner
- 17 TXism: "black as the inside of ___"
- 19 UT has the original of "Mourning Becomes Electra" by this Eugene
- 21 "Tighten Up" TX band "Archie ___ the Drells"
- 22 actor who played "Daniel Boone"
- 23 TXism: "___ could cry a river"
- 28 France currency
- 29 TXism: "___ as molasses in January"
- 30 TXism: "he could ___ my dog" (panhandler)
- 31 ex-Ranger pitcher, Bob (1985)
- 35 ___ ligation
- 36 TX Greer Garson scientist role in 1943
- 42 TXism: "build the fence ___ buy cattle" (plan)
- 44 TX actress Duncan
- 46 assumes a burden
- 48 golf clubs toter

DOWN

- 1 TXism: "it ___ to ___ rope him" (large)
- 2 TX Sandra Brown romance: "Sunset ___"
- 3 Gaines County seat
- 4 Waco technical school (abbr.)
- 9 TXism: "___ piece" (distant)
- 10 notable Glen Rose finds (2 wds.)
- 11 TXism: "heavy as the front ___ of a John Deere"
- 12 Ben Thompson ran Austin saloon & faro parlor with this Phil
- 49 month in 1836 TX voted for annexation by U.S. (abbr.)
- 50 to err ___ be human
- 51 TX Gene Autry's "Back in the Saddle ___"
- 52 perennial herb of the Himalaya Mountains
- 53 this Thomas was 1st TX woman in U.S. House
- 54 Canyon H.S. class
- 56 TXism: "tax wrangler"
- 13 New Braunfels Wurstfest favorites: beer ___
- 14 TXism: "the ___ McCoy" (genuine)
- 15 VIP transport
- 16 TXism: "a whole ___" (a lot)
- 18 TX George H. ailment on 1992 Japan trip
- 20 blue jeans inventor Levi (init.)
- 23 TXism: "___ long" (good bye)
- 24 TXism: "get the lead ___" (hurry)
- 25 ___ your toe
- 26 nun superior

TEXAS CROSSWORD

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solution on page 3

- 27 TXism: "he's so ___ can't hear thunder"
- 32 "Hook ' ___ Horns!"
- 33 TXism: "I'll ___ a monkey's uncle!"
- 34 ___ Cola
- 36 noted ex-Cowboy corner, Renfro
- 37 Turkish city
- 38 TXism: "___ bull give milk? (no)"
- 39 detection device
- 40 UT has original to E.M. Forster's "Passage to ___"
- 41 ___ burg, TX
- 43 TXism: "lower than a snake's belly in a wheel ___"
- 45 Boerne landmark: "___ Kendall Inn"
- 47 TXism for soft drink
- 48 TXism: "___ boose" (jail)
- 55 Hereford H.S. class

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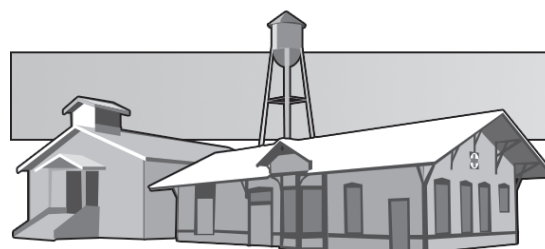
FHS Marching Band at contest in Amarillo last week.

FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



At the Senior Citizen's lunch last Thursday there was a little politick-in' and a little eatin' too. From left, Stenholm campaign aide Tres Bailey III, Kathryn Gurley, Clarence Martin, and Charles Stenholm. Ron Carr photo. (Friona Star, Thursday, October 28, 2004)



TOWN TALK

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The Prairie Acres "Resident of the Month" for November is Roger Gee. The "Employee of the Month" is Jackie Guevara. She works in the nursing department and has been with Prairie Acres since January. Interim Administrator Casey Tiffany announced that the Essential Caregiver Visitation is going very well. She said, "Our residents are currently enjoying seeing their loved ones again - it shows in their smiles that are there long after you leave." Currently only one visitor is allowed at a time and visits can only last for two hours.

Parmer County Sheriff Randy Geris would like to thank everyone involved with this year's Trunk or Treat Halloween event. The weather cooperated and there was a good turnout of trick or treaters. You can find the contest winners on the front page. Thanks to the Parmer County Sheriff's Office for planning the event and Parmer Medical Center for allowing the use of their parking lot. See you next year

Your blood is needed!!! The blood supply is critically low and all donations are vitally

needed. Please see details in story on this page.

The Mighty Chieftain Marching Band received a 2 at the Regional Marching Contest last Saturday at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo.

The Friona Star will have election coverage of the local and state contests in next week's edition.

The Star will also have special coverage of Friona Youth Sports which just completed its five week season for 2020 football and volleyball.

National Days

- November 5: Doughnut Day
- November 6: Nachos Day
- November 7: Play Outside Day
- November 8: Parents as Teachers Day
- November 9: Scrapple Day
- November 10: Marine Corp Birthday
- November 11: Veterans Day

SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

- (10/27/20) Luis Maturino Rodriguez, 32, of Farwell, Texas was arrested by the Sheriff's Office for indecency with a child. Pending Grand Jury.
- (10/28/20) Brian Ortega, 19, of Amherst was arrested by the Sheriff's Office for Possession of marijuana < 2 oz. Pending County Court.
- (10/31/20) Camilo Villa, 21, of Amarillo was arrested by Friona Police Department for possession of marijuana < 2 oz. Pending County Court.
- (11/1/20) Rosalia Chavez, 41, of Friona was arrested by Friona Police Department for assault. Pending County Court.
- (11/1/20) Leslie Contreras, 27, of Friona was arrested by Friona Police Department for purchase/furnish alcohol to a minor.
- (11/1/20) Nathan Contreras, 28, of Friona was arrested by Friona Police Department for purchase/furnish alcohol to a minor & resisting arrest. Pending County Court.
- (11/1/20) Gabriel Vega, 21, of Amarillo was arrested by Friona Police Department for possession of marijuana < 2 oz., pending County Court. Criminal mischief, pending County Court
- (11/1/20) Vincent Gonzalez, 29, of Friona was arrested by Friona Police Department for possession of marijuana < 2 oz. Pending County Court.
- (11/1/20) Mike A. Pena II, 25, of Hereford was arrested by Friona Police Department for credit or debit card abuse. Pending Grand Jury.

COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from October 22, 2020 to October 28, 2020

- (10/23/20) Fausto Corona, Karla Cota — Dominga Hernandez — All of L 1 of B 97 of the Original Town of Friona in Parmer and Vol 5 G 421
- (10/23/20) Richard Daniel Carpenter — The Hettinga Revocable Trust — The S/2 of Sec 7 Township 11 S R 3 E Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County
- (10/23/20) Joshua K. Jones, Carmen K. Jones — Stephen Nasello, Roxann Nasello — All of L 2 B 9 Ironwood Estates Unit No 2 A Residential Subdiv in Parmer County
- (10/23/20) Eric Arreola, Maria Marrufo — Marissa Marquez — All of L 5 B 63 in Original Town of Friona in Parmer County
- (10/26/20) Vincente Meza, Leticia Meza — Christian Arturo Meza, Jacqueline Meza, Estrella Meza, Aaron Meza — The E 1/2 of L 1, 2, and 3 of B 11 of the Original Town of Farwell in Parmer County
- (10/28/20) Virginia Loya Aragon — Catalina Ortega — L 6 B 2 Ridgeview Addition City of Friona in Parmer County

Friona Blood Drive is November 5th

The Friona Noon Lions Club is sponsoring a Friona Community Blood Drive on Thursday, November 5th from Noon until 7:00 p.m. in the Calvary Baptist Church Fellowship Hall at 1500 Cleveland. Donors will receive a t-shirt, face mask, Whataburger coupon, and Cin-

ergy movie pass!
To schedule an appointment, call 1-806-331-8833 or visit yourbloodinstitute.org. Appointments are preferred, walk-ins accepted, and masks required. All donations will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies to identify potential plasma donors.

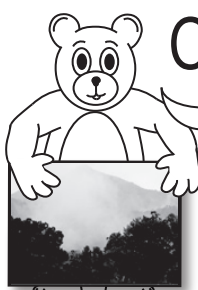
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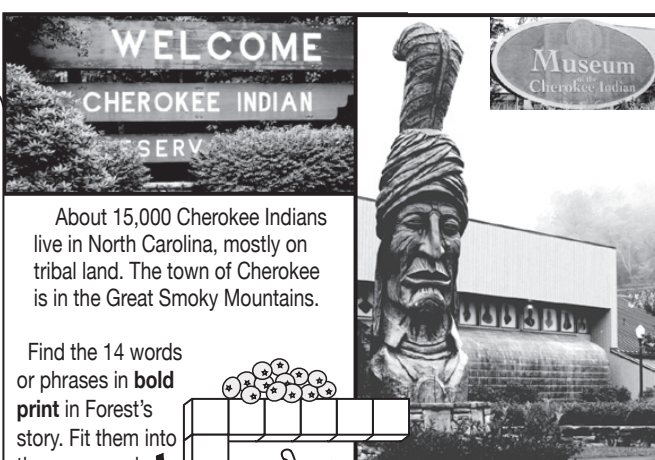
Cherokee Nation (Eastern Band)

Did you know that archaeologists think the first people to live in North America were the Paleo-Indians? At the end of the last Ice Age (around 12,000 years ago) these people moved from Asia into North America on a land bridge that existed then. It is believed that they lived in small family groups and moved constantly to hunt animals like the mastodon (an elephant-like animal that is now extinct) and to gather foods like berries and nuts. Arrowheads for spears and other tools mark places where they lived.

In the Archaic period (8,000 to 1,000 BCE), families had homes with wooden poles covered with hides, which could be moved. In the spring they would move to the river valleys to fish and collect shellfish. In the fall they would move to the forest to hunt deer or turkey and gather nuts and berries. Archaeologists have studied tools, soapstone bowls, burial grounds and pottery to understand these people's ways.

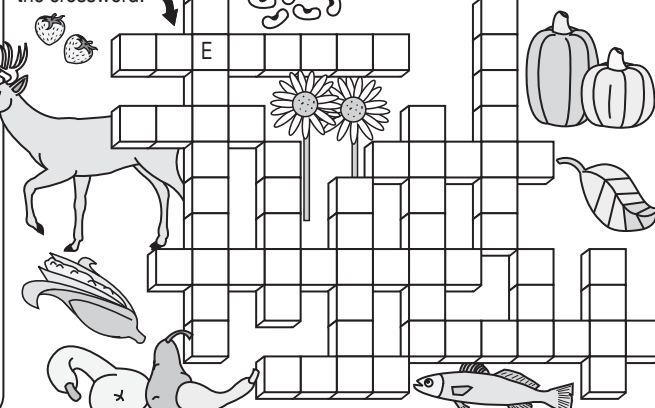
In a more recent period, Woodland Indians, people are thought to have had villages as well as seasonal camps. Corn, a key part of the Indian diet, was introduced. The first evidence for the bow and arrow were found. It is believed that people were trading: salt, beads, shells, fish, pottery and animal skins. During the next period, Mississippian Indians, settlements became more permanent. Squash, corn and beans, known as the Three Sisters, were important and foods from hunting and gathering were now added to the foods harvested from gardens. Beautiful jewelry and pottery were created too.

After 1650, when Europeans arrived, there were years of both peace and fighting. In 1836, the U.S. Senate accepted a treaty signed by a small group of Cherokee to sell their land and the Cherokee were forced to leave the east to be resettled in Oklahoma. They were expected to walk 1,000 miles to get there! On this hard walk, now called the "Trail of Tears," an estimated 4,000-8,000 people died. Some Cherokee refused to move and hid in the mountains. Many of their descendants now live on Qualla Boundary, a preserve.



About 15,000 Cherokee Indians live in North Carolina, mostly on tribal land. The town of Cherokee is in the Great Smoky Mountains.

Find the 14 words or phrases in bold print in Forest's story. Fit them into the crossword.



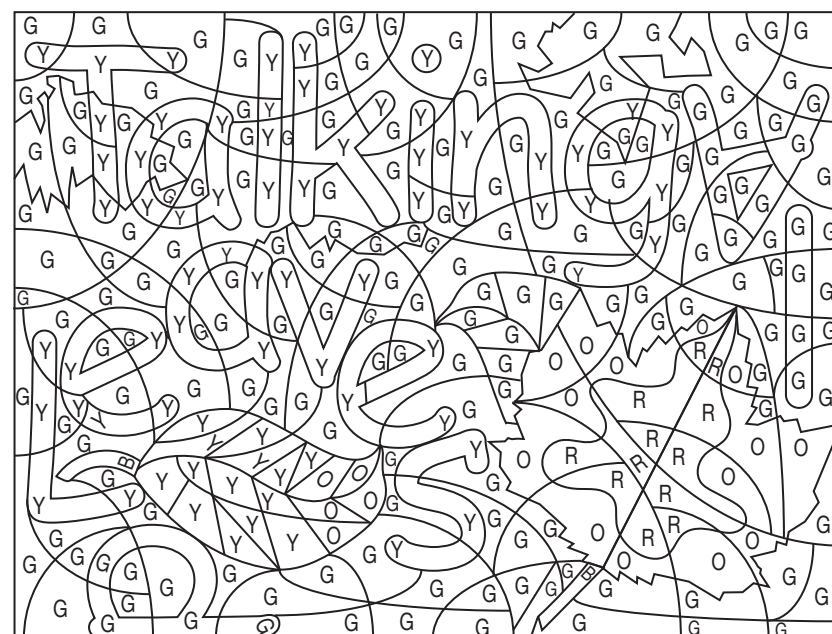
Sequoyah Invents a Cherokee Alphabet

Sequoyah was a young Cherokee who learned how to work with silver. He wanted to sign his work like the European silversmiths did, so he visited Chief Charles Hicks, who could write in English. After Sequoyah learned to write his name using the alphabet, he began to think about creating a writing system for the Cherokee language. With it, they would be able to read and write letters, write down stories and record their history. He created a system where each sound was represented by a symbol, so each letter was a syllable of a word. His system was easy to use and many Cherokee learned to read and write using it.

Sequoyah liked papers and books since they could be used to exchange ideas.

Follow the color key to see what he called them:

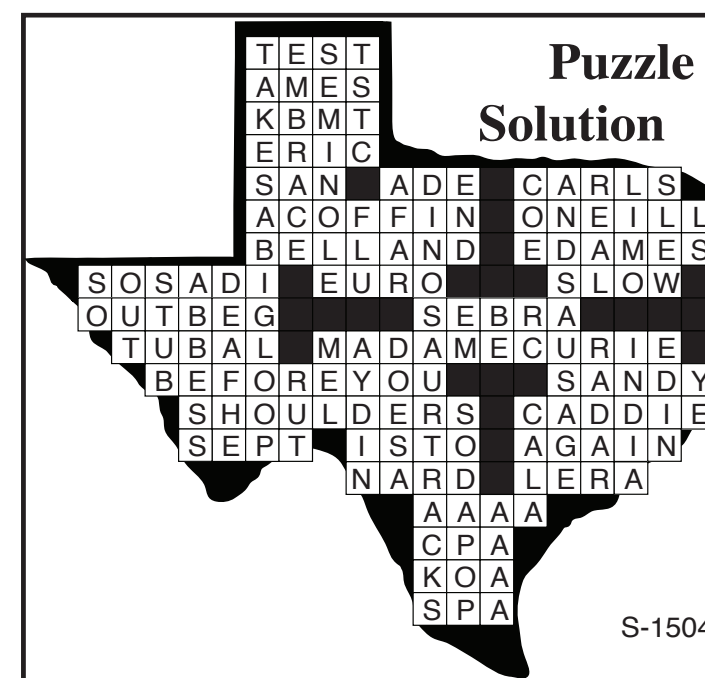
- B = Brown
- G = Green
- O = Orange
- R = Red
- Y = Yellow



Arts and Crafts

The Cherokee people create many beautiful arts and crafts that have been taught from generation to generation. Match the art or craft to what may be used to create it:

1. pottery
 2. beadwork
 3. doll
 4. baskets
 5. wooden items
 6. belt made by finger weaving
 7. masks
 8. stone artwork
 9. jewelry
- A. woven from river cane, white oak or honeysuckle
 - B. carved from maple, cherry, butternut
 - C. formed from clay, fired in pits of wood fires
 - D. made of glass, used on clothing and for jewelry
 - E. traditionally made from tree bark, gourd or animal fur
 - F. may be made of buffalo fur, mulberry bark, some beads
 - G. carved from soapstone, pipestone (a clay stone used for making pipes)
 - H. may be made with stone, silver, beads
 - I. made from cornshucks, cloth



Winter crop planting ramps up in South Texas

Cool-season crops in the Rio Grande Valley are off to a good start after plantings were delayed by rain, said a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

Producers in the Rio Grande Valley have been busy playing catch-up on planting cool-season crops including onions, leafy greens, carrots and kale, said Juan Anciso, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension vegetable specialist, Weslaco.

September was very wet, starting with rains generated by hurricanes and tropical storms, he said. But now, following days of sunshine and above-normal temperatures, planting operations are at full speed.

"Rains in September delayed early planting, but now planting conditions are perfect," he said. "Plantings look to be on target."

The planting window is critical for cool-season crops like onions, cabbage and carrots because of the time they take to mature. Onions take 160-170 days from seed to harvest, Anciso said. Cabbage takes 90-110 days, and carrots take 90-plus days for fresh market and 150-180 days for fields destined for processing.

Carrot planting typically begins in September, and cool-season crop plantings peak in October, so Anciso said conditions have given the newly planted fields a good start.

"It's been warm, into the 90s during the day," he said. "But a cool front is expected to put daytime temperatures in the 70s with lows in the high-50s."

Acres for onions has declined in the last five years, from around 10,000 acres to 6,000 acres this season, Anciso said. Grower diversification

has led to much of the changes.

Crops now include everything from spinach, parsley, cilantro, collard greens, okra, celery and more, he said.

"There's not a lot of acres dedicated to any one crop like we see for other commodities, but there is a diverse range being produced," he said. "Produce sheds want a little bit of everything, and they are getting it"

Crops produced in the Rio Grande Valley are destined for major hubs around the state - Houston, San Antonio, Austin and Dallas - but are also shipped throughout the Midwest to cities like St. Louis and Chicago. And some produce makes it to markets in New York.

Anciso said producers are hoping buyers don't pull back because of financial impacts due to COVID-19, especially as

demand for fresh produce has actually increased so far during the pandemic.

"We were expecting everyone might go to canned products, but it's been the opposite," he said. "Much of the market prices will depend on how crops in California, Florida and Mexico perform, but we are starting off on the right foot with good stands and good weather."

PANHANDLE
Topsoil and subsoil moisture conditions were short to very short. Pastures and rangelands were very poor to fair with most areas reporting poor to very poor grazing conditions. Sorghum was being harvested. Winter wheat was emerging. Corn harvest was mostly complete. Cotton conditions were poor to good. Cotton harvest should be underway after a week of forecast

freezing temperatures.

Conditions remained dry, and a burn ban was initiated in Walker County. Winter wheat was expected to be planted in Jefferson County. Harvest of the main rice crop was complete, but the ratoon crop was growing. Ryegrass was be-

ing planted for winter grazing, and there was hay to cut. Rangeland and pasture ratings were excellent to poor with good ratings being the most common. Soil moisture levels ranged from adequate to very short with adequate levels being the most common.

Texas Roads Have Not Had a Fatality Free Day Since November 7, 2000

What if ... We Could All Take Responsibility and End the Streak!

It has been 20 years since Texas could claim a day where there were no fatalities on our roads. This November 7, Texas marks 20 years of daily deaths on our roadways with more than 70,000 people killed since 2000. According to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) every day in Texas nearly 10 people are killed in traffic crashes with the leading causes of these deadly crashes continuing to be failure to stay in one lane, alcohol, speed and distracted driving. TxDOT is promoting the "End the Streak" campaign to help end motor vehicle fatalities in Texas. The road to ending the streak is not impossible. In Texas there were 23 counties with zero fatalities in 2019.

The pandemic has taught us all about the importance of shared responsibility. Ending this streak of needless tragedy on Texas roadways is also a shared responsibility. While it is considered socially unacceptable to drink and drive and most people would think twice about drinking and driving or riding with a drunk driver, riding with a driver who is speeding, not buckled up, using their phone while driving or driving in any reckless manner has not reached the threshold of being socially

unacceptable yet. Drivers and passengers can change that by taking responsibility for each other's safe driving.

What if for one day everyone took responsibility for themselves and their friends and there were no drunk drivers on our roads? And there was not one person driving somewhere to drink without a plan for a sober ride home - and no underage drunk drivers were to be found anywhere.

What if everyone made sure that the driver and all passengers in the vehicle were buckled up? And, that all children were riding in the correct car seat for their age, weight and height and the seat was installed correctly.

What if everyone took responsibility to make sure that no driver was speeding down the road, but was instead driving within the speed limit, including slowing down for construction and emergency vehicles, and driving more slowly and cautiously during bad weather conditions?

What if everyone made sure that they did not drive distracted or ride with anyone who was driving distracted? And, that no teens were riding with other teens, which is the main source of their distractions and against the law according to the Graduated

Driver License Law. What if no youth or adult was driving while using a cell phone and totally concentrating on their driving?

What if everyone took the responsibility to make sure that they were not driving drowsy and passengers made sure that their driver was rested and alert? What if there were no drowsy drivers on the road and every driver, including commercial drivers, made sure they were well rested and prepared for the trip?

What if everyone took responsibility to drive defensively and civilly and passengers made sure they would only ride with a driver who treated the lives of others on the road with respect?

What if everyone took on these responsibilities and Texas could once again enjoy a day where there was not one fatality on our roads? Then, we could put an end to this terrible streak of roadway deaths in Texas - and it would bear repeating!

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Community Health Educator Wendy Case, Parmer County reminds us that these do not have to be just rhetorical questions. For information on the End the Streak campaign visit: <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/media-center/psas/end-streak.html>

Happy Birthday Friona Folks!

Nov. 5
J. Gurley
Oscar Vasquez
Ceceily Drake
Jaylee (Floyd) Moore
China Williams
Leah Hernandez
Mark Sirnic
Hunter Wiseman
Kiana Lozoya
Susie Almonrode
Kay Renner
Jaxson Pack
China Zackoski

Nov. 6
Sharlet Cooper
Kelly Tongate
Megan (Whitten) Taylor
Autumn Turner
Wesley Rudd
Jordan Kelly

Nov. 7
David Smith
Kay Van Valkenburg
Evan (Reeve) Banner
Lovel Watson
Denise Menke
Linda Blount
Sarah Street

Nov. 8
Paula Clark
Alice (Allen) Doyle
Emily (Allen) Stowers
Carmen Putman
Jamie (Clark) Nieman
Bruce Kayn Burney
Eric Benton
Brittany Barnett

Nov. 9
Serafin Vazquez, Jr.
Gladys Spring
Mildred Mingus
Teena Nunley
Daniel Wiseman
Martha Rodriguez
Max Reeve
Brad TeBeest
Dan Allum
Blake Michael Acker

Nov. 10
Gene Zachary
Tim Boeckman
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Panhandle Parables

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

Today, someone passed away. Today, a baby took its first breath. Today, someone's life was altered by no choice of their own. Today, a boy asked a girl to marry him. Today, someone left their spouse. Today, a child asked a thousand questions related to the word "why." Today, a family decided to adopt. Today, a child got a forever family. Today, a young man scored the game winning touchdown. Today, a young lady missed the game winning free throw. Today, someone robbed a convenience store. Today, someone helped a homeless man find shelter. Today, someone received news the tests were clear. Today, someone found out they had cancer. Today, someone answered a text while driving. Today, someone let the phone ring as they drove

down the highway. Today, ...

Today is all we have. There are so many things happening today and for many it gets missed or at the very least lessened, by the fact that we spend more time regretting yesterday and fearing tomorrow, OR we spend today looking at some little screen and missing all that is going on around us. I suspect that we have all been there. Today becomes less of a gift and more of an exercise in endurance to get to the next day. Nothing noted, nothing enjoyed, no reality check that might shake our world, but for some Today means everything. Today is all that has been given and some squeeze every ounce of life out of it for there may not be another. Some, a very few, I would guess from simple ob-

servation, comprehend the value of NOW. There are good things that happen today and some very tragic things. There are things that can build our faith and things that tear it to shreds.

Here is my simple encouragement. Look to Jesus. He bought your past to free you from the guilt of your regret. He offers you an eternal home so you will not have to fear the future. If He has done all that why not let Him in your life for Today. See that He is good and if you will just give Him today, oh the wonders you could see, the opportunities you would have. Let Him in where you are alive now. The past is gone the future is yet, but Today...it is a gift maybe that is why it is called the present.

Let God Bless You

By Teena Hughs

I have been blessed to dearly love every place I have ever lived: Uvalde/Barksdale, Lubbock, Weatherford, Texas; Midland, McCamey, Fort Stockton, Satanta, Kansas; Friona. I admit I didn't want to move to some of the places where I have lived, but I grew to love those places, mainly because of the people I met. I have learned that every place has good people.

I have also loved the landscapes of every place I have lived. I love the flatlands and wheat fields of Kansas and the Texas Panhandle; I love the trees and mountains of the Hill Country; I love farm land; I love ranch land. I will admit I do prefer the drier climate to the more humid climate I am returning to; but, as I age, the more humid climate will be better for my skin.

I know some people prefer one landscape over another, one climate over the other, so I have wondered why I have been blessed to like every place I have ever lived. For me, there is only one answer: God!!! He had Jesus create everything: you, me, landscapes, the sun and moon, climates, mountainous areas, flat places, everything!!!

Because Jesus created it, it is all good and wonderful!!!!

God is just so good, friends!!! Our attitude and how we look at things helps determine whether we like something or not. There is good in everything; sometimes we just have to look a little harder to find it, whether it is where we live, our jobs, the people in our community, etc. When we completely shut ourselves off from people we don't think we like, or we don't live somewhere because we don't think we will like it, I have to wonder what we are missing out on. I have been guilty of shutting out people, not doing things because I don't think I will like them; then, when something happens and I get to do something or see someone in a different light, I am sorry that I was so close-minded.

God may have had a very special blessing in mind when we refuse to get to know someone, or go some place, or join a group because of our preconceived ideas. Don't miss out on those blessings because of what you presume about someone or something. Go and enjoy, and let God bless you!!!

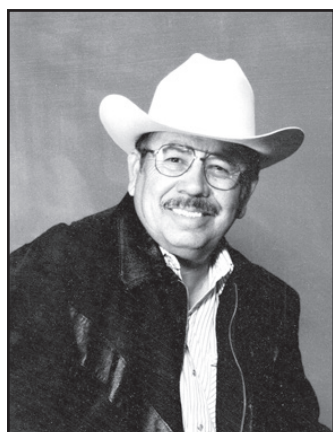


Obituaries



Vicente Loe Jr.

Vicente Loe Jr. 83 of Bovina passed away November 1, 2020 in Friona. Viewing was held from 9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. and Rosary Services were held at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY funeral home. Mass of Christian Burial Services were held at 11:00 A.M. Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina with Father Arturo Meza, as Celebrant. Burial following in the Bovina Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.



Bovina, 1 son- Vicente Loe III, 6 daughters- Annabel Loe Vidaurri and husband Juan Carlos of Bovina, Imelda Castro and husband Josue of Bovina, Sylvia Loe Ortega and husband Virginio of Plainview, Sara Loe VonReaden and husband Steve of Dallas, Diana Loe Johnson and husband David of Amarillo, and Dilia Loe and partner Sue Steiner of Chico California, 4 brothers-Francisco Castro of Amarillo, Cruz Loe of Odessa, Miguel Loe of Odessa, and Gregorio Loe of Amarillo, 2 sisters-Concepcion Arellano of Odessa and Felipa Fernandez of Odessa, 16 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

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Vicente was born June 18, 1937 in Roscoe, Texas to Vicente Loe Sr. and Teofila Cardoza Loe. Later he married Cristina Castro September 12, 1997. He was a longtime employee of Amarillo Road Construction, working with them over 53 years. He loved his family and his dog Chito. He was a faithful member of the Catholic Church and never met a stranger. He was an avid Dallas Cowboy fan, loved to dance and buy lottery tickets. Preceding him in death are his parents, twin brother Marcos Loe, 3 sisters-Maria Rodriguez, Trinidad Arenas and Victoria Bryand, and 1 granddaughter-Sasha Loe. Those to carry on his legacy include his wife Cristina of

James Ray Stevick

James Ray Stevick, 64, of Friona passed from this life to the next on Monday, October 26, 2020. Memorial Services will be held at a later date. Arrangements by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.



James was born on February 7, 1956 to Glen and Ruth McElroy Stevick. He lived in Parmer County his whole life and graduated from Friona High School.

James was a good friend and everyone that knew him, liked him. He loved music, and his favorite band was Pink Floyd. He enjoyed science, model airplanes, owned a hang glider, and was known to take apart anything, whether he could put it back together or not. Over the years, James held many jobs because of his incredible skill as a welder, most notably he worked with his brother Ronnie at Stevick Ditching.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Ronnie Stevick, a sister, Sally Stevick, and his infant sons, James Ray Stevick, Jr., and James Dylan Stevick.

James is survived by his daughter, Kyndness D'Nae Garza, his son, James Derek Murphey, his sister and brother-in-law, Janet and Jerry LaFrance, his sister, Karen King, five grandchildren, Jacob, Abby, Hannah, Emily, and Isabel, his nieces and nephews, and a dear friend, Carla Murphey.

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By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

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Small Town Cookin' By Jeri Lynn White

Skillet Cinnamon Rolls | www.tasteofhome.com

Ingredients
 1 package (1/4 ounce) active dry yeast
 1 cup warm whole milk (110° to 115°)
 1/4 cup sugar
 1/4 cup butter, softened
 1 large egg yolk, room temperature
 1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
 3/4 teaspoon salt
 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
 2-3/4 to 3-1/4 cups all-purpose flour

2 cups confectioners' sugar
 1/2 cup butter, softened
 2 tablespoons whole milk
 1 tablespoon maple syrup

Directions

In a small bowl, dissolve yeast in warm milk. In a large bowl, combine sugar, butter, egg yolk, vanilla, salt, nutmeg, yeast mixture and 1 cup flour; beat on medium speed 2 minutes. Stir in enough remaining flour to form a soft dough (dough will be sticky). Turn onto a floured surface; knead until smooth and elastic, 6-8 minutes. Place in a greased bowl, turning once to grease the top. Cover and let rise in a warm place until doubled, about 1 hour. In a 10-in. cast-iron or other ovenproof skillet, cook bacon over medium-low heat until crisp. Remove with a slotted spoon; drain on paper towels. Dis-

card drippings, reserving 3 tablespoons. In the same skillet, combine brown sugar, syrup, cinnamon, nutmeg and 2 tablespoons of reserved bacon drippings; cook and stir until blended. Cool to room temperature. Wipe out skillet, grease with remaining bacon drippings. Punch dough down. Roll into an 18x12-in. rectangle. Sprinkle brown sugar mixture and bacon to within 1/2 in. of edges. Roll up jelly-roll style, starting with a short side, pinch seams to seal. Cut into 12 rolls. Place rolls, cut side down, in prepared skillet. Cover and let rise in a warm place until doubled, about 45 minutes. Preheat oven to 400°. Bake on a lower oven rack until golden brown, 18-20 minutes. Cool 20 minutes. In a small bowl, beat frosting ingredients until smooth. Spread over warm rolls. Serve warm.

Cinnamon Rolls

I wrote a previous article about cinnamon rolls, but when I came across a cinnamon roll recipe this weekend online, I decided it was okay to

share a couple more options for you. Now all I can do is think about eating cinnamon rolls. These all look like they will be delicious.

CINNAMON ROLL MUFFINS | www.somethewiser.com

INGREDIENTS
 2 cups all purpose flour
 3 teaspoons baking powder
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/4 cup sugar
 3 tablespoons melted butter, cooled slightly
 1 egg
 1 cup milk (plus more as needed)
TOPPING AND FILLING
 1 cup brown sugar, loosely packed
 3 teaspoons ground cinnamon
 1 1/2 cups coarsely chopped pecans or walnuts
 3 tablespoons melted butter
FROSTING
 2 ounces cream cheese, softened
 1 cup powdered sugar
 1 tablespoon milk
 dash of vanilla
INSTRUCTIONS
 Preheat oven to 400 degrees Fahren-

heit. Generously grease a standard 12 cup muffin tin. In a large bowl, sift together the dry ingredients (flour, baking powder, salt, and sugar). In a separate bowl, whisk together the wet ingredients (melted butter, egg, milk) until well combined. Make a well in the center of the flour mixture and add the egg mixture, stirring only until just combined. Combine all the topping/filling ingredients. Gently fold half of the mixture into the muffin batter. Spoon the muffin batter, a little less than 1/4 cup, into each muffin tin. Top with remaining brown sugar mixture. Bake at 400 degrees for 12 to 15 minutes, or until muffins spring back when pressed lightly. Remove from oven. Cool slightly, then transfer carefully to a wire rack. Whisk together all of the frosting ingredients. Drizzle over the top of the muffins and enjoy every single delicious bite.

Best Cinnamon Rolls | By Shenai Fisher - www.tasteofhome.com

Ingredients:

For the dough:
 1 packet (1/4 ounce) active dry yeast
 1 cup warm whole milk (about 110°F)
 1/2 cup sugar
 1/3 cup butter, melted
 2 eggs, room temperature
 1 teaspoon salt
 4 to 4-1/2 cups all-purpose flour

For the filling:
 3/4 cup packed brown sugar
 2 tablespoons ground cinnamon
 1/4 cup butter, melted, divided

For the frosting:
 1/2 cup butter, softened
 1/4 cup cream cheese, softened
 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
 1/8 teaspoon salt
 1-1/2 cups confectioners' sugar

Directions:

Step 1: Make the cinnamon roll dough
 As with any yeasted bread, you'll start the recipe by proofing the yeast. Instead of using warm water (as you would with many basic bread recipes), this cinnamon roll recipe calls

for warm milk. The process, though, is the same. Just add your packet of yeast to a cup of warm milk. Be mindful to not let the milk get too warm while heating. Between 105° and 115°F is just right. Let this mix sit for a few minutes. The yeast is active and ready to add to the other ingredients when it starts to get a bit frothy. With your yeast is ready, it's time to stir up the dough. You can do this in your stand mixer with a dough hook or by hand—just depends on how much of a workout you want! To make the dough, combine the sugar, melted butter, eggs, salt, yeast mixture and 2 cups of flour. Beat on medium speed until smooth (or stir, stir, stir until smooth). Incorporate additional flour (up to 2-1/2 cups more) to make a soft, slightly sticky dough.

Step 2: Knead and then rest

Once your dough is feeling good, turn it out onto a floured surface and start kneading until the dough is smooth and elastic. This should take about eight minutes. If the dough is really sticky, you can always sprinkle in a little more flour as needed (and kneaded!). If you already have your mixer out, you can knead the dough with your stand mixer. It'll save you

a little elbow grease! Once kneaded, pop the cinnamon roll dough into a greased bowl, turning once to coat. Cover and let the dough rise until doubled in size—about an hour. If the chilly weather outside means your home isn't quite warm enough for a good proof, don't worry! Here are tips on how to proof bread when it's a bit colder than is ideal.

Step 3: Make the cinnamon filling

While the dough is proofing, use the time to stir up the cinnamon filling. It's simple—just stir together the brown sugar and cinnamon. Use a fork or small whisk so you break up all the clumps of brown sugar.

Step 4: Roll out the dough

Once the dough has risen, punch it down. That means pressing down on the dough with your knuckles to deflate it just a bit. Remove the dough from the bowl and divide into two portions. Then grab your favorite rolling pin and roll each portion into a rectangle about 11 by 8 inches. Brush with melted butter and sprinkle the cinnamon-sugar mix over the top—leaving about a half-inch perimeter. Editor's tip: If you like, you can add even more flavor here by sprinkling chopped toasted walnuts over the cinnamon

blend. This adds flavor and crunch!

Step 5: Roll the dough into spirals
 Starting with the long side, roll the dough up jelly roll-style. Work slowly and carefully here. Once rolled up, pinch the long seam to seal it up. You don't want your rolls unwinding.

Step 6: Slice into individual rolls

Next, using a bench scraper (a sharp knife works too) to slice off the ends of each roll (you can bake these scraps up as an extra treat). Then divide each roll into eight even pieces.

Step 7: Proof again

Grease two 13x9-inch pans and arrange eight rolls inside each. Be sure to leave space between the rolls because they will expand during this proof. Cover with a kitchen towel and proof a second time until the rolls double in size. This should take about an hour.

Step 8: Bake and cool

Once proofed, pop the pans into a 350°F oven and bake until golden—about 20 to 25 minutes. After baking, place the pans on wire racks to cool.

Step 9: Make the icing

While the rolls are cooling, take the time to make some delicious icing. This part is super simple. Just beat together softened butter, softened cream cheese, vanilla, and salt until

well blended. Then gradually beat in the confectioners' sugar until you have a nice, thick icing. Editor's tip: You can add a little extra flavor here if you like with grated orange zest or some orange extract in lieu of the vanilla. Orange and cinnamon are a great flavor combination.

Step 10: Frost and enjoy!

After the rolls have cooled slightly (they can be warm but not hot) smother them in as much icing as you like. The warmth from the cinnamon buns will help the icing drip along ever spiral. Once frosted, remove from the pan, and eat up!

How to Serve and Store Homemade Cinnamon Rolls

Homemade cinnamon rolls are served best warm and dripping in delicious cream cheese icing. This recipe is great served alongside fresh coffee for a leisurely breakfast in and is perfect for sharing with company. If you can't eat them all in one go, store any frosted extras in the fridge due to the cream cheese. Unfrosted buns can be stored in an airtight container for a few days or popped into the freezer. Revive them with a quick stay in a warm oven and top with fresh icing.

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Engagement

By Walter V. Wendler, WTAMU President



Sixth in a series of how universities can help build character.

The idea of engagement carries with it a number of meanings. At a state-supported institution, we have a responsibility to promote effective citizenship. A citizen belongs to something larger than themselves. In previous discussions of core values, this idea has been addressed regarding Service and Respect. A U.S. citizen is free to "belong" to our nation. Membership codifies an individual's relationship to a larger group—the body of a house of worship, club, business, union, sorority, service organization, or some other group—fused by like-mindedness. That right to assembly is a benefit of citizenship, but not citizenship.

In universities under various titles, the concept of civics is often divided into subsets of groups and activities that may not recognize the fullness of civic engagement—citizenship and the principles that give rise to it. Universities contribute to an understanding and appreciation of informed citizenship (or its absence) by design or default.

Thoughtful citizen engagement requires an appreciation for the workings of national and state government, historical impacts and future implications. Courses displaced from curricula with a wide variety of specialized offerings may not study the nature of the U.S. Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, and the Texas Constitution. Specialized offerings may have great value, but that value is immeasurably multiplied when reflected against founding principles that continually hone our understanding of life and liberty in a free society. We see ourselves in that reflection, and it simultaneously shapes us.

In Texas colleges, there are requirements stipulated by the State and the Texas Higher Education Coord-

inating Board regarding U. S. and Texas history and government classes. Substitutions may be deemed appropriate, and therein lies the challenge. Of course, given the principles of academic freedom, any scholarly view of history or government may be offered as elective study. Many are available online at no cost from places like M.I.T., Yale, Notre Dame and Michigan, as a few examples among hundreds.

The arguments for substitutions to the core curriculum are driven by faculty from a range of persuasions. Faculty are the keepers of curricula at good universities. As president, I may have opinions about curricula, but by history and habit, faculty have significant influence over the curriculum. However, that too is subject to change.

There are no federal education or curriculum requirements in the U.S. Constitution. Not a single one. Rather, public education, a most important aspect of our constitutional republic's day-to-day life, is left to the state and local authorities: At universities—through governing boards. In public schools—through local school boards, among the most impactful elected bodies serving U.S. citizens.

Civic engagement uninformed by basic knowledge of the U.S. and Texas Constitutions and the respective histories that flow from those seminal documents is fertile ground for ignorance. It cannot be argued, even by a novice in understanding the processes that led to the development of the U.S. Constitution, that it was conceived by casual participation. One need only read the Federalist Papers, penetrating and thought-provoking treatises on the human condition and its impact on a republican form of government and a free society. Happenstance is nowhere to be found.

The foundational components of our forms of

national and state government cannot be ignored nor replaced by trends of the day. Instead, they foster an abiding appreciation for the genius of American democracy. There are no substitutes or piecemeal perspectives. Current events, diverse religious perspectives, racial and ethnic characteristics and other issues within our nation and state do not displace understanding rights and responsibilities of general citizenship. This view, popular or not, is civics that allows engagement.

Service learning is important, and I encourage it, but it's not civics. Engagement in political life is not civics. Civil disobedience is not civics. Feeding the hungry, clothing the poor, redistributing your income to those less fortunate or advocating for the underrepresented are valiant pursuits, to be sure. However, none of these are appropriate for degree credit. Universities might encourage any or all of these as an application or amplification of citizenship, but not as a substitute for civics. Such engagement is extracurricular rather than curricular activity.

Civics enlivens and informs citizenship for the benefit and sustenance of the body politic.

Understanding the foundations of our nation's and states' history is an academic pursuit: Engagement ignited by civics education is a core value of WT.

Walter V. Wendler is President of West Texas A&M University. His weekly columns are available at <http://walterwendler.com/>

★ SPORTS ★



Congratulations to the Friona Squaws Volleyball Team for making the playoffs!

Sports news

Varsity Football

The Chieftains lost to Spearman 44-22 as they finished their 3-game stretch against Top-10 teams. The Chiefs will host Highland Park Friday night to determine the final playoff spot for District 3-3A. The winner will advance to the playoffs as the #4 seed.

Varsity Volleyball

In the final regular season game, the Friona Squaws lost 2-3 in a five-set thriller at Floydada. The win gave Floydada the #3 seed and Friona was the #4 seed. In playoff action last Friday night in Kermit, the Squaws fell to Presidio in five sets by the final score 2-3. Presidio was the #1 seed from District 4-3A. Great year Squaws!!!

Friona 22 Spearman 42

Scoring Summary

2nd Quarter

S - Jack Campbell 10 yd pass from Jack Wilkerson (Miguel Zamara PAT, good)
 F - 7 yd Run Jacob Bautista (Tim Ally PAT no good)
 S - Brenen Thompson 35 yd pass from Jack Wilkerson (Miguel Zamara PAT, good)
 S - Brayden Klafka Forced Fumble 60 yd TD return (Miguel Zamara PAT, good)

3rd Quarter

S - Brenen Thompson 54 yd TD run (Miguel Zamara PAT, good)
 S - Jack Wilkerson 8 yd Run (Miguel Zamara PAT, good)

4th Quarter

S - Brenen Thompson 28 yd pass from Jack Wilkerson (Miguel Zamara PAT, good)
 F - 63 yd run Bryan Chavira (Malachi Torres 3 yd run for 2 pt, good)
 F - Malachi Torres 55 yd run (Malachi Torres pass from Bryan Chavira for 2 pt, good)

Rushing Stats	Carries	Yards	TDs	Avg
1 Jacob Bautista	18	67	1	3.7
4 Mario Bautista	8	27	0	3.4
16 Bryan Chavira	18	114	1	6.3
24 Malachi Torres	4	63	1	15.8
Rushing Totals:	48	271	3	5.6

Receiving Stats	Receptions	Yards	TDs	Avg
1 Jacob Bautista	1	-8	0	-8.0
24 Malachi Torres	4	63	1	15.8
Receiving Totals:	3	6	0	2.0

Passing Stats	Comp	Att	Yards	TDs	INTs
16 Bryan Chavira	3	4	6	0	1

Kicking	Extra Pt	Att	Field Goal
2 Tim Ally	0	1	0

Defensive Stats	UN	AST.	TOT	TFL	FR	FC	INT	SACK
1 Jacob Bautista	3	1	4	-	-	-	-	-
7 Moises Pina	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
8 Juan Salinas	8	2	11	1	-	-	-	-
11 Marc Mendoza	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
12 Angel Carranza	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-
16 Bryan Chavira	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
20 Josiah Dominguez	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
24 Malachi Torres	-	1	2	1	-	-	-	0.5
28 Tony Rodriguez	3	3	7	1	-	-	-	-
59 Aaron Salinas	1	1	3	1	-	-	-	0.5
65 Jacob Rando	1	5	6	-	-	-	-	-
74 Aaron Rodriguez	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
76 David Martinez	6	8	14	-	-	-	-	-
44 Alexis Rivas	-	4	4	-	-	-	-	-
22 Jorge Chavez	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-

Yards allowed; Rushing 251, Passing 67, Total 318

District 1-3A Volleyball

Team	District	Overall
Brownfield	9-1	23-2
Denver City	9-1	19-6
Littlefield	6-4	11-9
Friona	4-6	7-13
Lamesa	2-8	3-20
Dimmitt	0-10	1-22

Division II - District 3-3A Football

Team	District	Overall
Canadian	5-0	8-1
Spearman	4-1	8-1
Childress	4-1	7-1
Friona	2-3	5-4
Highland Park	2-3	2-7
Tulia	1-4	4-4
Dimmitt	0-6	0-9

Keep Friona Clean Roll-off box to open up for waste items

The City will open up the roll-off box this Saturday, November 7, from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Please come by to dump those items that don't belong in your dumpster and do your part to help Keep Friona Clean!

The roll-off box is located at East 8th and South Jackson Ave. It is a free service provided to Friona residents. Examples of items not allowed in dumpsters includes: steel and metal, mattresses and furniture, refrigerators/AC units, paint



cans (with or without liquids), electronics and appliances, drums/barrels, brick, wood and concrete, railroad ties. Items not accepted in the roll-off box are tires, oil and tree limbs. To dispose of these items, please contact the City office at 806-250-2761.

Gas prices down again

By GasBuddy

Texas gas prices have fallen 3.8 cents in the past week, averaging \$1.80 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations. Gas prices in Texas are 6.1 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 45.0 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$1.47 while the most expensive is \$2.49 per gallon. The national average price of gasoline has fallen 2.7 cents in the last week, averaging \$2.12 per gallon. The national average is down 6.1 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 48.0 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

"The drop in gas prices has accelerated in the last week as oil prices continue to slide on uncertainty over the election, stimulus and as coronavirus case counts soar, leading to more states rolling back their reopening plans," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "In just the last few days, it feels like uncertainty over a potential legal fight over the U.S. election has also risen to near panic levels, all of which throws more uncertainty into the ring, keeping the U.S. from potentially having a clear leader to turn things around. For now, it's virtually guaranteed that the national average will fall to under \$2 per gallon in the next two weeks, so motorists need not be in a rush to fill their tanks."

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://Fuellnsights.GasBuddy.com>.

State sales tax revenue totaled \$2.7 billion in October

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar today said state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.72 billion in October, 3.5 percent less than in October 2019. The majority of October sales tax revenue is based on sales made in September and remitted to the agency in October.

"October sales tax collections from all major economic sectors declined significantly from year-ago levels, with the exception of collections from retail trade," Hegar said. "The steepest declines were in receipts from oil- and gas-related sectors, with the rate of well drilling activity depressed almost 75 percent from the previous year.

"Receipts from the information sector were down, principally due to the federally mandated exemption of internet access charges from taxation. Receipts from retail trade increased, as adaptation to pandemic circumstances has spurred increased spending on building materials, home furnishings, sporting goods and alcohol for off-premise consumption, while spending at bars and entertainment venues has languished.

"Receipts from restaurants also remain down from a year ago, though significantly higher than in the

spring, with some resumption of dine-in service after relaxation of capacity limits as well as increased sales of meals for pick up or delivery. In a departure from recent trends, receipts from clothing stores were up from a year ago for the first time since the onset of the pandemic."

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in October 2020 was down 5.1 percent compared to the same period a year ago. Sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 59 percent of all tax collections. The effects of the COVID-related economic slowdown were evident in other sources of revenue as well.

Texas collected the following revenue from other major taxes: (1) motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$455 million, down 6.1 percent from October 2019; (2) motor fuel taxes — \$286 million, down 8.3 percent from October 2019; (3) oil production tax — \$200 million, down 42.2 percent from October 2019; (4) natural gas production tax — \$57 million, down 32.9 percent from October 2019; (5) hotel occupancy tax — \$33 million, down 33.3 percent from October 2019; and (6) alcoholic beverage taxes — \$88 million, down 24.2 percent from October 2019.

State Capital Highlights

By Chris Cobler



It's not just Election Day any longer

For most Texans, Election Day is a misnomer.

More Texans voted early this year than cast their ballots during all of the 2016 general election. Many more voted early than went to the polls on Election Day.

A record 9.7 million people, or 57% of registered voters, completed their civic duty during the extended early voting period of Oct. 13-30, or by mail, according to the Texas Secretary of State.

Voters don't register by party in Texas, so political pundits could only speculate about whether the record early turnout favored either Democrats or Republicans. Either way, the intense voter interest is unquestioned. When final election results are in, the state's percentage of registered voters who cast ballots was expected to surpass 60% for the first time since the early 1990s.

20 years of deaths daily on Texas roads

Texas is approaching a deadly milestone that the Texas Department of Transportation is working to prevent.

The last deathless day on Texas roads was Nov. 7, 2000. Through its campaign #EndTheStreak, TxDOT is trying to stop 20 consecutive years of daily deaths on Texas roads. During that time, more than 70,000 people have died.

An average of 10 people die every day in crashes in the state.

"This is so horrific. Come on Texas! We can do better!" said Dr. Beverly Thompson Kuhn of the Texas A&M Transportation Institute.

A&M study analyzes Medicaid expansion

The state of Texas could deal with part of its looming budget shortfall by expanding Medicaid coverage, according to Republican Rep. Lyle Larson of San Antonio.

Larson's position, endorsed by the Texas Medical Association, came in response to a new Texas A&M study that Medicaid expansion would bring the state about \$5.4 billion from the federal government. Texas is one of 12 states that have chosen to not participate in Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act.

Most state Republicans strongly oppose the Affordable Care Act, which is going before the U.S. Supreme Court.

"As we address the budget shortfall in the next session, we should seriously consider accessing federal Medicaid funding," Larson tweeted. "This recently released study shows Texas is losing out on \$5.4 billion while 38 other states are taking the federal dollars."

New law protects breastfeeding mothers

Women are allowed to pump breast milk anywhere in public, the Texas Comptroller's Office reminded the public in its latest issue of "Tax Policy News."

A bill passed in the last legislative session aims to make it clear for businesses and employers that breast pumping in public is allowed just as breastfeeding already was under Texas law.

Texas Health and Human Services offers support for breastfeeding mothers. The Texas Lactation Support Hotline number is 855-550-6667.

Butterflies are free; license plate is \$30

You can soon buy a Texas license plate that floats like a butterfly, or at least appears to do so.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department recently announced the winner of its newest conservation license plate design. The public selected its favorite monarch butterfly design through an online survey.

Proceeds from the sale of the plates go to help conserve monarch butterflies and other at-risk, non-game species native to Texas. To be notified when the plates go on sale in March, sign up at <http://bit.ly/TPWDEmailNotification>.

All conservation specialty plates cost \$30 a year, with \$22 going to the parks and wildlife agency.

Changes proposed to sexual assault laws

Look for laws regarding sexual assault to change in the upcoming legislative session.

The Sexual Assault Survivors' Task Force has issued its first report to the Texas Legislature. The group began meeting earlier this year after being created by the passage of House Bill 1590 during the 2019 session.

The report includes 11 policy recommendations for the upcoming legislative session. A few of those:

- Remove law enforcement's ability to decline forensic medical examinations for sexual assaults reported within 120 hours and clarify language pertaining to law enforcement's ability to decline forensic medical examinations outside of 120 hours.

- Require law enforcement to complete the Office of the Attorney General's Law Enforcement Request for Sexual Assault Exam form for every sexual assault that is reported to them.

- Require that a forensic medical exam be offered to all children who report a sexual assault, including cases reported more than 120 hours post-assault.

- Remove the word "alleged" when referencing a sexual assault or other sex offense.

One-third of adult Texans, or 6.3 million people, have experienced sexual assault at some point in their lives, according to a 2015 study by the University of Texas at Austin's Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

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



Any photo of my grandmother Bessie is associated in my mind with old age. This was an ignorant perspective now that I am older and now that I know the rest of the story.

Photo perspective is tricky. In this first photo of Bessie with my mother Lillie, Bessie is 52 or 53 (Mom could not remember if she was 10 or 11 when they posed for this). In the second picture, taken in 1942 at the beach near San Diego, Bessie is also in her early 50s. She had made a most rare road trip to see her oldest son Preston who was soon to leave for the South Pacific during World War II.

Beyond the superficial absence of better photo filters, cosmetic enhancements, and fashion improvements, what gave people from years ago an older-than-age look? One might argue that raising five children ranging from ages 1 to 15, cotton farming



with mules, cooking three meals a day, doing routine daily hard physical labor might age one prematurely.

Fascination with Bessie's age is a matter of personal interest this year. November 8 is her birthday. She turned 65 in 1955. Three weeks later and just three days after Thanksgiving, she died. In March 2021, I will turn 65. Looking at her photos now is a somber reminder that I have lived as long as she did.

When the sun set on that Sunday evening in a small Rotan hospital in 1955, Grandmother had already experienced monumental grief events in burying her firstborn 18-month-old daughter in 1915 and her young husband in 1931. In the 40s and early 50s, my grandmother's only sons fought in a world war and the Korean Conflict. I visualize her wandering through

rows of cotton, praying away flying dust from a government vehicle delivering military officials with bad news. Thankfully, my uncles returned safely to Texas.

Sadly, I have no visuals of Bessie holding me. When my grandmother took her last breath, I was three months from taking my first one—perhaps the reason why many photos of my mother during my first year reveal another broken heart. Lillie missed Bessie just as Bessie had missed George, my grandfather, who died three months after my mother was born. Sometimes the synchronicity of grieving is hard to ignore.

This month especially, I think of the woman who managed our family farm through five decades in Fisher County, Texas. Bessie will forever be a picture of strength and courage.



Lions Club News



Jared Boyd was the guest speaker at the Friona Noon Lions Club meeting on Monday. Jared was recently named the Chief of Staff for Head Coach Krista Gerlich and the Texas Tech Lady Raider basketball team. Pictured are (l-r) Jared Boyd, current Club Sweetheart Jodie Denton and past Club Sweetheart Kendall Barnett.

Cherokee Nation (Eastern Band)

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- pottery
- beadwork
- doll
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Happy 90th Birthday!



Lunell Horton was treated on Halloween with a “Surprise Party” to celebrate her 90th birthday. Son-in-Law John Gurley and a few of his friends provided corn dogs and French fries to family and visitors at the walk-thru event. Lunell is pictured in the top photo with her daughters (l-r) Sunny Ratliff, Lunell, Kathryn Gurley, and Tracy Bowden.



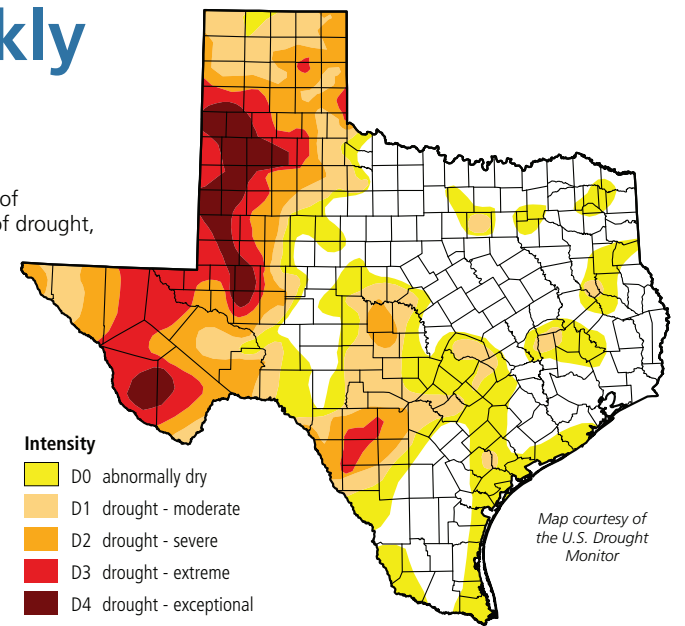
90 year old Iona Renner made her way to the polling location at the Senior Citizens Center last Tuesday to cast her votes in person. Full coverage of election results in next week’s Friona Star.

Water Weekly

For the week of 11/02/20

Water conditions

The latest drought map for conditions as of October 27 shows continued expansion of drought, and little to no improvement is expected in coming weeks. Exceptional drought is now impacting parts of 23 counties in West Texas, about 5 percent of the area of the state.



Drought conditions

- ◆ 43% now
- ◆ 40% a week ago
- ◆ 34% three months ago
- ◆ 47% a year ago

Map courtesy of the U.S. Drought Monitor

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Note: TRS retirees should confirm their Medicare eligibility before making any changes to their health care coverage.