



Texas Senate News

By Richard Lee

The Senate this week approved bills that would draw new lines for state Senate and US congressional districts following the 2020 census. The constitution requires that new district maps are drawn in the first regular session after the decennial census, but delays due to the COVID pandemic, legal challenges, and other issues pushed back the release of this critical data by months. Instead, lawmakers had to wait until August to get the necessary data.

What those numbers showed was that Texas added more population than any other state, growing by 4 million residents since 2010. Texas will also be the only state to add two new seats to its congressional delegation - no other state will add more than one. Those two new districts, said Houston Senator and chair of the Special Committee on Redistricting Joan Huffman, will go to rapidly growing parts of Travis county and northwest Harris county, bringing the total number of congressional seats representing Texas in Washington, D.C. to 38. Both bills now head to the House for consideration and the Senate must still sign off on the House's plan to redraw that chamber's districts. By long-standing tradition, neither body makes changes to the other's plans for their own district boundaries.

Friday, the Senate approved spending more than \$16 billion in federal COVID aid funds to make up costs to the state incurred during the ongoing pandemic and to shore up public health response as the state endures a fourth spike in COVID cases, hospitalizations, and deaths. "These are strategic, one-time investments that will help us move beyond the pandemic and help keep Texas strong, prosperous, and healthy," said au-

thor and Finance Committee Chair Senator Jane Nelson of Flower Mound.

About half of the bill's appropriations, \$7.2 billion, will go to completely cover the debt in the state's unemployment insurance compensation fund. This account was depleted following the spike in layoffs caused by the COVID pandemic, and without action, Nelson warned that it could lead to a hike in unemployment taxes for business owners. "We are holding businesses harmless for the pandemic-related layoffs and avoiding what would be an unfair, crippling increase in unemployment taxes at a time when many employers are struggling," said Nelson. "Texas is a pro-business state and we are setting aside nearly half of our allotment to help our businesses get back on their feet." It also includes \$200 million in grants for the state's hard-hit tourism sector.

Much of the rest of this money goes to public health spending, including \$2.5 billion to pay for additional staff, treatment, and infusion centers to deal with the ongoing pandemic, and \$3.5 billion to cover salaries for staff who are directly involved in the pandemic response. It also would spend \$75 million for rural hospitals, about \$350 million for adult and youth mental health services, and \$100 million for state food banks.

With only a few exceptions, the Senate has now passed legislation relating to all items on Governor Greg Abbott's agenda for the third called session. These bills must still pass the House and the Senate must consider any changes that body makes before the measures can reach the governor's desk. The special session is scheduled to end on October 19th.

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Pink Out Game



The Chieftain offensive line has been a driving force in the success of the team this year. Last week, Friona running backs rushed for 673 yards and 9 touchdowns in the 62-42 victory over the Tulia Hornets. On Friday, the "Pink Out" cancer awareness game this year will be a "Battle of the Unbeaten" as the Chiefs host the #3 ranked Childress Bobcats.

Friona to receive \$48,088.07 sales tax allocation for October

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced that he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$906.6 million in local sales tax allocations for October, 20.6 percent more than in October 2020. These allocations are based on

sales made in August by businesses that report tax monthly.

The City of Friona will receive \$48,088.07 for the month of October. This represents a 24.02% increase over the \$38,772.63 received in October 2020. So far in 2021, Friona has received

\$484,858.20 in sales tax allocation. This amount represents a 10.56% increase over the \$438,516.33 received in 2020 during the same time period. The Friona Economic Development Corporation will receive \$12,022.02 of the allocation for its operations.



Great American Relay runner Charles Fleming (center) and his dog, Tom, are greeted at the fire station by Friona Volunteer Fire Department members (l-r) Maddie Sharrock, Capt. Terry Sharrock, race organizer Vince Varallo, and Fire Chief Danny Campbell. See story and photos on page 11.



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Friona Weather	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	Precipitation	Burn Ban
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Community Calendar

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

October 14

• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center

October 18

• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center
• Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at The Farmwife Kitchen Restaurant

October 21

• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center

October 25

• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center

October 26

• Snack Pak packing at 3 p.m. at Friona United Methodist Church (North entrance on 9th Street)

October 28

• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center

October 31

• Halloween

PCRTSP holds luncheon

Parmer County Retired Teachers and School Personnel met on September 21st at the home of Sue Wells for a pile-on luncheon. Twenty six members attended along with county school superintendents and Doneice Ray, TRTA District President.

Jimmy Burns of Friona ISD discussed facility improvements, including the new Primary building. He stated that the ag department is scheduled for several enhancements such as a green house. Friona has a relatively small number of students doing remote learning due to Covid. Enrollment has increased by one hundred twenty students over last year.

Steve Wolf of Lazbuddie ISD said that his school is in the process of getting estimates for several improvements such as central heat and air in all classrooms and work on the school system's sixteen houses

for teachers.

Denise Anderson of Bovina ISD stated that her school has a new art building, does the rapid Covid test on campus, and is considering a bond election.

PCRTSP members enjoyed each of these administrators and appreciated their willingness to keep us informed.

Local president, Tina Sides, introduced District 16 TRTA president, Doneice Ray. Ms. Ray gave these legislative updates. Texas retired educators' trust fund is sound, and is in fact, the thirteenth largest in the world. Many retirees will receive a thirteenth check in January of 2022, depending on the date of their retirement. The Sunset Bill allows retirees to return to the classroom without waiting twelve months, as previously required. There are no changes to TRS care in 2022. Efforts to pass legislation regarding a cost-of-living increase



(l-r) TRTA District 16 President Doneice Ray and local PCRTSP President Tina Sides.

will continue. The District Fall Conference will occur October 22 at Region 16 and all members are encouraged to attend.

The meeting concluded with concerns about several members who were unable to at-

tend due to health or other problems. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 9 at 2:00 p.m. at the Friona Interbank community room. The program will be provided by the Amarillo Agency on Aging.

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Farmhouse to Your House



Superintendents (l-r) Steve Wolf, Lazbuddie ISD; Jimmy Burns, Friona ISD; and Denise Anderson, Bovina ISD.

ACROSS

- Linden is the seat of this county
- lumber for Texas Ranger Adolis Garcia (2 wds.)
- this Cockrell was a 4-term mayor of San Antonio
- move swiftly, dart
- this agency puts Texas at 30 million people (2 wds.)
- Moderna/Pfizer are m_____ vaccines
- it's used for doors and windows (2 wds.)
- ___ Olde Shoppe
- drove too fast
- a bank who must pay a check
- big boat race in June: "Texas Water _____"
- forcibly vomit
- TXism: "active as a fox in _____ house"
- Earl of the JFK Commission (init.)
- "Stick _____ Country Song"
- TX chili is cooked in one (2 wds.)
- TXism: "adios"
- TXism: "riding a high horse"
- "One _____, one Ranger"
- "Texas" is an out-_____ drama
- TX A.J. Foyt was often _____ pulling away
- end-of-year gift
- top co. manager
- TXism: "it'll take a faith healer to _____" (badly broken)
- this "Red Rooster" Doug played for Astros and managed Rangers
- make a mistake
- TXism: "_____ to a rattler" (mean)
- ladder steps
- _____fiction
- Chili Peppers" opened 2017 tour in Texas
- a heron found on the Texas coast
- old actor, Ladd
- a union at GM's plant in Arlington
- TXism: "so dark you couldn't _____ hand in front of your face"
- waste conduits
- very first Russian orbiting satellite
- ___ Edwards Univ.
- TX Dale Evans' "___! San Antone"

DOWN

- TXism: "noisy as a _____ mamma"
- Taylor County seat
- city in Kansas
- numbers for Astros and Rangers, e.g.
- TXism: "he couldn't lick his _____ lip" (weak)
- TXism: "a whole _____" (a lot)
- TX Jimmy Dean hit: "Big _____ John"
- Longhorns Univ.
- TXism: "thinkin' _____ doing"
- "sticks and stones can break my _____"
- slickers
- Viper (1992-2017)
- Texas idiom in the Texas Crossword when all the judges on a court hear a case: "en _____"
- "R" of "RBI" stat
- TX Kenny Rogers' "_____ James"
- he designed Dallas City Hall (3 wds.)

TEXAS CROSSWORD
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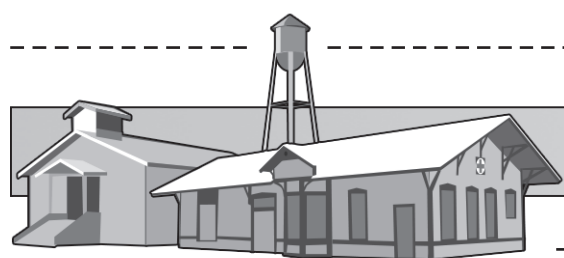
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Free Vaccination Clinic — Parmer Medical Center is hosting a Free Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic on Friday, October 15th from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the XIT Recreation Center in Bovina, Texas. Pfizer vaccines are now available for ages 12

and up. Call for an appointment at 806-240-1562 or 806-240-1761. Walk-ins are available.

Note from Deena Leuea — Goat and lamb validation will be held on Tuesday, October 19th at the Friona Community

Center starting at 4:00 p.m.

Customer Appreciation Day — Bi-Wize will host Customer Appreciation Day next Tuesday, October 19th. They will also be celebrating National Pharmacy Technician Day. Go by and grab a hot dog & drink!

Rain update — Weather guru John Gurley reported that Friona officially received .27" and .25" of rainfall in the last two weather events. The Rhea area received around 1" in the first rain event and Bootleg received .50" in the second.

Music for your ears — The Mighty Chieftain Marching Band will compete in the district marching contest on Saturday, October 16, 2021 at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo, Texas. Go band!!!

Music for your mouth — The band boosters will be selling brisket sandwiches with chips, pickles, onions, BBQ sauce,

and water for \$8.00 at the October 15th football game. They will begin serving at 5:00 p.m. and serve until they are sold out. Buy early and buy often.

National Dictionary Day is October 16th and commemorates the birthday of Noah Webster. In 1806, American Noah Webster published his first dictionary. He immediately began compiling an expanded and fully comprehensive dictionary that took twenty-seven years to complete. To evaluate the etymology of words, Webster learned twenty-six languages, including Old English (Anglo-Saxon), German, Greek, Latin, Italian, Spanish, French, Hebrew, Arabic, and Sanskrit. As a spelling reformer, he introduced American English spellings. For example, Webster replaced "colour" with "color," "waggon" with "wagon," and "center" instead of "centre." He believed the United States "should be as in-

dependent in literature as she is in politics." Webster took a more phonetic approach to the development of his dictionary. Interestingly, the word "phonics" didn't appear when Webster published his dictionary in 1828 at the age of seventy.

National Days
October 14: Dessert Day

October 15: Mammography Day
October 16: Dictionary Day
October 17: Pasta Day
October 18: Chocolate Cupcake Day
October 19: Pharmacy Technician Day
October 20: Medical Assistants Recognition Day

COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from September 30, 2021 to October 6, 2021

(10/1/21) Wayne Thomas Schilling, Mary Ethel Schilling — Caviness Development Ltd — All that certain Tract or Parcel of Land in Castro and Parmer Sec. No. 10 Blk B N.A Lauglin Grantee S. F. No. 5103 Patent 208 Vol. 29A being the S 3/5 of the S 5/8 of said Sec. or survey in Parmer County

(10/1/21) Robert Clinton Hurst, Mauricio Garcia Ortiz, Reyna Duran Guzman — First National Bank Texas DBA — 3.175 Ac Tract of Land in the S 1/2 of Sec 17 T1N R5E Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County

(10/1/21) David H. Tiemann, Sandy L. Tiemann — Shurt and Tie Properties LLC — The E 54 ft of Lot 3 and W 10 ft of an easement lying E of and adjacent of L 3 of the Medlock Addition to the City of Friona in Parmer and the W 48 ft of Lot 4 and E 10 ft of an easement lying West of and adjacent to said Lot 4 Medlock Addition to the City of Friona in Parmer and All of L 6 of the Medlock Addition to the City of Friona

(10/1/21) Dianne Gayarr Tannahill, Annette Victoria Milner, Joanne Danner — The Jarrell and Karen Wright Supplemental Needs Trust — All of the E 1/2 of Sec 11 Blk A Rhea Brothers Subdiv of Parmer County

(10/5/21) Joe A. Torres, Mauela Torres — Randall Gene Koehn, Roalie Dawn Koehn — 8.16 Ac out of the NW/4 Sec 89 Blk H Kelly Subdiv in Parmer County

(10/5/21) Jeffrey Bruce Boehning, Tisha Diana Boehning — Randall Gene Loehn, Rosalie Dawn Loehn — All of the NW/4 of Sec 89 Blk H Thomas Kelly Subdiv in Parmer County and the SW/4 of Sec 89 Blk H Thomas Kelly Subdiv in Parmer County

(10/6/21) Joyce Loflin, Jerry Brent Loflin, Teresa Kay Nichols — Jerry Brent Loflin — The E 26 Ac of All of that part of Survey or Sec 32 lying S of the P and SF Railroad and being out of Township 1 N R 4 E Parmer County and the W 54 Ac of All of that part of survey of the Township 1 N R 4 E Parmer County

Underwater trials

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith

The first use of submarine warfare occurred in 1776—during the American Revolution; the Turtle, an American submersible vessel, attempted to sink the 64-gun HMS Eagle in New York Harbor, but the mission failed, and the Turtle was lost; the American sloop carrying it was submerged by the British.

The world's first noteworthy submarine was the H.L. Hunley, named for the person who built it for the Confederacy. On October 15, 1863, it went down during its trial run in Charleston Harbor; reconstructed by the following February, it encountered the U.S.S. Housatonic, fired a torpedo into its hull, and capsized.

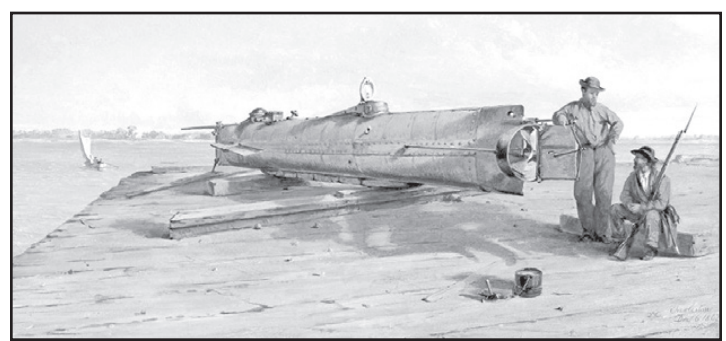
Although it was the first recorded triumphant submarine attack in history, the Hunley went under before it got to shore.

The reason for its descent has never been determined. Some say the Hunley settled on the ocean floor to wait for the tides to shift in the submarine's favor; others believe its swipe with the Housatonic caused its demise—or possibly—there was a collision at sea.

In 2000, the Hunley was salvaged and put on display in Charleston.

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends Mark Ragan's **Submarine Warfare in The Civil War**.

Source: History Matters: Showing our children that their past is prelude to their future at the grateful-americanbookprize.com website.



FHS Band Booster Club Brisket Sandwich Fundraiser



Friday, October 15, 2021

Football Concession Stand

5:00pm – until sold out

Includes brisket sandwich, chips, pickles, onions,

BBQ sauce, and water

\$8.00

Brisket is being smoked by Friona Vo Ag Association!!

We've picked our pumpkins and will...
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Kids: color stuff in!

Pumpkin Festival!

Read the clues below to fill in the puzzle with what a day at a Pumpkin Festival might include!

- Start the day at the pumpkin pancake _____.
- Choose a pumpkin from a bin – carve it, pop in a _____ and find a special place for it on the bleachers.
- Bounce around on a hayride or glide on a train to take in the _____.
- Look at the giant pumpkins and guess which _____ the most!
- Wander by _____ booths to get ideas and buy a handmade item.
- Walk past the food _____ to choose a treat that looks and smells delicious.
- Join in the great pumpkin cook-off by preparing a recipe or tasting a new _____.
- What _____ will you climb onto in the amusement section?
- Cheer for a favorite entrant in the pie-eating _____.
- Rest for a bit and listen to the live _____ on the stage.
- Choose a number for your rubber bird in the duck _____.
- Join the crowd in the zombie walk or costume _____.
- Find the "bowling alley" and score by _____ pumpkins to knock down bowling pins.
- Think of a character or design to have _____ on your face at the face-decorating table.
- Pet and feed various _____ in the petting zoo.
- Watch _____ like fire dancing or stilt walking.
- Admire antique or fancy _____ at the car show.
- Find your way through the corn or obstacle _____.
- When it's dark, wander along the stands and enjoy the lighted, grinning _____.
- Join in the pumpkin derby dump, where people race to _____ up at the end of the pumpkin fest.

Pumpkin Bowling Maze Fun

To find your way to the area for the Pumpkin Bowling

Enter there or here.

Zombie Walk & Costume Parade

People are arriving for the zombie walk & parade. Fill in the blanks to name each character:

So your hayride gets to lead the parade. Nice!

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Treats and Eats at the Pumpkin Festival!

What's what? Draw a line from each description to the food or treat.

- creamy pumpkin pie tamales
- BBQ meat skewers
- sweet candy apples
- pumpkin doughnuts
- fresh apples
- award-winning pumpkin bread and mixes
- Grandma's perfect apple pie
- famous spicy pumpkin pie



National M&M's Day

October 13th is National M&M's Day, and I thought these recipes might be good to have around in case you have any M&M's leftover after Halloween. Or you could just buy the M&M's and make these recipes; they look yummy.

Monster Cookie Dough Cheeseball Dip
<https://togetherasfamily.com>

Monster Cookie Dough Cheeseball Dip is loaded with oats, peanut butter, chocolate chips, mini m&m's and it has no eggs and no flour in it! Serve with pretzels, mini cookies, sliced apples, or even a spoon.

Ingredients

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|--------------------------------|--|
| 4 tablespoons butter softened | 1 1/4 cup powdered sugar |
| 4 ounces cream cheese softened | 1 cup quick oats |
| 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter | 1/2 cup mini chocolate chips |
| 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract | 1/2 cup mini m&m's |
| 1 tablespoon brown sugar | additional mini m&m's for outside (optional, about 1 cup needed) |

Instructions

In the bowl of a stand mixer, or use a hand-held blender, combine the butter, cream cheese, and peanut butter. Cream together until light in color and combined. Add the vanilla extract and brown sugar. Blend together. Add the powdered sugar and quick oats. Blend together. Add the mini chocolate chips and mini m&m's. Blend together just until incorporated. Use a spatula or your hands and form it into a ball. The dough is not sticky and will form easily. Place the cheeseball on the serving plate and gently press the additional mini m&m's into it. *You can also just make the cookie dough and put it into a bowl for more of a dip. You don't have to cover the outside with the m&m's. Cover with plastic wrap and let refrigerate for 1-2 hours before serving. Serve with your favorite dippers; pretzels, nutter butter cookies, nilla wafers, etc.

Notes: Store leftovers in the fridge and store the cheeseball/dip in the fridge until ready to serve it.

No-Bake Peanut Butter Pretzel M&M Granola Bars
www.confessionsofaconfectionista.com

Ingredients:

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|---|----------------------------|
| 2 cups old-fashioned oats | 1/4 cup honey |
| 1 cup Rice Krispies | 1/4 cup peanut butter |
| 1/2 cup pretzels, chopped | 1/4 cup dark brown sugar |
| 1/4 cup mini M&Ms, plus more for sprinkling | 1 teaspoon vanilla extract |
| 1/4 cup (4 tablespoons) butter | |

Directions:

Line an 8x8 inch pan with parchment paper and set aside. In a large bowl, stir together oats, Rice Krispies, pretzels, and mini M&Ms. Set aside. In a medium-sized saucepan, melt together butter, honey, peanut butter, and brown sugar. Bring to a boil, then let simmer on medium-high heat for 2-3 minutes, stirring continuously. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla. Pour mixture over dry ingredients and stir together with a wooden spoon until everything is well-combined and coated. Press mixture firmly and evenly into prepared pan, making sure to pack everything in nice and tight. Sprinkle on additional mini M&Ms and press down lightly to adhere. Refrigerate for 30 minutes before cutting and serving. Keep leftovers stored in an airtight container in the fridge.



Go Band!!! The Mighty Chieftain Marching Band will compete in the district marching contest on Saturday, October 16, 2021 at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo, Texas. Senior band members are (l-r) Xavier Guerra, Autumn Fletcher, Esperanza Santiago, Maria Montes, Audry Trevino, Diego Escamilla, JJ Rios, Lizett Garcia, Hiram Rocha, Jose Vazquez Trejo, Humberto Cruz, Nicole Guerra, Anahi Villa, Not in picture are Delilah Anima and Amber Zuniga.

Happy Birthday

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| Oct. 14
Joe Reeve
Donnie Lewellen
Sara (Cooper) McCloy
Melissa Francis
Evie LeRoy
Dahlia Bautista
Paula O'Brian
Lance Looper
Melissa Moreno | Oct. 16
Gary Renner
Mila Santiago |
| Oct. 15
Donna Mears
Midori Vaughn
Valerie Lopez
Nicolas Martinez
Rebecca Schlenker
Alejandra Martinez
Will McGowan
Ethan Mowery
Jarrett White
Sara (Weise) Smiley
Aaron Salinas | Oct. 17
Sandra Berend
John Randall
Brittany Montoya
Cortney Groves
Isaac Madrigal
Shelby Carrillo
Andy Bentley |
| | Oct. 18
Rondee Clark
Gabe Goodwin |
| | Oct. 19
Danny Kendrick
Kenny Sifford
Dylan Gayle
Colton Riethmayer
Kamryn Riethmayer
Kteed Wren |

To have your birthdays listed in the newspaper, email them to frionastar@wtrt.net or call: 806.250.2211

- Oct. 20**
Monty Schueler
Brian Edelson
Gena (Wright) Hankins
Diana Cruz
Kimberly Tamez
Brayden Francis



Oil prices up, gas price will follow

By Gas Buddy

Texas gas prices have rose 6.8 cents in the past week, averaging \$2.90 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Gas prices in Texas are 8.3 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand \$1.04 per gallon higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$2.59 while the most expensive is \$3.60 per gallon. The national average price of gasoline has risen 5.2 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.25 per gallon. The national average is up 7.5 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands \$1.08 per gallon higher than a year ago.

"Last week saw oil prices advance to their highest in seven years, with a barrel of West Texas Intermediate crude oil surpassing the critical \$80 per barrel level. The nation's gas prices were also pushed to their highest since 2014, all on OPEC's decision not to raise production more than it already agreed to in July," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy.

De Hann continued, "The OPEC decision caused an immediate reaction in oil prices, and amidst what is turning into a global energy crunch, motorists are now spending over \$400 million more on gasoline every single day than they were just a year ago. The problems continue to relate to a surge in demand as the global economy recovers, combined with deep cuts to production from early in the pandemic. If Americans can't slow their appetite for fuels, we've got no place for prices to go but up."

GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data spanning nearly two decades. GasBuddy data is accessible at <http://FuelInsights.GasBuddy.com>.

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State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



State climatologist: Texas getting hotter

The state climatologist recently predicted that Texas will continue to get hotter and for longer periods of time during the next 15 years. In "Assessment of Historic and Future Trends of Extreme Weather in Texas, 1900-2036," John Nielsen-Gammon predicted the average annual temperature in Texas will be three degrees warmer than the average from 1950-1999, and the number of 100-degree days could nearly double compared to 2000-2018.

The report, sponsored by Texas 2036, a nonpartisan nonprofit group named for the state's bicentennial in 15 years, indicates that the average coldest monthly temperatures will continue to rise, though that will vary across the state, as will rainfall predictions. Extremely severe weather is expected to increase.

"Storm surges from hurricanes will tend to be more severe because of higher relative sea levels, and a possible increase in extreme hurricane intensity may further increase storm surge risk," Nielsen-Gammon wrote.

October is Bullying Prevention Month

One in five children report being bullied, according to the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. In Texas, at least 40% of those bullied have seriously considered suicide. The agency "provides caregivers the tools to empower their children to be anti-bullying champions and to get messaging out about bullying prevention" at GetParentingTips.com.

The content is designed to help parents and other caregivers to have con-

versations with their children about bullying. "The conversation to prevent bullying can start as early as when a child learns the difference between kindness and unkindness," according to TDFPS.

Redistricting skirmish continues

Along party lines, the Texas Senate passed a redistricting plan Friday that pits the only two Black members of Congress from Houston against each other and does not create any more minority-majority districts, reported the San Antonio Express-News. Attempts to amend the plan by Democratic legislators were all rejected by the redistricting map's principal author, state Sen. Joan Huffman, R-Houston.

The Texas House has yet to release any redistricting proposals for Congress during the third special session, which ends Oct. 18. If the House doesn't pass a redistricting bill, it's likely both chambers will have to return for a fourth special session this year, the Express-News reported.

Nearly 1,000 died due to drunk driving last year

A statewide impaired-driving campaign aims to cut the number of Texans killed in drunk driving crashes, according to the Texas Department of Transportation. In 2020, 963 people in Texas were killed and 2,114 injured in alcohol-related crashes, according to TxDOT. Drinking and driving is completely preventable and can cause serious physical, emotional and financial consequences. Sober ride options include a designated driver, calling a cab or rideshare service, using mass transit or calling a sober friend.

TxDOT's Drive Sober, No Regrets campaign is conducting outreach events at college campuses across the state in conjunction with football season. The events include video testimonials of Texans who deal with the daily consequences of drunk driving, either as a survivor or offender.

COVID-19 cases still dropping

The number of new COVID-19 cases in the state is steadily dropping, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University, with 45,884 cases reported in the past week, along with 1,201 new deaths. Both categories are down more than 20% compared to the previous week. Lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations in Texas also continue to drop, with 6,730 reported Sunday by the Texas Department of State Health Services, a drop of 18% from the previous week.

The number of Texans fully vaccinated has crossed the 15 million mark, which is 51.6 percent of the state's total

population.

Arts commission seeks 'young masters'

The Texas Commission on the Arts and the Texas Cultural Trust are seeking applications for the 2022 class of Young Masters. The program provides "exemplary Texas-based arts students" in grades 8-11 with financial assistance to pursue study in various areas of the arts, such as visual, literary, folk arts, music, dance, theater and media art.

Those chosen as "Young Masters" receive grants of \$5,000 per year to further their studies. More information can be found on the TCA website: arts.texas.gov.

Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches and Cedar Park. Email: gborders@texaspress.com.



Larry Martin (right) received a "Key to the City" from Mayor Ricky White at Tuesday night's council meeting. The honor was in recognition of his 39 years of service with the Friona EMS. Larry officially retired on September 30, 2021.

Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



What a Difference a Decade Makes

The Sullivan family came in two phases. Phase I was older brother Scotty, Sue Jane, and Sara—born in those Baby Boomer 50s. The 2.0 version arrived the next decade because, and I quote my mother here, "I always wanted five children." As much as I was dazed by that comment when I heard it the first time, I cannot imagine my world without the youngest, Shane and Sabrina.

Here are some personal observations as a result of Mom and Dad's procreation timeline.

We three older siblings grew up with The Three Stooges. Those guys were THE source for laughter and entertainment in the day when television choices were meager. On Saturday mornings we were glued, but later the before-school viewing was as much a part of our nutritional diet as were the cereal and milk we inhaled on a daily basis. Scotty can still quote Moe, Sara responds with Curley's sound effects, and I channel Larry and try to avoid the conflict. Perhaps I have been known on occasion to Be Like Moe and hit Sara, but truthfully, she just bruises easily. The Three Stooges are an acquired taste, but I am sorry for those who never saw the humor in gauging eyes and slapping faces at any given moment. Such is the case for the Sullivans Four and Five.

When they were at the pre-school and elementary ages for television viewing, Shane and Sabrina had access to "quality" viewing. Sesame Street, Mister Rogers' Neighborhood, and the precursor to MTV—Schoolhouse Rock. My theory is that these shows made them soft. Shane and Sabrina were nice when they played together. Today, Shane is still sensitive and Sabrina passive, and both are kind.

Our educational experiences exposed another gap. We older three

were hooked on phonics when it was not a catchy phrase. Teaching was fundamental. Learning was basic. And Mrs. Bishop and Miss Eoff were generals (whom we adored and respected); we learned out of fear. They wore heels and dresses and hosiery, not convenient panty hose that came in an egg-shaped container. There were few smiles and even fewer recesses. In P.E., we could throw dodgeballs at someone's head.

The little brother and sister had a new wave of teachers as ours had retired. And with that departure came the onset of new and innovative teaching, particularly in reading and math. Shane and Sabrina did not live up to our high spelling standards and did not win the multiplication flashcard games. Although the little ones did make up for it by being ever-so-sweet and behaved in the classroom because of their television viewing, our Sullivan academic standing took a momentary hit. All turned out fine, as both Shane and Sabrina went on to earn their Masters degree, so whatever.

Nostalgia, as much as I appreciate it, still comes with a bit of tongue-in-cheek. I am not advocating a platform for the good ol' days. Nor has this week's column been a blanket critique of one generation over another. We adapt, or we should, to the inevitable changes.

It is still a source of pride knowing that my foundation was built partly on the slapstick of three entertainers (four if you count the underrated Shemp, who was the brother of Moe and Curly). And even without Sesame Street's Count Dracula, I learned to count. I could have used Mister Rogers though—still don't hang up my clothes and put away my shoes when I come in the door.

FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



CARGILL Meat Solutions of Friona presented a check to the city to be used to construct a park and picnic area around Reeve Lake. Shown with the \$43,404.00 check are, l-r Friona Mayor John Taylor, Cargill employees Antonio Suarez, Rick White, Pati Grillo and Cargill plant manager Steve Thompson. Ron Carr photo. (Friona Star, Thursday, October 21, 2004)

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Created with Purpose hosts 2nd Annual Banquet

Created with Purpose of West Texas hosted its 2nd Annual “Night of Purpose” Banquet on Tuesday, October 5th at the new Multi-Purpose Room in Farwell, Texas. The event highlighted the work of the pregnancy resource center over the past year and provided an opportunity to help finance the work in the future.

Created with Purpose Board President Jill Morris welcomed the 229 attendees and thanked everyone for

their support of the center over the past year. Special thanks was also given to Donna Ratke, and Annie & Martha’s Artisan Bakery for the meal & cupcakes, and to Farwell ISD for use of the new facility.

Brett Hoyle, pastor at Friona First Baptist, gave the Invocation and dinner was served. After the meal, Administrative Assistant Marcia Thompson led the audience in singing “Happy Birthday” in honor of two client

babies that were born.

Executive Director Joy Heerding provided a ministry update. In the past year, the center served 18 clients and provided over 100 classes covering parenting, prenatal, financial, and fatherhood topics. Joy also provided a list of goals for the upcoming year and the costs associated in making them a reality.

Guest speaker for the evening was Candy Gibbs who is the Executive Director of the Hope+Choice Pregnancy Centers and Mentoring Programs in Amarillo. Candy gave a personal account of her 30-year journey from client to executive director. She thanked the attendees for supporting Created with Purpose and encouraged them to continue forward.

Mike Woods, pastor at Sudan First Baptist, gave the Benediction which then led to a time of visiting, picture taking, and clean-up.



Board of Directors & Staff



Back row (l-r) Denise Christian, Chelsi Woods, Annie Williams, Rhonda Murphree, Jill Morris, Keila Morris, Libby Nichols, **Front row (l-r)** Marcia Thompson, Joy Heerding, Kaci Morris, Lindsey Pitsch, Khallie Ruthardt

Mission Statement

Created with Purpose of West Texas is a life-affirming organization striving to share the love of Christ with men and women facing pregnancy decisions in a safe, non-judgmental, encouraging environment through education, empowerment and love.





Obituaries



Kathryn Jefferson Gromowsky

Kathryn Jefferson Gromowsky, 86, was freed from her earthly confines and mortal body on Tuesday, October 5, 2021. A Celebration of Life Service was held at 11:00 AM Friday, October 8, 2021 at the 6th St. Church of Christ in Friona with Mike Prather and Jeff Procter officiating. A private family burial was held Friday afternoon in the Bovina Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.



Hub community. Their transition to the occupation of farming was truly, in every sense of the word, a partnership. There was not an acre planted, a row harvested, or a cow bought and sold that Kathryn didn't have an entry for on her hand-kept green ledgers. Every corporation needs a keen and savvy CFO, and Kathryn capably filled that role.

Born August 20, 1935, in Bovina, Texas to Charles and Lorene Jefferson, Kathryn was by all accounts a precocious - if not sometimes ornery - child. Her sister and she would later reminisce that she was a female Dennis the Menace. In 1950, she met a lanky vagabond, locally and affectionately nicknamed 'Polack', from St. Joseph, Missouri. William was part of a travelling work crew in town working on construction of Bovina's Shirley-Anderson grain elevator. They were married in October of 1951, and their young family quickly grew with the birth of Jan, followed by William, Jr. "Widdy", and finally Jyl. They made their first home in Bovina. William worked at Triplett Cattle Co. and in 1953 Kathryn took a job as a switch board operator with Southwestern Bell Telephone in Clovis, NM. At the time of her retirement in 1974, she was administrative assistant to the head of operations.

Kathryn and William were active leaders at the Bovina Church of Christ. They served the congregation in thankless roles too numerous to mention - but many may remember most vividly that they jointly counted and accounted for the collection plates each week.

In 2004 they retired from farming and moved to Friona. In her new-found "spare" time, Kathryn began working again, first with Hi-Pro Feeds, and then as a bookkeeper and helping prepare income taxes for Sandra Johnson, CPA, where she never met a stranger. They were faithful members of Sixth Street Church of Christ in Friona. She and William often opened their warm and welcoming home for numerous dinner parties, hosting both church and community friends. Kathryn had a special place in her heart for young couples just beginning their lives together in

her small town. She and William befriended many young families who were taking their first steps onto the path they began as husband and wife this very week, seven decades ago.

She was preceded in death, in 1944, by her sister Betty; and later, her parents; and a great-granddaughter, Sayge Massie.

She is survived by her husband, William; daughter Jan Smith and husband Steve of Sudan, son William and wife Christy of Amarillo, daughter Jyl Grimsley and husband Jayson of Friona; and her sister Sondra Green of Wheatridge, CO. She will be remembered with abounding love as 'MeMe' to eight grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren, ten brothers & sisters-in-law, dozens of nieces & nephews, and countless kids & adults who she 'loved' on every chance she got.

The family would like to say a special thank you to the nurses, attendants, and staff of the Prairie Acres Nursing Home who have so lovingly walked the journey alongside us during the last months and days of our MeMe's life. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be sent to Prairie Acres Rehab and Nursing, 201 East 15th Street, Friona, Texas 79035, or Bluebonnet Home Health & Hospice, 304 East 11th Street, Friona, Texas 79035.

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



Texas Game Wardens Request Public's Help in Pronghorn Poaching Case

Texas Game Wardens are requesting the public's help to identify individuals responsible for killing five pronghorn between Friday, September 24 and Sunday, September 26. The bodies were discovered one mile north of Interstate Highway 40, just east of Adrian. The carcasses were dumped on private land with the skull and horns missing.

"This is a considerably egregious crime, not just in the manner in which it was committed but also due to the significance of

the animal that was harmed," said Oldham County Game Warden Wesley Driskill, who is overseeing the investigation. "The pronghorn is one of the few big game species native to our state. Its habitat is limited to west Texas and the panhandle which is why their hunting season is shorter than most and hunting permits are highly regulated. A crime of this magnitude impacts everyone working to conserve pronghorn for future generations."

Texas Game Wardens believe this was an act

of irresponsible trophy hunting. They encourage anyone with information about the individuals responsible to call the **Operation Game Thief Hotline** at **1-800-792-GAME (4263)**. Relevant information may include anything out of the ordinary like strange gunshots, unfamiliar vehicles in the area, headlights in a field on those nights or observing a truck with a bloody tailgate. **Information leading to the arrest and conviction of the persons responsible will be eligible for a \$1,000 reward.**

Great American Relay visits Parmer County

The Great American Relay is a "coast to coast" running relay. It consists of 415 stages across 18 states. The runners will travel 3,500 miles in 38 days. Vince Varallo is the relay's race director and organizes the event. He manages a runner's club of about 11,000 members. In 2020, he decided to organize the Great American Relay to get runners back to doing what they love. Running.

Charles Fleming, of Lubbock, ran the stage from Black to Friona last Wednesday afternoon accompanied by his dog, Tom. Charles is a 1977 Friona High School graduate and ended his run at the Friona Fire Station. After a few photos, Charles passed the baton to race organizer, Vince Varallo. Vince is a native of Philadelphia and ran the stage from Friona to Bovina. Go to www.greatamericanrelay.com to follow the relay.

Where They Run

They start in Boston, Massachusetts and finish in Santa Monica, California.

Runners can pick one or more stages to run. They will run by the World Trade Center in NYC, the Pentagon in D.C., Shanksville, Pennsylvania, and many other historic locations. Each stage has a designated start and end location.

When They Run

The relay will start on September 11, 2021 at 8:46 am and finish on October 19th. Each day starts at 6:00 am. Each stage has a designated start and end time.

Why They Run

To commemorate the 20 year anniversary of 9/11. They are raising money for first responders and the military who continue to keep the America safe every day.

What They Get

All runners will receive a Great American Relay running singlet. Instead of medals, lead runners will receive red batons; support and virtual runners receive green batons.



Charles ignores the sign and keeps running.



Relay organizer Vince Varallo and 1977 FHS grad Charles Fleming.



Charles proudly displays his baton for participating in the relay.



Vince heads out to Santa Monica by way of Bovina.



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