



## End of an Education Era

The students are gone. The teachers are gone. The books are gone. After 67 years of service, the Elementary/Primary School building has fulfilled its purpose and will make way for the future. In 1954, the building was designated the Friona Elementary School. For many years,

Elementary encompassed grades 1 through 4, Junior High grades 5 through 8, and High School grades 9 through 12. Later on, when Kindergarten and Pre-K arrived, the building was re-named the Friona Primary School.

Before the end of the month

a demolition crew will begin to dismantle and remove the old building that introduced many students to the world of learning. The new Primary School building is awesome and will continue the tradition but for now nostalgia rules the classroom. Thanks for the memories.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Summer Drama Workshop

July 5-17

### Cheeseburger Festival

July 17

### Miss Friona Scholarship Pageant

September 4

### All School Reunion/Homecoming

September 10-11

### Maize Days Parade

September 11

## Dairy Farmers Give Back to Communities Through Needed Blood Donations

For the ninth consecutive year, Dairy MAX is hosting "Passion for Pints" blood drives in celebration of National Dairy Month. The drives, hosted in partnership with Coffee Memorial Blood Center, reinforce the longstanding commitment dairy farmers have to their local communities.

Summer months bring an increased need for blood donations which also saw a significant decrease during the pandemic. One donation can save up to three lives, and since 2013 Passion for Pints has impacted more than 230,000 lives with over 77,000 units of blood donated.

"The commitment of dairy farmers is year-round, but during National Dairy Month we recognize all that they contribute both on and off the farm," said John Cass, Dairy MAX director of industry image and relations. "Passion for Pints is one way we honor all that dairy farmers bring to the table while giving back."

Blood donors will receive dairy giveaway items including a commemorative t-shirt, stress-relief cow squeeze toy, recipe book featuring delicious dairy recipes and at select locations dairy products for post-blood donation recovery. As Dairy MAX and its blood center partners approach a total of 2,000 completed blood drives over the past nine years, dairy farmers remain passionate about giving back to the communities they call home.

"My family and I are passionate about giving back beyond the work we do to produce dairy foods," said local dairy farmer Tom Alger. "This community isn't just our livelihood, it's our home and we are committed to making an impact here for generations to come."

Celebrating National Dairy Month by giving back to communities who support the dairy industry is a gesture that dairy farmers find rewarding and worth doing year after year.

Thursday, June 10, 2021

### Friona Blood Drive

Calvary Baptist Church  
Fellowship Hall  
Noon - 7:00 p.m.

**Please donate - blood supplies low!**

T-shirts • Milk • WOW Pass • Squeeze Cow

## The drama is back!

After a one year hiatus due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Friona Fine Arts Council's Summer Drama Workshop is back for its 51st season. The "boot camp" for actors, actresses, and directors is scheduled for July 5th-17th. Due to construction at the high school, all SDW activities will take place at the Friona Junior High auditorium.

Registration is just \$25 per child and will take place on Monday, July 5th at the beginning of rehearsals. Directors this year are Allison Johnston, Joy Morton, and Shawn Oakley Farrar.

The three shows will rehearse Monday through Friday of both weeks. The elementary show will rehearse from 9:00 a.m. till Noon. The junior high show will rehearse from 1:30 p.m. till 4:30 p.m. The high school show will rehearse in the evenings from 7:00 p.m. till 10:00 p.m.

Performances are scheduled for Friday, July 16th and Saturday, July 17th.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Allison Johnston at 806-220-1610 or Joy Morton at 806-250-3797.



Light Space Time (LST) Online Art Gallery is pleased to announce in its June 2021 art exhibition, the 11th Annual "Animals" Online Art Exhibition. Jim Bob Swafford's artwork, "Grazing in the High Meadows", placed in the top 10 "Best of the Best" out of 895 entries from 29 countries and 34 states. Jim Bob Swafford lives in Bovina, Texas.

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Friona Weather	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	Precipitation	Burn Ban
June 10-16	 105   67 SW 10-15	 101   66 NE 10-20	 99   66 ESE 10-15	 97   65 SSE 10-20	 94   64 SSE 10-20	 93   64 SE 10-15	 92   65 SSE 10-20	June 0.87 Year 4.07	Yes

**Community Calendar**

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

**June 10**  
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center  
• Friona Community Blood Drive at Calvary Baptist Fellowship Hall from Noon to 7:00 p.m.

**June 14**  
• Flag Day  
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center

**June 17**  
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center

**June 18**  
• Kendrick Oil Customer Appreciation Cookout on Main Street from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**June 20**  
• Father's Day

**June 21**  
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center  
• Noon Lions Club meeting at The Farmwife Kitchen

**June 24**  
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center

**Watermelons behind schedule, but prices and quality good**

By Adam Russell

Winter Storm Uri and subsequent cool, wet weather have made the 2021 growing season tough on Texas watermelons, but decent prices are helping producers, according to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service experts.

Watermelons in South Texas got a late start due to the winter storm in February, said Juan Anciso, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension horticulturist, Weslaco. Many fields under hoop tunnels experienced delays and required partial replanting due to the cold weather.

Harvest typically begins April 15 in hoop tunnels and typically peaks with traditional field-grown watermelons by mid-May for Memorial Day weekend, Anciso said.

Rain has also presented delays and challenges during harvesting, he said. Fields were left muddy by 8-10 inches of rainfall, which has made harvest difficult. Trucks and trailers were stuck in fields and crews faced tough conditions, including heavy mosquito infestations. Additionally, hiring workers to harvest has been more difficult than in past seasons.

Anciso said the freeze helped reduce white fly populations, which in turn reduced the transmission of viral diseases. The wet weather caused concerns about fungal diseases, but farmers have been vigilant about spray applications to keep disease



**This season could be a good one for watermelon producers due to good prices, but winter weather this spring and rains heading into harvest have put the crop behind and made harvest difficult. (Stock photo)**

infestations down.

The rains, however, have not affected melon quality, Anciso said. Brix counts, the measurement for sweetness have remained at 10-plus. Brix counts of 10 are standard sweetness, while 11 and above indicate exceptionally sweet. Watermelon color both inside and outside were also meeting market standards.

Heavy rains at the wrong time can waterlog melons, which thins their Brix count and the redness of the fruit and causes their outer layer to turn white, Anciso said.

"This year was a challenge early with the freeze and late because of the rain," he said. "But it looks like quality is still good and prices were pretty good."

**Watermelons: This year vs. last year**

Last year, Florida had difficulty with their crop at harvest because COVID-19 impacted their seasonal harvest-

ing crews, Anciso said. The subsequent shortage of melons coming out of Florida made demand and prices for Texas watermelons climb.

Texas watermelon prices peaked at between 33-35 cents per pound at wholesale. This year, Florida watermelons have normalized demand, and Texas watermelons were fetching 20-22 cents per pound at wholesale, Anciso said.

Prices are still markedly better than they were in 2019 when watermelons were at 14-16 cents per pound wholesale and producers were losing \$1,000 per acre planted on average, he said.

"The prices are still good, they're just not as high as they were getting, and all the difficulties between the freeze and pulling out equipment and having trouble finding harvesting crews make margins a little thinner," he said. "It's been quite the headache

to get them harvested this year, but given how difficult it's been, hopefully producers can turn a profit."

**Winter Garden watermelons**

Larry Stein, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension horticulturist, Uvalde, said growing conditions have been similar to those in South Texas and have created similar delays.

The cooler, rainy weather since late April could mean delays in watermelon fields typically scheduled to meet the Fourth of July market demand window. Vines in the Winter Garden region are starting to bloom, and beehives are onsite to pollinate.

Female watermelon flowers typically need 15 visits by bees to deliver enough pollen for proper fruit set, Stein said. The process from bloom to vine-ripe fruit being ready for harvest typically takes 30 days, which means the timing could be tighter than producers prefer.

"It will be good for producers who sell from a fruit stand or let people pick their own," he said. "But producers typically want them coming off the vine a week to 10 days before the holiday weekend to meet the wholesale orders and get them to grocers in time. But plants are about seven to 10 days behind schedule right now."

Adam Russell is a communication specialist for Texas A&M AgriLife.

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**ACROSS**

- TX-born sportscaster Oliver, et al.
- TXism: "blind as \_\_\_"
- racehorse's father in Wood County on U.S. 69
- portable computers made by a TX-based company (2 wds.)
- dir. to Abilene from Andrews
- it's not Permian High, but in the same city (2 wds.)
- dir. to Weatherford from Junction
- Brownfield company is large supplier of \_\_\_ gum powder
- "Cinco de Mayo" celebrates Mexican victory at this city
- TXism: "\_\_\_ wet hen"
- tapered piece of wood for levelling
- news/talk AM in Dallas (1080 kHz)
- trauma area at Baylor hosp.
- former afternoon newspaper in Amarillo (2 wds.)
- Houston Oiler hall-of-fame defensive end, Elvin Be \_\_\_
- TXism: "hopping \_\_\_" (angry)
- it's under a plate on the table (2 wds.)
- a hunted animal
- Dyess Air Force \_\_\_
- singer of 1948 hit "Deck of Cards" (3 wds.)
- a giver to charity
- agcy. that helps economically distressed areas
- flexible water tubes
- TXism: "if it ain't true, there ain't a \_\_\_ Texas"
- Dallas Cowboy hall-of-fame RB, Emmitt (init.)
- "\_\_\_ Rim State Park"
- smooth, lustrous fabric
- TXism: "his bark \_\_\_ than his bite"
- lines where fabrics are joined
- paternity evidence
- former governor, Richards (1991-95)
- "you can \_\_\_ that again!"
- city of TX-based 1980 film "Urban Cowboy" (2 wds.)
- Taylor County seat
- \_\_\_ Falls, TX
- what cattle rustlers do, e.g.
- first French settlement in Texas: "Fort St. \_\_\_"
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- actor Jackie of TX-based "Smokey and the Bandit II" (1980)
- more difficult
- slum areas in cities
- this Mickey owned the honky tonk in 1-down film
- high mountain
- a stupid person
- decrease
- in 1861, Texas voted to \_\_\_
- from the Union
- violently break
- Crystal City FM
- Gov. Hogg daughter
- TX "ZZ Top" album: "\_\_\_ Hombres"
- TX Jack Earle was "Tallest \_\_\_ the World"
- TXism: "\_\_\_ punch" (happy)
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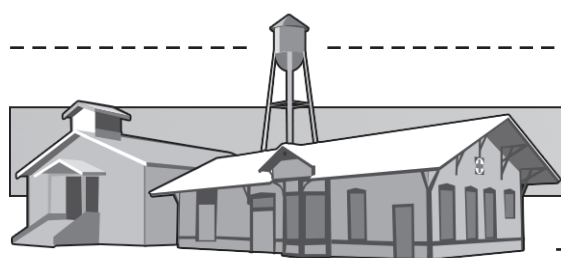
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# TOWN TALK

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**National Flag Day** - On June 14th, National Flag Day honors Old Glory and commemorates the adoption of the United States flag on June 14, 1777. The holiday is a day that Americans show respect for the U.S. Flag and what it represents. Representing independence and unity, the Star Spangled Banner has become a pow-

erful symbol of Americanism and the flag is flown proudly.

★★★  
The Prairie Acres Resident of the Month for June is Judy Stout. The Employee of the Month is Vanessa Chavez. Vanessa has worked in the nursing department at Prairie Acres since April 2020. Congratulations to both Judy and Vanessa!

★★★  
The Farmwife Kitchen is now open in the evenings during the summer. Their hours of operation are now Tuesday-Friday from 11am-2pm and 4pm-8pm.

★★★  
A Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic will be held on Friday, June 18th, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The clinic will take place at 500 Halsell Street in Bovina, TX and it will be open to everyone ages 12 and up. The Pfizer vaccine will be offered.

★★★  
Note from Deena Leuea. Steer Validation will be Monday, June 21st at Dr. Kennedy's place in Muleshoe.

★★★  
On Tuesday, Gov. Abbott signed HB 1522, officially designating Midwestern State University (MSU Texas) as a member institution of the Texas Tech University System (TTU System), effective Sept. 1, 2021. The bill was authored by state Rep. James Frank and sponsored by state Sen. Drew Springer.

★★★  
On Tuesday, Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced his certification of Senate Bill 1, the general appropriations act that was approved by both houses during the recently gaveled regular session of the 87th Texas Legislature. The bill now heads to the desk of Gov. Abbott. SB 1 appropriates \$248.6 billion in total spending for the state's budget during the 2022-23 biennium. It is certified based on the most recent total revenue projection released in May, which included an upward revision of \$3.1 billion in General Revenue-Related funds after a decline in COVID-19 cases contributed to a further opening of the Texas economy, and substantive federal action on relief funding.

★★★  
The Friona Star is getting bigger! Actually 2 points bigger. To help make the paper easier to read we have increased the type size from 10 point to 12 point. Let us know what you think.

★★★  
A bonus for those who have been vaccinated. If you give blood at the drive today (Thursday) you will receive a baseball-style shirt in addition to the other t-shirts, milk, WOW pass, and squeeze toy. The blood drive is at the Calvary Baptist fellowship hall from noon till 7 p.m.

**National Days**  
June 10: Black Cow Day  
June 11: Corn on the Cob Day  
June 12: Peanut Butter Cookie Day  
June 13: Children's Day  
June 14: Flag Day  
June 15: Nature Photography Day  
June 16: Fudge Day

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

(6/1/21) Henry Gonzales, Jr., 44, of Lubbock was arrested by the Friona Police Department on charges of Possession of Dangerous Drugs and DWL, pending County Court.

(6/3/21) Marisa Martinez, 24, of Friona was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Assault, pending County Court.

(6/3/21) Channas Spight, 26, of Bovina was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Assault, pending County Court.

## COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk  
Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from May 27, 2021 to June 3, 2021

(5/28/21) Glennella Appling — Jeff Appling — All of L 1 and 6 of Blk 11 Drake Revised Subdiv and Addition to the City of Friona in Parmer County and Vol 104 Pg 209 and the N 5 ft of former alley between Lots 5 and 6 of said Blk 11

(5/28/21) High Five Capital LP — BW Gas and Convenience Real Estate LLC — All of Lots 1 through 6, 8 through 21 and 23 through 28 Blk 12 Drake revised addition to the Original Town of Friona in Parmer County

(6/1/21) John Wesley Street — Darla Jo Street — All of Lots 20 and 21 and the s 15' of Lot 22 blk 26 of the Original Town of Farwell in Parmer County

(6/1/21) Darla Jo Street — Zachary Quintin Alvarado, Meagan Marie Alvarado, Carli Faye Ruthardt — All of Lots 20 and 21 and the s 15' of Lot 22 Blk Num 26 of the Original Town of Farwell in Parmer County

(6/1/21) Denver Collins — Eddie S. Schaap, Sherri J. Schaap — A 1.023 Ac tract of land lying in the N part of Sec 4 Blk A of a Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County and Vol 2 Pg 495 in Parmer County

(6/1/21) Denver Steve Collins, Darci A. Collins, Full Throttle Farms LLC, Denver Steve Collins, Darci Ann Collins — Eddie Sidney Schaap, Sherri J. Schaap — All of the NE/4 of Sec 6 Blk A Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer and the N/2 of Sec 4 Blk A Capitol Subdiv and 14.96 ac out of the N part of Sec 4 Blk A of a Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer Vol 2 Pg 495, All of S/2 of Sec 6 Blk A Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County the NE/4 of Sec 11 Blk A of A Capitol Syndicate Subdiv and the NE/4 of Sec 6 Blk A of Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County and all of the NW 1/4 of Sec 5 Blk A Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County 160 Ac of Land more or less

(6/2/21) ABCD Fleming Family Trust, Bruce Fleming — Jim Fischbacher, Tracy Fischbacher — All of the S/2 of Sec 36 Township 3 R 3 E of a Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County

(6/2/21) Jennifer L. Reese — Andrew David Carthel, Tabitha Lee Carthel — All of the E 1/2 of Sec 17 Blk B of the J. B. McMinn survey of Parmer County and the E 3.37 Ac of land along the E side of W 1/2 Sec No 17 Blk B of the J.B. McMinn survey of Parmer County

### Puzzle Solution

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## FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



**THANKS TO TXDOT, Prairie Acres Nursing Home has a brand new van for transportation of residents. The Ford chassis custom van was purchased through a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation who provided 80% of the \$50,000 price tag. Shown are Prairie Acres employees Clay Bandy and Joe Blackwell. Photo by Ron Carr. (Friona Star, Friday, June 8, 2001)**

## Newspaper Fun!

www.readingclubfun.com

I'm putting addresses into the...  
...GPS to help map the way.  
Kids: color stuff in!

### Long Weekends Away!

Long weekends away! More families are taking a few long weekends away from home in place of one longer vacation. It takes a lot of planning to get ready, but people like the change of pace from their weekly routines and feel that they get more breaks. Some families like the idea of visiting three or four different places during the year. It's also a good way to make time to visit relatives and still be able to have a couple of private getaways for just your own family.

**What Should We Pack?**  
Find and circle:  
hairbrush, soap, shirt, slippers, everything into my pack, Forest!  
shampoo, comb, pants, pajamas  
toothbrush, facecloth, shoes, bathrobe  
toothpaste, towel, socks, underclothes

**Fill in the crossword with things you might do or places you might visit:**

- tropical \_\_\_\_\_ getaway
- national \_\_\_\_\_
- fly to a foreign \_\_\_\_\_
- visit the stores along the \_\_\_\_\_
- your Mom's or Dad's Mom or Dad \_\_\_\_\_
- place to ride horses: Dude \_\_\_\_\_
- higher than hills; you can see the peaks \_\_\_\_\_
- take a tour on a ship \_\_\_\_\_
- learn about animals, growing crops \_\_\_\_\_
- cabin in a \_\_\_\_\_ near a lake \_\_\_\_\_
- place to ski and be entertained \_\_\_\_\_
- ride a Ferris wheel at the \_\_\_\_\_ park \_\_\_\_\_
- beach \_\_\_\_\_
- busy place full of people, tall buildings, lights and cars \_\_\_\_\_

**What Will We Pack It In?**  
You can pack your belongings in a knapsack, nylon bag or:  
e s c t a u i s

**Forest's Stuff**  
Keep Your Paws Off...  
Find and circle 10 compound words, including the word that will appear when you unscramble the letters above. \* (2 small words put together to make a new one)

**Traveling Along... Singing to Songs...**  
The car is packed, everyone is buckled in and Forest is helping with the GPS. Can you help them find their way?

**What Belongings Would You Need?**  
When you travel away for a long weekend you need to think about what you need to bring. Match the things in the first column with items you would need in the second column:

Ugggh! Heavy! I need to find my book.

**For:**

- sleeping
- rain
- directions
- comfort
- boating
- small cuts
- seeing
- news and weather
- drinks
- reading fun
- umbrella
- sleeping bag
- First Aid kit
- cooler
- stuffed animal
- radio
- flashlight
- life vests
- books
- maps



# Dairy Month

# Recipes

**Dairy MAX**  
YOUR Local Dairy Council

## EASY BAKED ZITI

26g Protein

<b>501</b> Calories	<b>26 g</b> Total Fat	<b>20 min</b> Cook Time
<b>39 g</b> Carbs	<b>15 min</b> Prep Time	<b>8</b> Servings



### Ingredients

- 1 (12-16 ounce) package ziti (can substitute penne, bowtie or Mostaccioli pasta)
- 1 pound Italian sausage or ground beef or pork
- 1 teaspoon garlic salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese, divided
- 1 cup shredded Parmesan cheese, divided
- 1 (32 ounce) jar marinara sauce
- Fresh minced parsley, optional for garnish

### Nutrition Facts

per serving	Total Fat: 26 g
Calories: 501	Saturated fat: 11 g
Protein: 26 g	Cholesterol: 70 mg
Carbohydrate: 39 g	Calcium: 40% DV
Fiber: 3 g	Sodium: 1675 mg

*Recipe Credit: Kim's Cravings*

## Friona★Star

is online at [frionaonline.com](http://frionaonline.com)

### Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 375°F. Prepare a 9x13" baking dish with nonstick cooking spray and set aside.
2. Cook pasta in boiling, salted water, uncovered, until pasta is just under al dente. It will continue to cook in the oven. Drain the pasta and return to pot. Toss with a small amount of olive oil so the pasta does not stick together.
3. Meanwhile, season beef (or other meat) with garlic salt and pepper and brown in a large skillet over medium-high heat. If using Italian sausage, you will not need extra seasoning. Drain and add to the pasta.
4. Add 1 cup mozzarella, 1/2 cup Parmesan Cheese and marinara sauce to the pasta and meat. Stir to combine.
5. Transfer mixture to baking dish and top with remaining cheeses. Bake for 20 minutes and until bubbly and golden brown on top. Remove from oven and let sit 5 minutes before serving. Garnish with fresh parsley and serve. Use half the amount of the taco seasoning for less zip!

#### Simple Swaps:

Substitute turkey bacon or your favorite breakfast meat for the sausage. Plain Greek yogurt can be substituted for the sour cream.

### Angelo State University Announces Spring 2021 Dean's List



Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas, has announced the students achieving the Dean's List designation for the 2021 spring semester.

To be eligible for the ASU Dean's List, full-time undergraduate students must maintain a 3.25 or better grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Area students who earned a place on the list were: **Briana Beristain** of Friona, **Lizbeth Rojas** of Friona, and **Alexia Tafoya** of Bovina.

*Angelo State University, founded in 1928, is a thriving four-year public school in Texas. It is part of the Texas Tech University System with campuses across the state. The "Ram Family" environment helps students feel at home, a place where they know faculty and staff care deeply about their success.*

## Happy Birthday Friona Folks

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## Gas prices fall but demand remains strong

By GasBuddy

Texas gas prices fell 1.1 cents this past week, averaging \$2.71 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Gas prices in Texas are 4.9 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand \$1.02 per gallon higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$2.37 while the most expensive is \$3.49 per gallon. The national average price of gasoline has risen 0.6 cents in the last week, averaging \$3.04 per gallon. The national average is up 8.4 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands \$1.02 per gallon higher than a year ago.

"We're entering our fourth straight week with the national av-

erage above the key \$3 per gallon level, but while gas prices haven't broken past the low \$3s, they have also failed to decline much from their peak as demand for gasoline continues to push higher as the summer driving season is underway," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy.

According to GasBuddy data, gasoline demand last week eclipsed the prior week, when millions of Americans were gearing up for Memorial Day travel, not an easy feat, but highlights that economic conditions are ripe for continued growth in demand, contributing to prices holding at high levels.

De Haan continued, "As OPEC has maintained a slow but steady

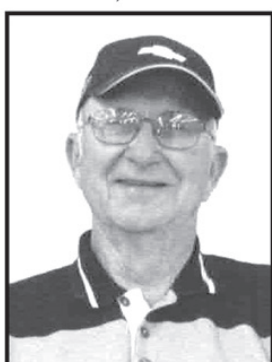
increase in oil production, that additional production is quickly being gobbled up by a global economy that continues to recover. Our current gas prices likely won't change much by July 4, but remain stubbornly high, barring any major curveballs to supply and demand."

GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data spanning nearly two decades. GasBuddy's survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country. GasBuddy data is accessible at <http://FuelInsights.GasBuddy.com>.

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# Help from on High

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Have you ever been stuck upside down in a cotton trailer? Just to clarify for younger readers, back in the day, before modules and bales were the main method of harvesting and transporting cotton, cotton farmers would put their cotton in big trailers to take them to the gin. To get the most cotton in the trailer you could tromp it down after each dump, which left ample time to play between dumps if the cotton wasn't filling up cotton strippers very fast. This down time made possible wars with siblings where you would throw green bowls at one another and build cotton fortresses as you played and waited for the next dump to be tromped. One day, my elementary age self, had the bright idea to dig a tunnel that I could crawl through to the other side of the trailer. As the downward tunnel digging commenced I soon reached a point of no return, where I had to either give up, or climb headfirst to keep digging. As a few others in my family sat in the trailer facing the other direction, I decided to continue digging, but what I didn't count on was that once you are over halfway straight down in a narrow cotton tunnel, it is impossible to get out, and even worse, all the screaming and hollering didn't go anywhere with my face a couple feet down in my cotton tunnel. I needed help from on high to pull me

out of my tunnel. Thankfully, I was soon rescued by a family member who pulled me out of my tunnel and saved my life. Obviously, I learned that downward tunnels in a cotton trailer aren't wise, but more importantly as I look back, I am reminded that I needed help to get myself out of the mess I was in.

It doesn't matter if you are a child or an adult, we all need help in countless areas. This should be no surprise to you, and it is no surprise to God. That's why God gave us his Holy Word in the Bible to give truth and guidance. Further, God even sent Jesus to die on the cross for our sin and then rose from the grave. All who trust in Christ alone for salvation will be saved, and after salvation believers are given help from on high as the Holy Spirit dwells within believers. In John 14:16-17 Jesus said, "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you." Understand that the Holy Spirit is our Helper, our Counselor, our Advocate, who dwells within believers, and relying on his Help demands full surrender to the Lord and allowing Him to fill your heart and mind with truth and direction from God.

## Panhandle Parables

# Garage Sale

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

I have a love/hate relationship with garage sales. I love to go to them and look at other folks stuff hoping to find a treasure. I hate getting stuff ready for one. I love seeing folks find something they can use. I hate trying to figure out what to do with all the stuff nobody else wanted either. I love the extra little spending cash. I hate... you get the idea.

It is always amazing the things you find. The thousand Tupperware lids with no matching containers, baby items, and virtually new exercise equipment that folks hope to recover

at least one of their six \$39.00 payments they made when they purchased that crazy "Thigh master, Ab-roller, exercise bike." Yet there are some things that I hope you never find in a garage sale.

Usually an item is titled "Garage Sale Item" when it no longer serves a purpose, no longer fits, or no longer is of value to the owner. When it comes to spiritual matters I am afraid many have determined that heaven can be put on the table, or their faith just wasn't needed anymore, their spouse has lost appeal, their church family is ex-

pendable, God's Word a little out of touch,... Yes, Satan is there buying the priceless for pennies on the dollar. He doesn't care.

Heaven is worth the wait, faith is necessary in pleasing God, a loving spouse can make even the roughest rides bearable, church families are great when times get lean, and God's Word can be a real anchor in the harshest storms. So if you are in the process of a spiritual garage sale, pay attention to what you are setting out on the table, your soul is what Satan is looking for don't forget Jesus already bought it.

# The More You Do It, the Easier it Gets

By Teena Hughs

Feller and I just completed our third straight week of trying to get everything unpacked and put where it belongs. It seems to be taking forever!!! Tomorrow, I will take my fifth car-load of things that we don't need or want to Goodwill in San Angelo or Lubbock from here, on my way to Camp New Dawn. The longer I work, the easier it is to throw things away, and that is GREAT for us!

I have written before about how good it is for our hearts to "clean

out" the trash and unnecessary things, and the fact that you can give God anything anytime you need to clean and purify your heart.

The point I would like to make this week is that the more you do it, the easier it gets; and, the easier it is to get your life more in line with that of Jesus. You start looking for things to give Jesus so that your heart can be cleaner and purer, so that no barriers stand between you and Jesus.

I just want to encour-

age you to make heart cleaning and purifying a constant part of your life. If you don't think you need to surrender anything to God, don't be afraid to talk to Him about it. You might be surprised at what He tells you; I know I have been surprised before!

Peace and a clean heart are worth the effort to seek out what God needs you to surrender to Him. It leads to a much better life for you and others. Take care and have a great week!

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FISD teachers, administration, and staff were recognized last month at a dinner held in their honor at the Country Rose. Service pins were awarded and five retiring teachers were presented with rocking chairs.



**Retired Teachers (l-r)** Mary Ortiz, Allison Johnston, Annette Frye, Cindy Alexander, Estela Ortiz

**Mary Ortiz | 36 years** — Mary began by serving as an Elementary Aide. Next, she was a Junior High Special Education teacher for 3 years. She has also worked as a High School Aide. Mary has also worked with the Migrant Program and has served in the Counselor's office at Friena High School.

**Allison Johnston | 19 years** — Allison has served as FHS Assistant Band Director and as Junior High Band Director. In 2003, she restarted the FHS choir program which had been dormant for many years and served as Director. Allison was also a Special Education teacher, school yearbook director, and UIL Journalism team coach. At retirement, she was serving as Counselor at Friena High School.

**Annette Frye | 35 years** — Annette was a Junior High teacher for 1 year, a 3rd grade teacher for 6 years, and a 1st grade teacher for 19 years. She just finished her 9th year as a Reading Recovery teacher. Last year she taught her first third-generation student. Annette

and Beverly Ingram created the Mighty Writers program and coordinated it for the past 6 years.

**Cindy Alexander | 35 years** — Cindy's first teaching assignment was in Fort Stockton where she was the resource teacher and vocational adjustment coordinator for 5 years. She taught Life Skills for 9 years at Canyon High School and taught English and Theater Arts at Bovina High School. While at Friena, she has taught English II, English III, ESL and Practical Writing. Cindy has also served as the campus ESL Coordinator for her entire 18 years at FHS.

**Estela Ortiz | 32 years** — Estela was a Special Education teacher in Bovina and took part in the language academy. She was a bilingual teacher for 3 years at La Casita in Clovis, NM. She also taught at Lubbock Roosevelt for 3 years. While working in Friena, she was a bilingual teacher for 9 years, worked with dyslexia students for 4 years, was an ESL teacher for 2 years, and taught language academy for 1 year.



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## Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



The past week has been spent under the same roof as Lillie and Ellie, the Children Who Call Me Pearl.

Grandchildren are all they are cracked up to be and more. We are in the “more” stage now as the two of them have grown very used to my presence (after sixteen months of distance).

Here are some comments I have made in recent days to the Children Who Call Me Pearl, which indicate familiarity still needs boundaries:

*“Grandmothers do too go to the bathroom. Now, get out and shut the door.”*

*“I can put my clothes on by myself but thank you anyway.”*

*“Please keep the toenail polish on the nail, not the toe.”*

*“Did you take 126 selfies on my phone, Lillie?”*

*“Why do I have to always be the one picking up Aisle 9 when we play grocery store?”*

*“I’m just gonna go get a coke and be back in two hours, ok?”*

Here are some thoughts which have floated in and out during this same time:

*My goodness, how lucky I am to be alive watching these two little girls the way I used to watch my two daughters.*

*The daily routine of nurturing children and ourselves as parents/grandparents is hard, important work.*

*I miss my friends Mark and Janie who died before getting to see their grandchildren who are close to the ages of Lillie and Ellie. The fun we would be having together with our daughters’ daughters would be immeasurable.*

*I think of my mother, who was still teaching full time in her 60s when my girls were young. She never declined a chance to keep the girls or simply enjoy a visit from us, even after a long week of work and with papers to grade.*

*Life is just so short. Do it. Do all of it—softball games, making cookies, coloring, building towers with blocks, swinging, going down the slide, playing grocery store, watching Frozen (again), telling bedtime stories, sitting on the side of the tub and reading the same five books over and over during potty training, and answering every question.*

*These moments will not last, and I must savor Lillie and Ellie’s attention before adolescence takes them away for a few years before they return as young adults.*

When I need that inevitable break (as do they), I get in my car and go through the drive through at Whataburger and sit under a tree and catch up on the news. Upon return to their house, it’s as if we have not seen each other in months. Hugs and tugs return.

Grandchildren make growing old worth every ounce of fatigue.

## State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



### Population gains, losses in state detailed

The U.S. Census Bureau has released its sub-county population estimates from April 2010 to July 2020. That includes population estimates for the 1,200 incorporated places in Texas.

Nine additional Texas towns were incorporated in the past decade, while 13 additional cities surpassed a population of 50,000.

The Texas Demographic Center reported that of the 71 Texas cities with populations of more than 50,000, only two lost population — continuing the trend of smaller towns and areas in the state losing population to larger cities. More than 55% of the state’s population growth has been in cities with more than 50,000 residents.

Small and mid-sized cities surrounding major metropolitan areas, such as Dallas-Fort Worth, Austin and Houston, saw the fastest growth rates, while many of the cities in West Texas and the Panhandle were among the 372 Texas cities that lost population, according to TDC.

### Emergency food benefits extended

Benefits for families under a federal nutrition plan have been increased through September, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission announced last week.

Under the American Rescue Plan signed by President Biden in March, states can provide eligible families up to \$35 per month to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables. Clients of the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program are eligible.

“Texas WIC provides foods that have great nutritional value — providing key nutrients at key stages of development,” Texas WIC Director Edgar Curtis said. “This nutritional support early in life builds stronger, smarter, healthier and happier children and Texans. Fresh fruits and vegetables, which are loaded with vitamins and other plant-based nutrients, are at the forefront of that strategy.”

The HHSC also announced it is

providing roughly \$208 million in emergency food benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, extending the maximum SNAP benefits allowable through June. All SNAP recipients will get a minimum of \$95 in emergency allotment, in addition to the 15% increase that continues through September.

The program is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and administered by HHSC.

### State to release \$5 billion in school federal aid

Months after congressional action on a coronavirus relief package, the Texas Education Agency announced Friday that school districts may begin applying for their portion of \$5 billion in aid.

According to the Austin American-Statesman, how much each district will receive varies. Districts that saw large enrollment declines because of the pandemic will likely not receive as much money, because TEA will divert some of the funds to make up for funding provided at pre-pandemic levels.

Much of public-school funding in Texas is based on average daily attendance. However, during the 2020-2021 school year, districts were not penalized when students stayed home.

### Experts: Weatherization bill falls short

The Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 3 in response to February’s deadly storm and widespread failure of power plants. The package addresses the problems that threaten electric reliability, but public radio’s Texas Standard reports that many electric grid experts and policy analysts say not enough has been done to prevent another blackout disaster.

One section of SB3 allows regulators to determine what portions of the natural gas supply must be weatherized. Since it only applies to equipment that directly connects to power plants, experts say it might not be enough.

Dan Cohan, civil engineering professor at Rice University, told the Standard that “whoever has

those direct lines into the power plants and winterizes those is going to point upstream and say ‘well those upstream people couldn’t get us enough gas.’ So yeah, it’s hard to see how this is going to provide us full coverage.”

In addition, critics say the penalties of \$5,000 a day for not doing the required weatherization amount to little more than a rounding error for non-complying oil and gas companies.

### GOP chairman resignation sparks speculation

Texas Republican Party chairman Allen West resigned Friday, sparking speculation he is considering a statewide race.

The Republican party issued a statement that West “will take this opportunity to prayerfully reflect on a new chapter in his already distinguished career.” West was not ruled out challenging Gov. Greg Abbott, who last week touted a reelection endorsement from former President Trump.

### COVID-19 cases dropping; 36% fully vaccinated

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas continues to drop, with 9,534 reported as of Sunday for the previous week — a small fraction of mid-January’s record high of nearly 159,000.

In the past week, 210 deaths from COVID-19 in Texas were reported, according to the Johns Hopkins University Coronavirus Resource Center. That is also a decrease.

The number of Texans fully vaccinated stands at 10.5 million, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services, or about 36% of the state’s population. The number of lab-confirmed COVID-19 patients who are hospitalized dropped nearly a fifth from the previous week, to 1,504, according to DSHS.

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## Lions Club News



### Parmer County Judge is guest speaker at Lions Club meeting

Parmer County Judge Trey Ellis was the guest speaker at the Noon Lions Club meeting last Monday at The Farm Wife Kitchen. Judge Ellis covered a wide variety of topics ranging from the budgeting process to the duties of a county judge. He was happy to report that a couple of senate bills that would have made it difficult for local officials to lobby for their constituents in Austin failed to pass.

Judge Ellis also informed the club that the Highway 60 repair project east of Farwell has been delayed the past few months for various reasons. Also, road repair from Parmerton to Bovina and east out of Friona is on the agenda but will not happen anytime soon because of the lack of funding.

Two overpasses are on the horizon for Parmer County. The “Cargill” overpass has been approved but is probably still 2-3 years away from completion. An overpass east of Farwell over Highway 60 is also in the planning stages. BNSF Railway is planning to add a third track through Parmer County and estimates are that traffic at the railroad crossing that connects Farwell and Texico would be interrupted for a total of 12 hours each day.

## Governor Signs Law To Ensure Affordable Colorectal Cancer Screenings for Texans

Last Friday, Gov. Greg Abbott signed into law Senate bill 1028 which will ensure Texans can access affordable preventative colorectal cancer screening beginning at age 45. It does this by eliminating cost-sharing for all preventative colorectal cancer screening tests for people 45 and older, even if they are performed as a follow up to a positive less invasive screening. The bill takes effect September 1, 2021.

“We are thrilled that our lawmakers have heard from their many constituents who have been touched by cancer and voted to remove barriers to affordable screening for colorectal cancer,” said James Gray, Texas Senior Director of Government Relations for ACS CAN. “Being voted

out of the legislature unanimously and on the heels of the United States Preventive Services Task Force updated guidelines is yet another example on how Texas continues to lead in the fight against cancer through strong, evidence-based policy. If Texans received regular screenings for colorectal cancer, thousands of future deaths could potentially be prevented.”

A broad coalition of public health groups, including the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) and Fight Colorectal Cancer (Fight CRC), have spent the last year urging lawmakers to pass this bill. In 2021, it’s estimated that nearly over 11,000 Texans will receive a diagnosis of colorectal cancer and an estimated 4,000 will

lose their battle with the disease — but by increasing access to screening, advocates hope to decrease these numbers.

“Despite being one of the most preventable cancers, colorectal cancer remains the second leading cause of cancer death in Texas,” noted Allison Rosen, ACT Lead Volunteer at ACS CAN and colorectal cancer survivor. “This law removes a major financial barrier that has kept thousands of Texans from receiving their recommended screenings, which comes with the cost of poorer health outcomes and too many lives lost. On behalf of all families touched by cancer, we at ACS CAN, including cancer survivors like myself from across the state, thank Gov. Abbott for signing

this lifesaving bill into law.”

Colorectal cancer is one of the few cancers that can be prevented if caught early and it is more important now than ever that Texas remove barriers and increase access to this life-saving screening.

“Fight Colorectal Cancer is grateful to all the incredible colorectal cancer advocates in Texas who worked tirelessly to see this critical legislation passed by the legislature,” said Anjee Davis, President of Fight CRC. “We applaud Rep. John Smithee and Sen. Joan Huffman for their leadership and prioritizing increasing access to colorectal cancer screening.”

*Source: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN)*



# ★ Sports ★



**Congratulations to Friona Youth Sports' traveling 1st and 2nd grade boys team for taking first place in a tournament at the end of May. Teams members are (l-r) Chance Lewellen (coach), Carter Lewellen, Matthew Marquez, Wiley Steelman, Izaiah Snyder, Yahdir Faudoa, Anthony Marquez, and Herman Marquez (coach).**



**Friona Youth Sports hosted an Offensive Skills Football Camp on June 1st and 2nd at Chieftain Field. The free camp featured coaches from Wayland Baptist University and was for incoming 3rd-8th graders. The camp focused on offensive drills and fundamentals.**



**The Friona City Pool opened last Friday. The pool staff this summer is; back row (l-r) Isaias Olmos; Anthony Abarca; Andrew Husted; Gabe Abarca; front row (l-r) Magdalena Licerio; Reese Stowers; Kambree Kimbrough, manager; Anahi Gonzales, cashier; and Pam Husted, assistant manager.**

## Friona City Pool is open for business

The Friona City Pool opened for the summer at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, June 4th. The pool will be open Tuesday through Saturday each week from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for open swim. Night swim will be from 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Swimming lessons are an hour long class and are available between 10:00 a.m. until noon. Swimming lessons are \$50 per child, ages 3 & up, on Tuesdays-Fridays for a duration of two weeks. The first session will be June 15th to June 25th. Water aerobic hours are 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on

Tuesdays and Thursdays and cost \$3. For open swim and night swim, children age 3 & under get in free, kids age 4-11 is \$3, and for 12 & older it is \$4. The family summer splash pass is \$300. The individual season splash pass is \$100 for children 13 & under and \$200 for adults 14 & up. The 30 day splash pass is \$65 for children and \$85 for adults. The 5 day splash pass is \$10 for children and \$15 for adults. Party rentals are one hour for \$100 and two hours for \$150. For more information or scheduling contact the manager at (806) 517-4391.

## Xcel Energy prepared for summer's high demand

Xcel Energy's ongoing investments in generating capacity and targeted grid improvements are expected to provide reliable service across the company's Texas-New Mexico service area as summer's heat sets in.

"While nothing can be taken for granted, we are confident our system is ready for the hottest days this summer," said David Hudson, president, Xcel Energy - New Mexico, Texas. "We've invested billions of dollars over the past decade in clean energy resources, new and expanded substations and hundreds of miles of new and updated power lines to ensure we have the capacity to meet expected demands on our system."

Xcel Energy is part of the Southwest Power Pool, which oversees the reliability of a multistate transmission network and operates a wholesale power market. A decade's worth of investment in new transmission connections within the regional service area and to other SPP members has allowed Xcel Energy to tap into abundant power supplies that supple-

ment a large amount of generating capacity located within the region, Hudson said.

**SPP is not connected to the Texas grid operated by ERCOT, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas. In a May 6 news release providing a summer outlook, ERCOT mentioned "low-probability, high-impact situations similar to the February winter event" could occur if surging demand creates another energy shortage, but talk of possible deficiencies pertains to ERCOT and not Xcel Energy and the SPP.**

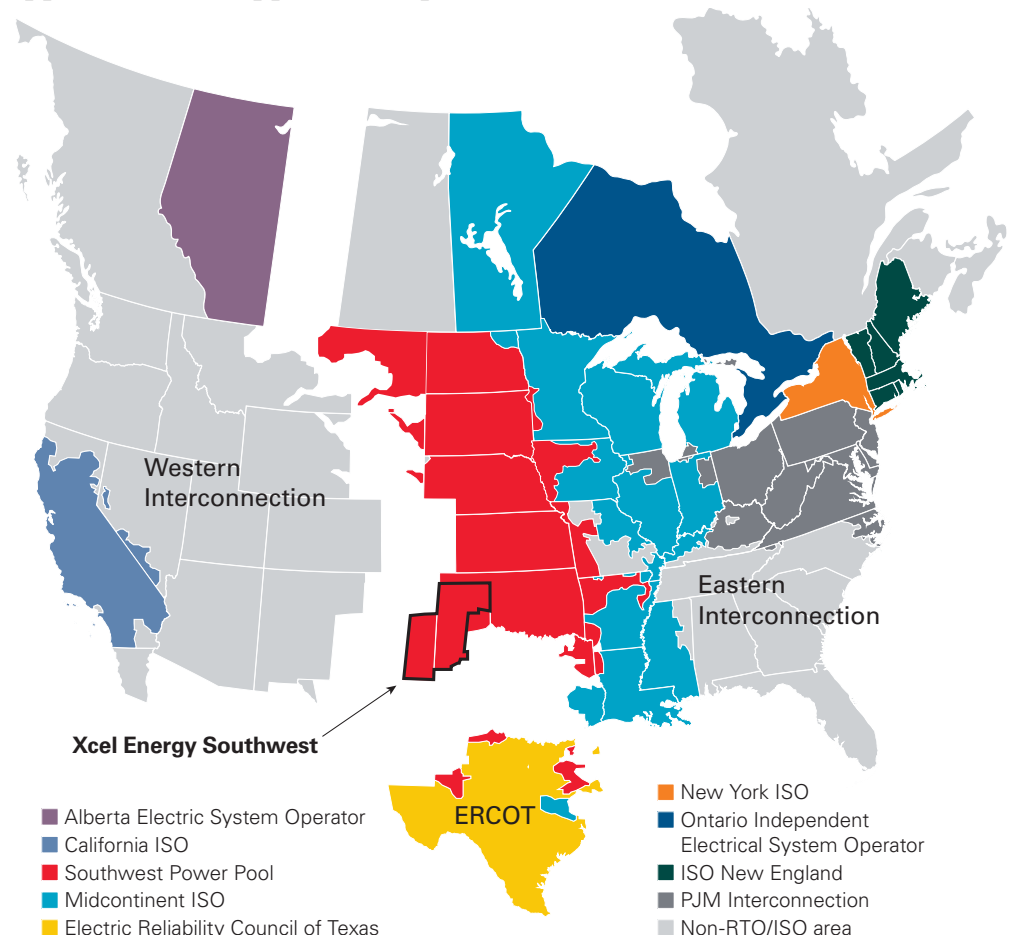
"Our Texas customers may hear reports of potential power shortages downstate, but it's important to remember these reports are discussing conditions outside of the Xcel Energy service area," Hudson said. "From a planning standpoint, we are in a better position in the Panhandle and South Plains than the rest of Texas when it comes to meeting high summer demand."

Xcel Energy is regulated differently than power providers in down-

state Texas and must show it has enough capacity to meet expected peak demands and still have at least a 12% reserve. The company has met that requirement with room to spare and expects to have close to a 20% reserve margin going into the summer months, Hudson said.

Hudson also pointed out that the company has invested heavily in local distribution systems to ensure power flows freely on hot days. Projects such as the Western Street and Hunsley substations in Amarillo and the new Sisko Substation in Carlsbad are just a few examples of recent projects designed to boost the capacity of the distribution network.

Recent projects to standardize the voltages in area communities, including Amarillo, Plainview and Carlsbad, ensure that if heat-related outages do occur, crews can quickly re-route power to minimize disruptions. "It's an ongoing effort to keep our system at peak readiness and to ensure we have the capacity to grow," Hudson said.



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# Obituaries



## Lucy B. Everett



Church service for Lucy B Everett, age 84, of Earth, Texas, was held at 3:00 p.m., Friday, June 4, 2021 at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Earth with Father Heriberto Mercado of Muleshoe, Texas officiating. Lucy died Sunday, May 30, 2021 in Lubbock, Texas. She was born March 4, 1937 in Bovina, Texas to Segundo and Adelaida (Vigil) Brito. She married

John A. Everett in Bovina on September 19, 1957.

Lucy enjoyed sewing and crossword puzzles. She loved watching novelas and game shows, and spending time with her family and her church family. Lucy

is preceded in death by her parents; a son, John Jacob Everett; two brothers; and four sisters.

Lucy is survived by her husband, John; her son, Jamie Everett and his wife, Wilma of Earth, Texas; her four daughters, Cathie Villa of Earth, Texas, Carrie Melton and her hus-

band, James of Roswell, New Mexico, Clarice Dominguez and her husband, Joe of Amarillo, Texas and Cynthia Silva and her husband, Pastor Aurelio of Friona, Texas; her two sisters, Marie Cervantez of Clovis, New Mexico and Elizabeth Sena of Clovis, New Mexico; her brother, Joe Brito of Ribera, New Mexico; her nineteen grandchildren; and her thirty-two great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be sent to St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, 806 East Highway 70, Earth, Texas, 79031. Online condolences may be made at [www.ellisfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ellisfuneralhomes.com).

## Charles Wentworth Sanders



Charles Wentworth Sanders, 88, passed away on June 7, 2021 at his home in Clovis, New Mexico. A visitation will be held on June 10, 2021, 3:00PM to 5:00PM at Muffley Funeral Home, 1430 Thornton Street, Clovis, New Mexico. A graveside service will be held on Friday, June 11, 2021, 11:00AM CDT at Friona Cemetery, Friona Texas. Pastor Michael Kirby and Dr. Larry G. Sanders will be officiating. Larry Sanders, Chris Sanders, Scott Campbell, Mike Huber, and Cameron Huber will serve as pallbearers.

Charles was born on August 14, 1932, in Herford, Texas to B.E. and Marie Sanders. He mar-

ried Fern Hand in Friona, Texas on October 21, 1950. Charles' life career was farming and ranching. God, family, and church were his passion.

Survivors include: his wife; Fern Sanders, his two sons; Larry Sanders (Jane) and Chris Sanders, his two brothers; Robert Sanders (Kay) and Billy Sanders (Wedie), his grandchildren; Sacha Huber and

Summer Campbell, and 5 great grandchildren; Cameron Huber, Caleb Huber, Kaylee Huber, Avery Campbell, and Caroline Campbell. Charles is preceded in death by his parents; B.E. and Marie Sanders, and his brother; Sheldon Sanders.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made to New Mexico Baptist Children's Home in Portales, New Mexico. [www.nmbch.com](http://www.nmbch.com)



## Wonderland Park To Host First Responders Night

*Honoring First Responders Across the Panhandle*

Wonderland Amusement Park is excited to host First Responders Night at the Park Tuesday, June 29th from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Wonderland is once again paying homage to police officers, firefighters and emergency responders who serve the panhandle region on a daily basis by inviting them out for a fun-filled night.

All first responders will receive a FREE WOW Ride Pass by presenting proper ID and a special barcode at the gate. Their families will enjoy WOW Passes for only \$14+tax by presenting

a second special barcode at the gate.

**All discount codes have been sent directly to local first responding agencies. Agencies outside of Amarillo that would like to participate can do so by visiting [WonderlandPark.com/FirstRespondersNight](http://WonderlandPark.com/FirstRespondersNight) and filling out the proper form.**

The public is encouraged to come out and visit with our local heroes and thank them for their selfless work to keep us safe. It's a great way to show our support for our first responders!



FHS Principal Erika Montana was recently honored as a TMEA Distinguished Administrator by the Texas Music Educators Association. The award was in recognition of her outstanding commitment to preserving quality music education experiences for all students. TMEA Executive Director Robert M. Floyd and TMEA Executive Board President John Carrol were signatories on the certificate. The Mighty Chieftain Band presented the award.



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The Friona Public Library kicked off its 2021 summer reading program by hosting the First Response Program on Wednesday, June 2nd. There were 150 children and 25 adults that attended the program. The kids learned about the roles of the Police, EMS, and Firefighters as emergency responders. The children also learned about the equipment that emergency responders have on their uniforms and in their vehicles. Chief of Police Isidro Jimenez and Police Officer Jonathan Marquez taught the children about gun safety and told them that it is important to tell an adult whenever they find one. Firefighters Skip Hodges and J'Lond Jarecki talked about fire safety and told the children that they should never hide inside if there is a fire. Skip reminded the kids that during a fire they need to try to get out of the building before they call for help. Mike Taylor talked about the importance of calling 911 if someone is hurt or if there is an emergency. The kids had the chance to win a prize during a raffle at the end of the program.



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