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The Friona Chamber of Commerce announced this week that its "30 Guns in 30 Days" fundraiser is now in full swing. The raffle will help the Chamber fund its annual events. See details on page 9.



Superintendent Lorenzo Soto, of Teinert Construction directed a tour of the new Primary School for the Friona Noon Lions Club on Monday. Workers are pouring concrete on the east side of the new building on what used to be Cleveland Avenue. One of the corridors that will connect the new Primary School with the Elementary School can be seen in the background.

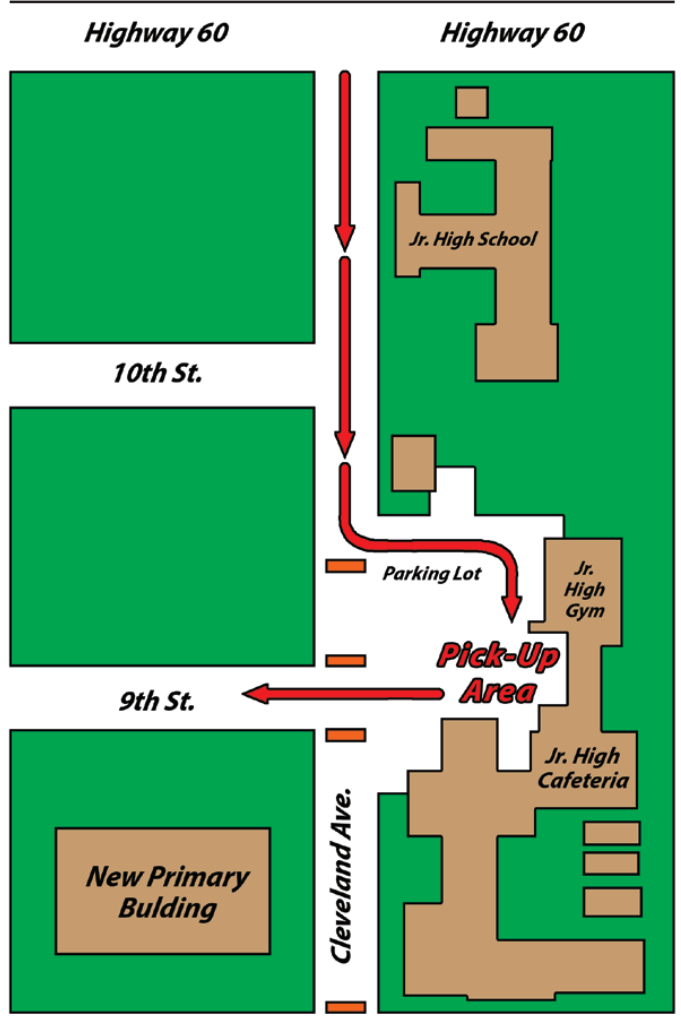
FHS Senior Steak Dinner is Sunday

It's a great deal! Buy a steak and support our graduates. The FHS Class of 2021 is hosting a Steak Dinner this Sunday from 11:00 a.m. till 1:30 p.m. to raise money for the Alcohol/Drug Free Graduation Celebration Party. For \$17 you get a great meal with all the trimmings and the satisfaction of helping students celebrate their graduation

in style.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there will be limited seating in the Junior High Cafeteria. Curbside delivery will be available for any order. Please see the map below for traffic directions to pick up your order on Sunday. Thank you for supporting the Class of 2021. Tickets are available from any FHS Senior.

Senior Steak Dinner Pick-up Route



Governor Abbott Lifts Mask Mandate, Opens Texas 100 Percent

On Tuesday, Governor Greg Abbott today issued an Executive Order (GA-34) lifting the mask mandate in Texas and increasing capacity of all businesses and facilities in the state to 100 percent. The Governor made the announcement at Montelongo's Mexican Restaurant in Lubbock in an address to the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce.

"With the medical advancements of vaccines and antibody therapeutic drugs, Texas now has the tools to protect Texans from the virus," said Governor Abbott. "We must now do more to restore livelihoods and normalcy for Texans by opening Texas 100 percent. Make no mistake, COVID-19 has not disappeared, but it is clear from the recoveries, vaccinations, reduced hospitalizations, and safe practices that Texans are using that state mandates are no longer needed. Today's announcement does not abandon safe practices that Texans have mastered over the past year. Instead, it is a reminder that each person has a role to play

in their own personal safety and the safety of others. With this executive order, we are ensuring that all businesses and families in Texas have the freedom to determine their own destiny."

During his remarks, the Governor discussed the incredible advancements that Texas has made that allow the state to open fully and lift the mask mandate—noting the rapid increase of vaccines. Nearly 5.7 million vaccine shots have been administered to Texans, and the state is now administering almost one million shots each week. By next Wednesday, about 7 million shots will have been administered in Texas and over half of seniors in Texas will have received a vaccine shot. By the end of March, every senior who wants a vaccine should be able to get one. The vaccine supply continues to increase so rapidly that more and more Texans will soon be eligible to receive a vaccine.

The Governor noted that Texas has a surplus of personal protective equipment and can

perform over 100,000 COVID-19 tests a day. The state has invested in a variety of antibody therapeutic drugs that have kept thousands of Texans out of hospitals. Texans have also adopted daily habits that reduce the risk of COVID-19 exposure and infection. More than 2.5 million Texans who were lab confirmed for COVID-19 have recovered since the beginning of the pandemic, and experts note the total number of Texans who have recovered from COVID-19 is likely 4-5 times that amount. The number of active COVID-19 cases is the lowest since November—meaning more Texans are recovering from COVID-19 than contracting it.

This executive order rescinds most of the Governor's earlier executive orders related to COVID-19. Effective next Wednesday, all businesses of any type may open to 100% capacity. Additionally, this order ends the statewide mask mandate in Texas. Businesses may still limit capacity or implement additional safety protocols at their own discretion.



Governor Greg Abbott

If COVID-19 hospitalizations in any of the 22 hospital regions in Texas get above 15% of the hospital bed capacity in that region for seven straight days, a County Judge in that region may use COVID-19 mitigation strategies. However, County Judges may not impose jail time for not following COVID-19 orders nor may any penalties be imposed for failing to wear a face mask. If restrictions are imposed at a County level, those restrictions may not include reducing capacity to less than 50% for any type of entity.

Winter storm offers few silver linings

By Adam Russell

So far, there are few silver linings related to the winter storm system that brought historically low temperatures and a mix of precipitation throughout Texas, according to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service experts.

As damage assessments begin around the state, AgriLife Extension specialists said the positive impacts of the weeklong arctic front

were minimal for Texas agriculture. They said snow and ice helped topsoil moisture levels a little and likely insulated some crops from severe damage. And, the cold temperatures may also have had an impact on early emerging generations of insect pests.

John Nielsen-Gammon, Ph.D., Texas state climatologist, Bryan College Station, said the February arctic

front was one of only two winter storms going back to the first weather records in 1881 with similar snowfall totals and low temperatures for all 254 counties.

"From an ag perspective, the extent of the cold temperatures was most relevant, and based upon 26 weather stations in and around major cities, it was a historically cold storm," he said. "As far as precipitation and helping

drought conditions in several parts of the state, snow doesn't amount to much when compared to rainfall. But the combination of historically low temperatures and significant snow is a rarity in recorded history, and only comparable to an event in 1949."

Winter storm for the record books

Nielsen-Gammon said the average minimum temperature around the

state was 8 degrees on Feb. 15, making it the 10th coldest on record and coldest since 1989. The winter storm delivered the coldest temperatures on record for two major recording stations - Longview and Tyler, at -5 degrees and -6 degrees, respectively. The previous lows in those locations were -3 degrees and -4 degrees, respectively, set in 1930.

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Parmer County COVID-19 stats as of March 2, 2021



Confirmed Cases
828

Probable Cases
339

Fatalities
34

Active Cases
12

Recoveries
1121



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Friona Weather March 4-10	T 70 40 WSW 25-35	F 57 28 NNE 25-35	S 63 35 SSW 10-20	S 72 37 SW 15-25	M 73 45 SSW 10-20	T 72 39 SW 20-30	W 68 36 W 15-25	Precipitation March 0.00 Year 0.67	Burn Ban Yes
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Community Calendar

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call (806) 250-2211 or fax (806) 250-5127

- March 4**
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center
- March 7**
• FHS Steak Dinner in Jr. High Cafeteria and curbside in west parking lot from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- March 8**
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center
- March 11**
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center
- March 15**
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center
• Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at The Farmwife Kitchen
- March 16**
• Snack Pack for Kids at Friona United Methodist Church at 3 p.m. (volunteers welcome)
- March 17**
• St. Patrick's Day
- March 18**
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center
- March 30**
• Snack Pack for Kids at Friona United Methodist Church at 3 p.m. (volunteers welcome)



Jr. High News



Congratulations to our February Students of the Month

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



(l-r) 6th Grade: Yvette Zetino Garcia and Ethan Essex, 7th Grade: Evelyn Hernandez and Leonardo Hernandez, 8th Grade: Leslie Rodriguez and Cole Essex.

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ACROSS

- 1 seat of Oldham County
- 5 TXism: "mad as ___-eyed cow"
- 6 this Washington was a Texan WR in 2012
- 7 elected county prosecutor (abbr.)
- 8 TXism: "___ buster" (farmer)
- 9 foyers
- 16 TXism: "you're branding my ___" (interfering)
- 17 TX Huston Street, 2005 Rookie of the Year while with this MLB team (2 wds.)
- 19 TX Roy Orbison's "___ Scared"
- 21 golf ball cut
- 22 Six Flags "Aquaman" water ___
- 27 civil liberties org.
- 28 mosquito-inspired nickname of TX-born jazz player, Tolbert
- 29 TXism: "got a lot ___ to shuck" (big chore)
- 30 TX Ann Richards gave this address at the DNC in 1988
- 32 Gov. "___" Ferguson
- 33 TXism: "drinks like ___ pup" (drinks a lot)
- 36 TXism: "at the drop of ___" (impulsive)
- 37 TX Brown, Heisman winner in 1987
- 38 seat of Chambers County

DOWN

- 1 ___ Alystne, TX
- 2 stat for Astro Justin Verlander
- 3 TXism: "___ to brass tacks"
- 4 TXism: "___ still bite" (beware)
- 8 "___ grapes" (disgruntled)
- 9 in Cameron County: "___ National Wildlife Refuge"
- 10 satisfactory
- 11 legendary UT and NFL QB, Layne (init.)
- 12 sport for the Rockets, Mavericks, & Spurs
- 13 TX Gary Morris sang "The Love She Found ___" (1983)
- 14 TX singer Brickell who also is Paul Simon's wife
- 15 Morton Salt operates this SE of Grand Saline (2 wds.)
- 16 retired TX pro golfer, Ben
- 17 TX Roy Orbison's "___ the Lonely"
- 18 "___ Street"
- 20 TX drink: ___ tea
- 22 Charley & Guy are ___-creators of the Texas Crossword
- 23 TXism: "he's a few bricks shy ___ load"
- 24 TXism: "tax wrangler" (2 wds.)
- 25 "SA" of ASAP
- 26 court proceedings
- 28 Rising ____, TX state where Bob Lilly is enshrined
- 31 state where Bob Lilly is enshrined
- 34 Tex-___ Weekend
- 35 "siesta" in Mexico
- 37 high school math, for short
- 40 music composition
- 43 worker's ___
- 44 last TX Democrat to serve as a U.S. senator, Robert
- 50 your body in the shower?
- 51 Cruz's time zone at work (abbr.)

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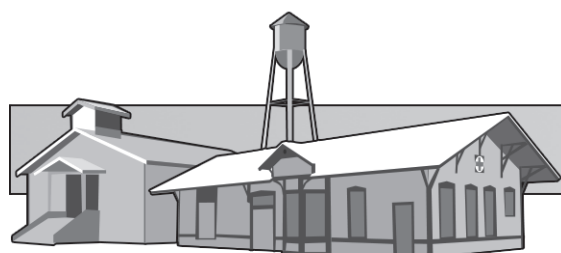
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Last call!!! The FHS Senior Steak Dinner is this Sunday, March 7th in the Jr. High Cafeteria (limited seating) and curbside in the west parking lot from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$17.00 for all ages and can be purchased from any 2021 Senior. Proceeds will help fund the Alcohol/Drug Free Graduation Celebration Party.

rectors voted to proceed with a 2021 Awards Banquet on May 4th and Boots & Bling will be the theme this year.

Two Friona weather records were set during the recent St. Valentine's/Presidents Day arctic storm. A new record for lowest recorded temperature was set on Monday, February 15th with a reading of -13.2°F below zero.

The number of continuous days with a temperature

below freezing was the other record that fell. The new record of 7 continuous days of temps below 32°F was set February 13th-19th. The old record of 6 days was set in 1989 when the temps stayed below 32°F from February 4th-9th. The lowest recorded temperature during that cold blast was -1°F.

According to an article written by Paul Schattenberg for the Texas A&M Extension Service, initial agriculture loss estimates resulting from the recent Arctic storm have already exceeded \$600 million. AgriLife Extension estimates of some of the state's biggest agricultural losses by commodity were: (1) Citrus crops: at least \$230 million, (2) Livestock: at least \$228 million and (3) Vegetable crops: at least \$150 million.

Friday is National Dress in Blue Day. In an effort to knock out one of the top cancers causing death, National Dress in Blue Day on the first Friday in March encourages everyone to learn about the causes of colon cancer and raise awareness by wearing blue.

Much like the pink ribbon represents those lost to breast cancer, a blue star honors the memory of those lost to colon cancer. Continuing the blue theme on Dress in Blue Day, awareness efforts provide support through fundraising

for screening, research, and awareness education. Screenings are vital. Colon cancer often has no symptoms until its advanced stages placing its victims at higher risk if they wait until symptoms appear. Screenings are recommended beginning at age 50 and younger if you are at high risk.

National Days

- March 4:** Marching Music Day
- March 5:** Dress in Blue Day
- March 6:** Oreo Cookie Day
- March 7:** Be Heard Day
- March 8:** Proofreading Day
- March 9:** Get Over It Day
- March 10:** Pack Your Lunch Day

SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

- (2/22/21) Loydale Kirven, 49, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on charges of Forgery and Unauthorized Use of Vehicle, pending District Court.
- (2/23/21) Charlie Burkhart, 44, of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of Possession of Marijuana < 2 oz, pending County Court and on a Deaf Smith County Warrant, pending transport.
- (2/23/21) Marina Arjon, 23, of Amarillo was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of Possession of Marijuana < 2 oz in Drug Free Zone, pending County Court.
- (2/28/21) Francisco Tuneux, 47, of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police Department on charges of Assault and Unlawful Restraint, pending County Court.

COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk
Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from February 18, 2020 to February 25, 2021

- (1/18/21) David Pearson, Melissa Pearson — Elio Garcia, Yvonne Garcia — Lost 22, 23, and 24 Blk 1 of Lakeside Addition to the City of Friona in Parmer County Vol 96 Pg 109
- (2/19/21) Veronica J. Strange — Vernon L. Strange — All of L 4 Blk 7 Staley addition to the City of Friona in Parmer County
- (2/23/21) Marsoc Avitia Vazquez — Sea Scrolls LLC — All of L 4 and N 18 ft of Lot 5 Blk 8 of Drake Revised Subdiv to the City of Friona in Parmer County Vol 104 Pg 209
- (2/23/21) Danny Campbell, Holly Campbell, Campbell Revocable Trust — S Campbell Electric LLC — Lot 15 E in Blk 1 of Lakeview Addition to the City of Friona in Parmer County
- (2/25/21) Horace K Kendrick — The Public — See Doc.
- (2/25/21) First National Bank of Hereford — Jason Wright, Melissa Wright — All of the N 1/2 and the SW 1/4 of Sec 9 Blk C Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County
- (2/25/21) John Frank Dixon — Sandra Clayton — 2 Tracts of Land out of Lot 2 of Blk 89 of the Original Town of Bovina in Parmer County Vol 109 Pg 546

FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



RIBBON EVENT...Friona's new Dairy Queen is hosting its Grand Opening during the coming week, and the Friona Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new restaurant last Saturday. Members of the Chamber board, as well as employees of the Dairy Queen are shown. Owner Mildred Arnold, to the right of center, wields the scissors. (Friona Star, Sunday, March 9, 1986)

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Maple-Sugaring Time

We're going to a sugarhouse...
...to have pancakes with maple syrup.
Kids: color stuff in!

When winter is ending and snow is disappearing; when spring is coming, before buds are appearing; When the temperatures rise to warm the day; when later they fall to freeze the night; When the sap starts to flow from the maple trees; when farmers tap the trees to collect it in buckets; When the sap is poured into tanks on sleds; when a horse team pulls it to the sugarhouse; When the sugarhouse is opened and roaring fires are built; when the sap is boiled, skimmed filtered and canned; When the first syrup is poured sweet and warm over pancakes...

Oh, look at the sap dripping into the bucket.

Large farms today may use plastic tubing to deliver the sap from the trees directly to the sugarhouse.

It's maple-sugaring time!

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle with how a farm may do its maple sugaring.

- _____ are built in groves for storing equipment and boiling sap
- teams of _____ are harnessed to pull sleds to gather the sap
- holes drilled in trees, spouts placed, tin _____ catch sap
- sap gathered into a _____ on horse-drawn sled, pulled to camp
- sap boiled in shallow, rectangular stainless _____ pans
- a roaring _____ fire is kept going in firebox under pans
- sap filtered, temperature checked, amount of sugar in sap measured, _____ carrying dirt skimmed off the top
- sap flows through pans as it thickens, temperature checked, filtered, _____ "A" or "B" and canned
- _____ used on pancakes, in beans, on meats
- family uses, sells on farms, trucks deliver around the _____

First People To Develop the Process For Maple-Sugaring

Native Americans were the first to discover and process the sweet gift of the trees. They used small birch bark parts to catch the maple tree sap. To learn more about what they did to make this wonderful syrup, read the clues and fill in the puzzle:

- the people _____ in maple groves
- held ceremonies and _____ to celebrate the sap harvest and coming of spring
- peeled loose birch _____ to make pans;
- gathered sap in containers, _____ it to sugar camp
- boiled it in hollowed-out _____
- dropped hot _____ into sap to boil it
- skimmed scum and _____ from the top
- kept boiling until almost _____ or grainy so it would keep a long time
- ate dried yellow _____ + corn meal + beans
- used to sweeten, satisfy _____; sometimes sold to local markets or to fur-trapping companies

Back Then!

1 (Native Americans) 2 _____ dances hunger
3 _____ dirt
4 _____ logs
5 _____ stones
6 _____ Not yet!
7 _____ dry
8 _____ carried
9 _____ camped

Who are they?
They are winged seeds. They will land and grow into new maple trees.

Spring Math
cider + doughnuts + maple syrup on clean snow = **Sugar-On-Snow Party!**

Can you find and circle at least 8 words that end with the suffix "-ing"? Notice that some are action words showing "action that was happening and is still happening" and that others describe things: "roaring fire".

Sweet Maple Treats!

There are only two countries in the world that produce maple syrup. Canada produces the most maple syrup in the world...about 80%! States in the northeastern part of the United States are famous for their delicious maple syrup. Unscramble the letters to name four delicious maple sugar products.

Y A D
T E R T U B
F U
G D
U
R S P
M A P L E
M A P L E
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Y M A P L E

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Small Town Cookin'

By Jeri Lynn White

National Oreo Day - March 6

In 1912, the world of snacking changed forever when the first Oreo was sold to a grocer in Hoboken, New Jersey. From there Oreos have grown to be the best-selling cookie brand in the United States. They are available in over 100 countries. The cookie was first called the Oreo Biscuit, but was

changed to the Oreo Chocolate Sandwich Cookie in 1974. The origin of the name Oreo is unknown. The recipe for the Oreo has remained largely unchanged except for substituting lard in the cr me filling with non-hydrogenated vegetable oil. There have been many varieties over the years includ-

ing common flavors such as the golden Oreo, lemon, and mint chocolate to more creative flavors such as cinnamon bun, root beer float, and even hot chicken wings and wasabi, which were only available in China. For more information about Oreos, you can search on Wikipedia.

Oreo Loaf Cake

www.allrecipes.com

Ingredients

- cooking spray
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup white sugar
- 3 large eggs
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3/4 cup sour cream
- 1 1/4 cups crushed chocolate sandwich cookies (such as Oreo*), divided
- 1/2 cup white chocolate chips
- 1 tablespoon powdered sugar

Directions

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease an 8x4-inch loaf pan. Line with parchment paper, leaving a 2-inch overhang on all sides. Whisk flour, baking powder, and salt together in a medium mixing bowl. Whisk sugar, eggs, oil, and vanilla extract together in another bowl until well combined. Whisk in the sour cream. Pour the sour cream mixture over the flour mixture; mix together with a rubber spatula. Fold in 1 cup crushed cookies. Pour batter into the prepared pan. Bake in the preheated oven until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean, 40 to 50 minutes. Immediately top with white chocolate chips and remaining crushed cookies. Lift loaf out of the pan using the parchment paper overhang. Allow to cool before dusting with powdered sugar.

Homemade Oreo Cookies

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Ingredients

- Dough
- 1 1/4 cups butter, at room temperature
- 2 cups powdered sugar
- 1 cup Dutch processed cocoa or dark cocoa powder (I used Hershey's Special Dark Cocoa)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 cups flour
- Cream Filling
- 4 cups powdered sugar
- 1/2 cup butter, melted and cooled
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- Water

Directions

In a stand mixer with a cookie paddle attached, cream the butter and sugar together on medium speed until the mixture is light and fluffy, about 2 minutes. Add the cocoa powder, salt, and vanilla and mix until incorporated. Add half of the flour and mix. Add the remaining flour, 1/4 cup at a time until you get a pretty dry dough. You don't want the dough to be sticky at all and it might even crumble just a little. Don't be worried about a dry dough; we want a crispy cookie that doesn't spread when baked. Divide the dough into 3 balls and pat them together to form a disk. Cover the disks in plastic wrap and refrigerate for about 15 minutes. Now if your world is crazy like mine and 3 hours instead of 15 minutes pass before you get back to baking, let the dough rest at room temperature for 15 minutes. The butter makes the dough super stiff if it's too cold. Preheat your oven to 350 degrees. Remove plastic from one disk and roll your dough out between two pieces of parchment paper or on a lightly floured surface. Roll the dough thin! We are talking 1/4 inch to an 1/8 inch thick. Use a 2-inch circle cutter to cut out the cookies. Place on a cookie sheet and bake for 8-9 minutes. It's super hard to tell when a near black cookie is done. I baked mine for 10 minutes the first round and they tasted burnt on the bottom, so you'll need to adjust as you go. Repeat with the rest of the dough. Place the cookies on a wire rack to cool. While the dough is chilling, mix up the cream filling. Using a stand mixer with a cookie paddle attachment, mix the powdered sugar, melted butter, and vanilla extract together. Add 1 teaspoon of water at a time, if needed, until the mixture resembles a thick dough that is about the consistency of play dough. Divide the filling in half and roll it into a log that is about 2 inches wide. Roll the log in plastic wrap and let it chill in the fridge while the cookies are baking. After the cookies are cool, it's time to assemble! Remove the filling from the plastic wrap. Using a sharp knife, slice off a piece that is between 1/4 to a 1/2 inch thick. This is the fun part of making your own Oreos. You can have traditional cream thickness, double stuffed, or even triple stuffed. Stack a cookie, cream, and then another cookie. Press lightly together. Repeat, repeat, repeat. Store in an air-tight container for up to a week.

Engagement

Stephen Albarado & Kendra Harman



Rebecca Alabarado and the late Mike Albarado of Friona, Texas joyfully announce the engagement of their son, Stephen Albarado, to Kendra Harman of Round Rock, Texas. She is the daughter of Scott and Kathy Harman also of Round Rock, Texas. Stephen is a 2013 high school graduate of Friona High School. He earned his associates degree in Turf Grass and Landscape Management from Western Texas College in Snyder, Texas. He currently works for the City of San Angelo as the Parks Se-

nior Shop & Inventory Technician. Kendra is a 2010 graduate from Stony Point High School, in Round Rock, Texas. She earned her bachelor's degree in Exercise Sports Science, with a minor in physical therapy from Texas State University in 2015. She currently works for San Angelo ISD, teaches 9th grade Biology, and coaches tennis. The couple will be getting married July 24th, 2021 in San Angelo, Texas. Stephen and Kendra plan to continue to reside in San Angelo.

Happy Birthday Friona Folks

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| <p>March 4
Misty Frye
Aaron King
Jason Daniels
Lynn Clark
Ineatha Adams</p> | <p>March 8
Estefany Rodriguez
David Sifford
Mary Schueler
Dane Bollom
Sarah Gerles
Gail Hand
Betty Renner</p> |
| <p>March 5
Brody Rushing
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Michael Mann
Katie Jo (Osborn) Allum
Alex A. Santiago</p> | <p>March 9
Billie Tongate
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Beth Bridges Wren
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Bob Prather
Patsy Riggins
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Charles Gilbreath
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Gas prices continue surge

By GasBuddy

Texas gas prices have risen 8.4 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.41 per gallon according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Gas prices in Texas are 28.6 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 28.7 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$1.98 while the most expensive is \$3.14 per gallon. The national average price of gasoline has risen 7.5 cents in the last week, averaging \$2.72 per gallon. The national average is up 30.3 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 30.6 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. "Gas prices continued to surge last week following cold weather related shutdowns in Texas, but going forward, the impact from the cold has likely run its course. However, several other factors will rise in their influence on gas prices again, including the fact that gasoline demand continues up steam," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "According to Pay with GasBuddy data, last week's total gasoline demand soared to the highest level since the pandemic began as COVID-19 cases continue to drop and Americans are filling up more. On the supply side, the number of oil rigs active in the U.S. stands nearly 50% lower than a year ago, which is a large factor driving prices up. To put it simply, demand is recovering much much faster than oil production levels, which is why oil prices have soared. This week, OPEC will be meeting to hopefully increase oil production to temper the rise in prices, but will they increase oil production enough to match the growing appetite of a global economy that's seen oil demand jump? We'll have to wait and see." 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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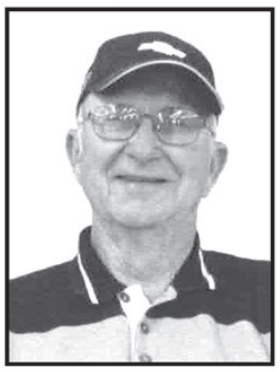
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The Cat Whisperer (Part 3)

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

(Originally printed in 2015)

Ok, never in my wildest dreams did I think I would be writing a third time about the feline species. If you are new to reading this article I apologize you have stepped into a cat conundrum. Without completely digressing into the whole story again here are the highlights and points from the previous articles that bring us up to date.

A young cat ventured into our back yard, then moved into the motor compartment of our van of which I had to physically remove it for its own safety because I am no cat whisperer. I placed it in a tree so that we could get our van out. In essence it has not returned or maybe it has??

My point in article #1: God wants us to know the refuge and safety found in Him and so He sent His Son as one of us to communicate a message of repentance and salvation through Christ, and Christ would die and rise again to make God's plan complete

The point in article #2, which I confess was a bit preachy, but after all I am a preacher, was that sometimes we treat folks a little like stray cats wanting to help them just enough to satisfy our Christian duty, but not really invested in helping them find a home.

Today, can't say that the cat has come back to stay, he/she has been seen but that is about it. Saturday while in Lubbock we

stopped by Petsmart to get some food for our Chihuahua and low and behold there were people standing in line to adopt cats of various ages and sizes. Thus article #3 appeared.

There are Christians who step into the fray, rescue people, help them get going if the struggle has been too big to handle on their own and help them find a home in Christ, connecting them to the family of God, that they may never walk alone again. This is what God calls us to do. It is what Jesus did, just look at who He reached out to and who responded to Him. May we find that love for a lost and desperate humanity and I will work on my feelings towards cats.

Book Blessings

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Can you imagine spending almost the entirety of WWII in Japanese prison camps? Being transported without notice, beaten, starved, tortured, and not knowing if your family even knows you still exist was the reality for 40 months for a handful of Doolittle Raiders who were captured after their bombers went down in Japan occupied China after they bombed mainland Japan. Jacob Deshazer: Forgive your enemies by Janey and Geoff Bengé depicts the true story of Jacob Deshazer who spent 34 of the 40 months in solitary confinement after his capture. Jacob's excruciating story of imprisonment, though, is not the end of his story, but in some ways it was just the beginning. His hatred of the Japanese that fueled his entrance into the armed services, and sustained him

through much of his captivity, turned from hatred to love and forgiveness while he was in a Japanese POW camp. The cause for this change was not Japanese brainwashing, but a change of heart brought about by Jesus Christ.

Although Jake grew up in a Christian home, he never gave his life to Jesus Christ, and when Japan bombed Pearl Harbor he was incensed with rage toward them. This anger boiled and simmered while in captivity, until he and the other prisoners were able to share a Bible. While reading about God's holiness, grace, love, mercy and forgiveness, he repented of his sin and placed faith in Jesus Christ for his salvation. The drastic change was immediate as his heart of hatred was replaced by forgiveness and love toward

his captors. His life now lived out Ephesians 4:32 which says, "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."

In fact, after the war was over, and he recovered from his emaciated condition, God blessed him with a wife and they spent 30 years as missionaries in Japan. The defeat of WWII left a spiritual void in Japan and a huge spiritual opportunity and Jake was able to be used by God for many to hear the gospel. Deshazer's life was one of hardship, imprisonment, redemption, reconciliation and usefulness to the Lord, and this 219 page book is a powerful reminder of the radical change Jesus makes in the life of his people, and of God's heart is for all to hear the gospel and come to Christ.

Don't hang up!

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith

On March 7, 1876, Alexander Graham Bell received a patent for his "harmonic telegraph"—or-telephone. Up until then, Samuel Morse's telegraph was the only means of "instantaneous" communication, but Bell had been concentrating on resolving the limitations; it could only handle one message at a time—and it required a courier to deliver the news to the recipient.

The Bell family had immigrated from England to Massachusetts and settled in Boston where Alexander worked as a teacher for the deaf. But he was also the son of an inventor, and, while he was fond of his work as a teacher, he also had an innate desire to devise a way for people to speak "directly" with each other—from a distance. He partnered with Thomas A. Watson, who worked in a machine shop;

and when the telephone was completed, he uttered the now famous phrase: "Mr. Watson, come here, I need you."

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends **Telephone: The Invention**

That Changed Communication by Samuel Willard Crompton.

Courtesy of History Matters, a feature of The Grateful American Book Prize: Showing our children that their past is prelude to their future.



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BE Jesus

By Teena Hughs

Last week, I ended my column trying to encourage everyone to BE Jesus. I want to share a simple story and the difference it makes to BE Jesus.

Texas Tech baseball played Arkansas in one of its opening games at GlobeLife Field in Arlington. Tech outfielder Dru Baker was heckled and harassed by some Arkansas fans. Apparently it was pretty bad, because another Arkansas fan put it on facebook that she was proud of the way Baker conducted himself. She said she and her family started supporting Baker when he batted or did something good in the outfield. She said that Baker never said anything back to any of the Arkansas fans. He maintained his

composure, never seeming to get upset. He even threw a couple of fly balls he caught into the stands, throwing one to her son.

Dru Baker is an example for all of us. Many of us would have gotten upset; we would have probably said something to the rowdy fans and made matters worse for ourselves; we would have let what the fans were doing and saying affect our performance as a hitter and outfielder, which is what the fans were trying to do.

I wasn't there, of course, but I think Baker did exactly what Jesus would have done. He was "cool, calm, and collected", and he didn't let the rowdy fans succeed at what they were trying to accomplish,

which was to rattle him. It takes the fun out of it for the rowdy fans when you don't respond to them. And, best of all, people noticed him BEing Jesus, and they took note of it. I am sure the parents used Baker to teach their own children a lesson about how to behave in a similar situation. And, to top it off, someone sent the mother's facebook post to the Tech athletic director.

Yes, it always pays to BE Jesus in this world that needs Him so very much. One person's example can go a very long way in teaching us how to BE Jesus to others. And, just so you know, the behavior of the Arkansas fans had its consequences, too....they were kicked out of the game!

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Congratulations to (l-r) Magdalena Licerio, Trinity Ramos, and Ahtziri Solt-ero for qualifying for regionals in powerlifting. The Regional Meet will be held on Saturday, March 6th in Kermit. Go Big Red!

Boys 3-3A All-District Basketball Team announced

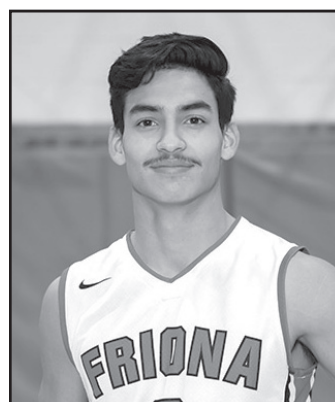
Three Friona Chieftain basketball players were named to the 3-3A All-District team announced this week. Juniors Jacob Bautista, Bryan Chavira, and Jared Rejino were each chosen for the Honorable Mention All-District team.



Bryan Chavira



Jared Rejino



Jacob Bautista

Track & Field Meet Results Muleshoe, Texas - February 26, 2021

Varsity Boys

100 Meters
Abisai Torres.....2nd

400 Meters
Alan Martinez.....2nd
Tony Rodriguez.....5th

800 Meters
Adrian Legarreta.....1st
Tony Rodriguez.....5th

1600 Meters
Adrian Legerreta.....2nd
Dieter Ally.....4th
Michael Bautista.....5th

3200 Meters
Adrian Legerreta.....2nd
Dieter Ally.....4th
Michael Bautista.....6th

110 M Hurdles
Jared Rejino.....3rd

300 M Hurdles
Jared Rejino.....2nd

4 x 100m Relay
Friona.....2nd
Abisai Torres
Angel Carranza
Marc Mendoza
Jacob Bautista

4 x 200m Relay
Friona.....2nd
Abisai Torres
Marc Mendoza
Angel Carranza
Jacob Bautista

4 x 400m Relay
Friona.....3rd
Tony Rodriguez
Aaron Salinas
Alan Martinez
Marc Mendoza

High Jump
Jared Rejino.....1st
Andrew Rivera.....3rd

Pole Vault
Angel Carranza.....2nd
Mario Bautista.....4th

Triple Jump
Moises Pina.....2nd

Long Jump
Abisai Torres.....4th

Shot Put
Andrew Husted.....3rd
Jake Padilla.....4th

Discus
Jake Padilla.....2nd
Anthony Abarca.....6th

Team Results
Friona Varsity Boys.....2nd

Junior Varsity Boys

200 Meters
Moises Pina.....5th

400 Meters
Jorge Gallegos.....3rd
TJ Vasquez.....6th

800 Meters
Fabian Salinas.....1st

3200 Meters
Fabian Salinas.....2nd

4 x 100m Relay
Friona.....2nd
Josh Gonzales
Issac Olmos
Jose Luis Saucedo
Giovanny Ponce

4 x 200m Relay
Friona.....2nd
Jose Luis Saucedo
Josh Gonzales
Issac Olmos
Mario Bautista

4 x 400m Relay
Friona.....3rd
Issac Olmos
Jorge Gallegos
Gabriel Rocha
Mario Bautista

Triple Jump
Moises Pina.....2nd

Long Jump
Mario Bautista.....1st
Issac Olmos.....6th

Shot Put
Frank Perez.....3rd

Team Results
Friona JV Boys.....4th

Varsity Girls

100 Meters
Noelia Baustia.....2nd
Lyllianna Martinez.....3rd

200 Meters
Destini Fernandez.....2nd
Lyllianna Martinez.....6th

400 Meters
Lyllianna Martinez.....4th

800 Meters
Yvonne Legarreta.....1st
Makayla Ramos.....4th
Leah Hernandez.....5th

1600 Meters
Yvonne Legarreta.....1st
Adamaris Rivas.....4th
Leah Hernandez.....5th

3200 Meters
Adamaris Rivas.....3rd
Leah Hernandez.....4th
Esperanza Santiago.....6th

100m Hurdles
Jaquelyn Falcon.....3rd
Joscelin Barraza.....4th

300m Hurdles
Joscelin Barraza.....2nd
Reese Stowers.....3rd

4 x 100m Relay
Friona.....1st
Rebecca Schlenker
Destini Fernandez
Noelia Bautista
Anahi Gonzalez

4 x 200m Relay
Friona.....1st
Rebecca Schlenker
Destini Fernandez
Noelia Bautista
Anahi Gonzalez

4 x 400m Relay
Friona.....1st
Rebecca Schlenker
Anahi Gonzalez
Makayla Ramos
Yvonne Legarreta

High Jump
Lizbeth Toledo.....3rd
Jaquelyn Falcon.....4th

Triple Jump
Rebecca Schlenker.....1st
Breanna Rivera.....3rd
Lizbeth Toledo.....6th

Shot Put
Melody Upton.....4th
Nevaeh Maestas.....6th

Discus
Amy Montana.....5th

Team Results
Friona Varsity Girls.....1st



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Obituaries



Hazel Christine Zorns

Hazel Christine Zorns, 94 of Friona passed away March 2, 2021 in Friona. Viewing will be held from 9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Friday, March 5, 2021 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY with Celebration of Life Graveside Services set for 10:30 A.M. Saturday, March 6, 2021 at the Friona Cemetery in Friona with Rev. Gary Johnson, officiating. Burial following by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.



her long years of life could be accredited to her love for Pop Tarts. Christine was a strong, determined, and a devoted Christian woman. Anything that she struggled with, she just prayed and kept going. She had the best sense of humor and knew how to find the light in any situation.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harmon and Myrtle Lindley, brother Sam Lindley, son's Jesse Shirley and Michael Shirley, husband Jack Shirley and husband James Zorns.

Christine will be dearly missed by 1 daughter- Judy Potts and husband Larry Potts of Friona, Texas, and 1 son- James Zorns and wife Sharla of Peoria, Arizona.

Christine was blessed with 8 grandchildren- Kim Ong, Shay Shirley, Tonya Harmon, Glen Shirley, Tammi Burney, Randy Zedler, Ty Potts and Jacque Luetjen, 14 great-grandchildren and 8 great-great-grandchildren who will all miss her wisdom, laughter and love.

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well. She was naturally inquisitive and always knew what her grandkids were up to and she was not afraid to give you her opinion and share her advice. She took on the role of keeping us all in line. She loved us all equally and didn't mind telling us if we stepped out of line or needed some extra guidance. Christine had the biggest heart and loved to love people. She was a natural caretaker and always had someone on her mind. In 2017 she was named Friona's Valentine Sweetheart at Friona Heritage Estates. During her time in the nursing home, she always cared for others and made sure to check on them and share her love. She also had a love for baking cookies, cobblers, and cooking up the best recipes from the South. She may argue that

Christine was born on September 8, 1926 to Harmon and Myrtle Lindley in Wellington, Texas. She graduated from Wellington High school and went on to obtain her license in Cosmetology. She worked many years making others beautiful. She married Jack Shirley in 1947. They were happily married for 18 years and raised two children.

Christine later married James Zorns on February 10, 1978. They were married for 35 years. During this time She worked as an administrative assistant for their insurance business. Together they enjoyed traveling, square dancing, and spending time with their friends.

She was a dedicated mother first and foremost. She especially loved her role as Grandma, and she wore that title

Randy Lee Richards



Randy Lee Richards, 59, passed away Sunday, February 28, 2021. He was born in Muleshoe, Texas on August 24, 1961 to Samuel and Doris Richards. He married Glenda Reeve Richards on May 1, 1987 in Friona, Texas. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, March 5, 2021, at St. Luke's Methodist Church, Central Campus, 3708 45th St, Lubbock.

Randy was loving, kind, and silly. He never met a stranger, and loved to connect with people. He loved to tell jokes and pull pranks, and if he gave you a hard time, you knew he loved you.

Most of all, Randy loved his family. He worked hard to provide a wonderful life for those he cared for. He was a devoted

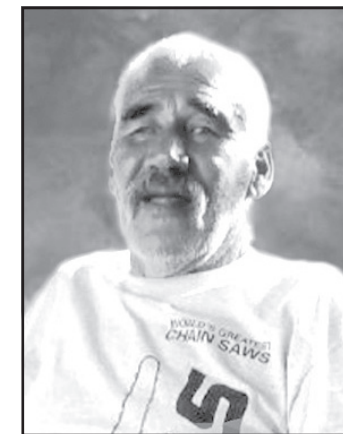
husband who adored his wife, Glenda, for 33 years. Randy took pride in being an uncle and a dad. When his nephews, niece, and daughters were young, he enjoyed coaching t-ball, taking the kids fishing, playing catch, and teaching them how to drive. Randy's

grandkids were his pride and joy, and he was thrilled about being "Papaw".

Randy is survived by his wife, Glenda Richards and three daughters; Valerie Lopez and husband David of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Allison Fluck and husband Jonathan of Rockwall, Texas; and Melissa Francis and husband Robbie of Lubbock, Texas; 9 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; one sister, Tammy O'Dell and husband Wayne, of Friona; 4 nieces and nephews, and 11 great-nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his dad, Sam Richards; his mom, Doris Richards; and a sister, Rhonda Bentley.

Online condolences can be left for the family at www.millerfamilyfuneralhome.com

Ray Rando



Ray Rando, Jr. 60 of Texico, formerly of Friona passed away March 1, 2020 in Texico. Viewing will be held from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM Thursday, March 4, 2021 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY with Celebration of Life Graveside Services scheduled for 1:00 PM Friday, March 5, 2021 in the Friona Cemetery. Burial following by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Ray was born May 6, 1960 in San Jose, California to Reynaldo and Mary Elena Aragon Rando. He was in the construction and remodeling business for many years. He loved his family and having a great time joking around.

He is preceded in death by

his parents and 1 brother-Eddie Rando.

Those to carry on his legacy include 4 sons-Jeffrey Lee Rando and wife Beige, Issac Jay Rando, Loin Gonzales, all of Friona, and Jeremiah Ray Rando of Texico, 3 daughters-Destiny Renee Rando

of Farwell, Alisia Rando and husband Jesse of Friona, and Cindy Aleman and husband Adan of Amarillo, 1 brother-Dennis Rando of Ft. Worth, 6 sisters- Vickie Rando of Friona, Lucy Rando of Amarillo, Linda McCune of Ft. Worth, Cindy Garcia of Casa Grande, Arizona, Susie Patton, and Marybell Rando, both of Modesto, California, and 11 grandchildren.

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

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State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



Political fallout from winter storm continues

As Texans across the state continue to deal with the damage from the mid-February winter storm, so does the political fallout in Austin.

So far, seven of the 16 board members of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas have resigned. CEO Bill Magness defended ERCOT's decision to order widespread blackouts while testifying before a joint hearing of two state House committees last week.

Meanwhile, the Public Utility Commission, which oversees ERCOT, says it has opened an investigation into retail electric providers whose flexible pricing plans inflicted electric bills in the thousands of dollars on some Texas customers in the wake of the storm. In a televised address on Wednesday, Gov. Greg Abbott said he had ordered that Texans will not have their power shut off because of unpaid bills until the Legislature has had time to act. He acknowledged that power generation from all sources failed under the harsh weather, including natural gas, coal, nuclear, wind and solar. Abbott has made it a legislative priority to mandate and fund winterizing the Texas power infrastructure.

However, the head of Irving-based Vistra energy testified at last week's committee hearing that winterizing power plants could backfire in summer months. According to the Texas Standard, Curt Morgan said, "We don't put structures around our equipment down here. Why? Because in the summer when it's 105 degrees you'd bake inside there; the equipment would fail."

Additional hearings are scheduled this week in the Texas Senate.

More counties added to major disaster declaration

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has added an additional 31 Texas counties to the federal disaster declaration, making a total of 108 counties covered. Abbott originally asked that all 254 Texas counties be included. Texans across the state are urged to fill out a form to help the state identify damages that occurred during the storm, which can be accessed at: <https://tdem.texas.gov/warming-center/>.

Free legal assistance available for low-income persons affected by storm

The State Bar of Texas, American Bar Association and legal aid providers remind Texans that free legal assistance is available through a toll-free hotline to help folks pursue government benefits, insurance claims, home repairs and other issues. The hotline — 800-504-7030 — is available in English, Spanish and Vietnamese. It connects low-income callers with local legal aid providers.

Push to expand broadband continues

The latest issue of Fiscal Notes from the state comptroller's office provides a comprehensive look at the issue of expanding broadband, which Abbott made an emergency legislative priority item in early February. The COVID-19 pandemic accelerated demand for broadband Internet service as schools went virtual and telemedicine became more common. As of January, educators had paid for more than 4.5 million broadband devices and Wi-Fi hotspots, using funds from the Texas Education Agency, local school districts, businesses and federal funding.

A bipartisan group of 88 Texas legislators in November recommended that the state create a comprehensive broadband plan and establish a state broadband office. Jennifer Harris is state program director of Connected Nation Texas, which partners with private and public entities to push for expansion of broadband. She noted, "The pandemic has shown everyone how important broadband is. Ten years ago, we had to tell people why broadband would be good for the community. We don't need to tell anyone that anymore."

After storm, COVID-19 vaccines ramp up again

Nearly 700,000 first doses of the COVID-19 vaccine are coming to Texas this week, with 429,600 second doses arriving as well, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services. Providers quickly resumed vaccinations after power and water service were restored across the state. The state continues to provide shots for health-care workers, long-term facility residents, people over 65 and those with existing medical conditions. TDSHS says vaccines are limited to the capacity of vaccine manufacturers to produce them, and there is not enough vaccine to supply every provider every week.

The Centers for Disease Control this week is shipping doses to 522 providers in 199 counties. As of Sunday, 3.4 million Texans had received the first dose and 1.728 million were fully vaccinated, according to TDSHS. More than 40% of adults 65 years and older have received the first dose, and nearly 20% in that age group are fully vaccinated.

COVID-19 cases, deaths up from previous week

The winter storm likely muddled last week's reporting, but new cases of COVID-19 in Texas totaled 55,547 in the last week, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University of Medicine. A total of 1,478 deaths were reported. Both figures are considerably higher than what was reported the previous week, but that could be a result of delayed data due to the storm. A better comparison can be made next week, with two weeks of relatively normal weather conditions. Regardless, health officials across the state are still urging Texans to wear masks in public, practice social distancing and wash our hands frequently.

Plumes of smoke in a forest not always a sign of wildfire

When you see smoke rising from a forest, particularly in rural areas, it's not always wildfire. It could be a prescribed burn, according to the Texas A&M Forest Service. That has become one of the most effective tools for land management, according to TFS, as it eliminates fuel for actual wildfires.

Landowners interested in learning how to safely conduct a prescribed burn can get technical guidance from TFS. Grants are also available to help pay for the burns. This website provides more information: <https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/PrescribedBurns/>.

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.

Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



Last week's column was dedicated to my mom and my uncle's stories of water security on the farm and managing without electricity. I want to add to that narrative this week, writing about more of the "things we take for granted." Incorporating excerpts once again, I'll touch on a couple of fixtures from the 1930s and 40s used in the farm kitchen.

Grandmother Bessie (Yantis) McClesley cooked on a cast-iron, wood-burning range. As my mother wrote, "because its mechanics and idiosyncrasies were well-known to her, she seldom had any trouble in getting the results she wanted, on the range or in the oven."

My mouth waters thinking about biscuits and pies that she perfected, including my mother's favorite (mincemeat pie). Uncle Clifton told me about the seasonal fruitcakes (soaked in grape juice) that were unforgettable.

Use of the wood-burning stove/range meant that firewood was always in demand (the farmhouse also had a wood-burning heater in the living room). Keeping an adequate supply proved difficult. Bessie was a widow in 1931. Her two sons were five and eight, so she wielded the ax to chop the available mesquite. At the same time, Uncle Preston and Uncle Clifton were "responsible for loading the wagon and then filling the wood box in the kitchen and stacking on the front porch for the living room heater." As they grew older and stronger, Bessie passed the wood chopping on to them.

Those of you who spend dedicated time in the kitchen will appreciate what happened when, in the late 1930s, Grandmother was persuaded to move to a stove fueled by kerosene. Her regretted switch may have been necessitated by economics. Kerosene was cheap, and getting firewood was

time-consuming. Mother and Uncle Clifton reminisced "that the kerosene range was unreliable—burners would smoke badly at inopportune times, and the oven had little capacity to hold heat. She [Bessie] made no secret of her unhappiness with that kerosene range but made do with it until the postwar years when the ready availability of butane enabled her to acquire a gas range."

Preparing food was further impacted by the absence of electricity. Uncle Clifton noted that refrigerators did exist that ran on gasoline or kerosene but that the cost was prohibitive to Grandmother. To keep the cows' milk somewhat cooled, Bessie used what was called a "milk cooler, consisting of galvanized metal shelves in a stand about three feet tall, 42 inches square. Each of the three shelves had watertight sides a couple of inches high. The milk and cream, in one gallon and half-gallon crocks, would be placed in this cooler with an inch or so of water at the bottom." As I read more, Uncle Clifton shared that a light canvas curtain called "duckin" hung around the cooler in such a way as to allow a part of the canvas to be continually wet. Even then, Uncle Clifton wrote, extremely hot weather might still turn the morning milk blinky by supertime. What a great word!

Grandmother purchased what was known as an icebox at the end of the 1930s (interestingly enough, my mother always called our refrigerators iceboxes, and now I know why). The Coolerator brand was just that—it had a "top compartment large enough to accommodate 100 pounds [of ice]" Mother told me that the melted water dripped down into a pan and that had to be emptied a couple of times a day. The delivery of the ice makes for an interesting side note, too:

"The ice itself was delivered by an entrepreneur who had outfitted a pickup truck with a somewhat insulated bed. Working out of Rotan, he would load his truck at the Leon Ice Company plant there and drive our route two or three times a week. His customers signified the amount of ice wanted by putting a placard in a front window or on the screen door" (for example, a placard with "50" on it for a 50-pound block of ice). I can imagine what an innovation this had to be for Grandmother and my mother and her siblings—and perhaps this is why my parents always scolded us severely if we left the refrigerator door open too long looking for something. An icebox certainly needed to remain closed to keep the ice from melting too quickly.

Today, I will walk past my fridge and push my glass into the receptacle to get filtered water. The milk that will fill my cereal bowl for a late-night snack will be chilled to a perfect 37 degrees because that's what the door display shows. I'll have a potato baked perfectly at 425 degrees by turning a knob and not think a thing about it. Easy and convenient.

I may not ever have as deep an appreciation for my conveniences as I should. However, I have developed a greater sense of respect for women like Bessie: the ones who tirelessly managed their kitchens, vegetable gardens, foodstuff, poultry flocks, and hogs to put food on the table or in the lunch pails—all done without a microwave, dishwasher, refrigerator/freezer, or convection stove with burners on top.

Come to think of it, a reality baking show under such circumstances would make for good television. My money would be on the ranch hand cooks and 100-year-old farm wives.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Betty Sue Procter, Deceased, were issued on January 20, 2021, in Cause No. 3236, pending in the County Court of Parmer County, Texas, to: Billy Ross "Ted" Procter.

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 15. Henry Golden boy 22 LR
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 17. Ruger American Rifle caliber 223
 18. DPMS AR-15 .22
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 22. Smith & Wesson M&P AR-10 .308
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 24. Rossi 410 gauge snake charmer
 25. Bursa thunder 22 Long rifle
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 28. Mystery
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 30. Mystery
- Guns are not listed in order.

Keep Friona Clean

Roll-off box to open up for waste items

The City will open up the roll-off box this Saturday, March 6, from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Please come by to dump those items that don't belong in your dumpster and do your part to help Keep Friona Clean!



The roll-off box is located at East 8th and South Jackson Ave. It is a free service

provided to Friona residents. Examples of items not allowed in dumpsters includes: steel and metal, mattresses

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

Protect backyard chickens from disease, parasites

By Adam Russell

With interest in backyard chicken production during COVID-19 increasing the number of small flocks in Texas, experts are advising producers, especially beginners, to focus on the health of their birds for sustainable success.

There are two preventative measures backyard producers can practice to protect their flocks - basic but consistent biosecurity and buying vaccinated birds, said Martin Ficken, DVM, Ph.D., resident director of Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory's, TVMDL, Sam and Sally Glass Poultry Diagnostic Laboratory, Gonzales.

Chickens face many common diseases and pests, including internal and external parasites, that can negatively impact a flock, he said. But buying vaccinated birds and practicing biosecurity - or procedures and practices that can protect the flock from outside pathogens and pests - can greatly reduce potential problems.

Ficken said he strongly recommends backyard producers establish a relationship with a local veterinarian for consultations regarding diagnosing problems and treatments within flocks.

"We're here to help but having a local veterinarian who can diagnose the problem and talk you through the options for any number of situations is a valuable component to any backyard producer," he said. "They can also give you tips on preventing health problems specific to your operation, which is always better than reacting to a problem."

Vaccinations prevent disease in backyard chickens

Ficken said flocks should only be started and/or expanded with vaccinated birds from reputable sources.

Buying birds vaccinated for Marek's disease or inoculating chicks upon hatching is the best way to prevent more than 90% of opportunities for the disease to spread. Marek's disease can devastate flocks, and Ficken said it is everywhere.

Birds with Marek's disease become lame or suffer neurological damage that continues to deteriorate, he said. Unvaccinated birds typically become infected within a few weeks of hatching.

"In my mind, every bird is infected within the first few weeks, and you can't keep it out," he said. "It's going to be an issue unless the birds are inoculated, and the inoculations are good for the life of the bird. They're not 100% effective, but it's close and it cuts down on problems."

Ficken said backyard producers can vaccinate their own chickens, but he recommends inoculations within the first day of hatching.

While Marek's disease is a common and serious threat to backyard flocks, the most common problem is respiratory illnesses typically related to mycoplasmosis, Ficken said. With mycoplasmosis, birds become sick, but infections are not typically fatal unless the animal has or develops secondary issues that compound the illness.

Signs of mycoplasmosis include coughing, nasal discharge, swollen sinuses, conjunctivitis and secondary bacterial infections, Ficken said. Infections are treatable with antibiotics.

Ficken said a common scenario for a mycoplasmosis outbreak is the introduction of asymptomatic birds to an established flock. The birds are introduced without quarantine and shed the disease through bodily fluid and waste for other birds to become infected.

Backyard producers should also monitor for pox lesions, Ficken said. Vaccinations can prevent or put an end to pox outbreaks. The disease is spread by vectors like mosquitoes.

Backyard chickens best practices

Ficken said biosecurity is the best way to protect a flock from an outside pathogen, but that it takes diligence. Exposure to outside pathogens can happen in many ways, including contact

with new chickens or wild birds, vectors like mosquitoes or even contact with a pathogen brought in on the bottom of a shoe, clothing or hands of the person tending the flock.

"Biosecurity principles are easy to understand but hard to practice because you can't make a mistake," he said. "It's so easy to walk something in on the bottom of your shoe if you don't maintain a high degree of scrutiny when it comes to what the flock is exposed to."

Backyard producers should have dedicated clothes or a pair of coveralls and shoes that are strictly for entering the coop area. They should also practice good hygiene like washing hands before and after entering the coop.

Cleaning the coop and other areas frequented by chickens will also reduce the risk of a pathogen establishing within the flock.

"You have to scrape the litter out eventually because chickens aren't discriminatory with their droppings," he said. "A buildup can help amplify problems if birds are shedding a pathogen, and pretty soon you have a full-blown problem. Cleanliness on the ground, perches and nests should be considered part of the biosecurity to maintain the health and welfare of your flock."

Quarantine new chickens and monitor flock

Ficken also suggests quarantining new chicks and adult birds for three weeks before introducing them to the flock. Monitoring and physically inspecting them for signs of pathogens and tag-alongs like mites could prevent a small problem from becoming a big problem.

External parasites like mites, fleas and lice are easy to catch and treat during quarantine, but also easy to miss if you are not looking, Ficken said. Sulfur dust is a cheap and easy way to keep chickens and frequented areas clear of mites. Topical parasiticides for birds and treatments or pressure spraying the coop may be required for lice, fleas and ticks.

"Treating one bird is much easier than dealing with an infestation that requires treating the whole flock and the areas they frequent," he said. "But I've also seen a lot of examples of how detrimental external parasites can be to bird health and production, even birds dying of anemia due to severe blood-letting"

Internal parasites are another health issue that can spread through a flock, Ficken said.

Coccidiosis is a common gastrointestinal disease that occurs due to an internal parasite, Ficken said. The pathogen is a single-celled organism that is typically introduced to the flock via the producer's shoes or equipment used in the coop. The infection spreads as the host bird sheds the disease via fecal matter. Signs of coccidiosis are diarrhea, listlessness and stunted growth.

A bird that eats heavy rations but still loses weight is a good indication of internal parasites, he said. Diarrhea is another potential sign. There are a number of treatment options for internal parasites, including coccidiosis, available.

More resources

Ficken said Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and TVMDL have numerous resources to inform backyard producers and help them navigate potential problems, but he reiterated that building a relationship with a local livestock veterinarian is one of the best ways to manage your flock.

"The health of your flock is a responsibility from an animal welfare point, but it's also critical as it relates to the backyard producers' expectations and goals for the birds," Ficken said. "Maintaining basic but diligent protocols and procedures when it comes to biosecurity and reducing health risks among the birds is the best way to sustain a flock and ultimately find success."

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



Protecting backyard chickens from diseases and parasites is critical for poultry production success. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo by Laura McKenzie)



Lions Club members get a view of the north corridor that will connect the Elementary School with the new Primary School. Construction is on schedule with move-in set for late May. Exterior work and landscaping will continue into the Fall.

Book Shop open on Wednesdays

The Friends of the Library Book Shop resumed normal Winter/Spring hours on Wednesday, March 3rd. Good quality used books, which sell for one dollar a bag, are offered for sale from

3:30-5:30 p.m. each Wednesday at 119 West 6th. These hours will remain in effect until the book shop moves to its new location on the southwest side of the library sometime in May.

Masks are preferred, but not required. Donations are welcome and accepted, but please hold on to them until after the move if possible. Thanks to all customers, donors, and volunteers.



New Library Book Shop to open in May

Winter storm offers few silver linings

By Adam Russell

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In general, most areas around the state reached colder temperatures in 1989, which is the second coldest event on record and caused severe agriculture damage, especially to the state's citrus crops in the Rio Grande Valley. Damage is still expected as temperatures for the week-long storm averaged 26.4 degrees in South Texas and along the Gulf Coast. By comparison, the 1989 temperature average was just above 21 degrees.

Nielsen-Gammon said snowfall totals were very preliminary, but that most of the state received measurable amounts.

Reagan Noland, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension agronomist, San Angelo, said his location reported 10.1 inches of snowfall, but said it will have minimal positive impact on soil moisture levels.

"Snow is a good form of precipitation as it doesn't create much runoff and soaks into the soil, and can actually insulate the plants from damaging temperatures," he said. "But the disappointing thing about this snow is it doesn't represent an appreciable contribution to soil moisture.

The 10 inches of snow was marked as only 0.28 of an inch of actual water."

Not much good news

Jourdan Bell, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension agronomist, Amarillo, said the precipitation value from snow is not equivalent to the same depth of rainfall, and moisture varies with snowfall events. Dry snow was widely reported during the recent arctic front. The two snow events in the Panhandle during the week delivered 0.26 of an inch of moisture according to official measurements in Bushland.

Despite snow's failure to deliver needed moisture to areas like San Angelo and the Panhandle, where soil moisture levels have been at or near drought level and declining for months, Bell said the snow protected winter wheat fields from low temperatures.

"We are seven days past subzero temperatures, so we may start seeing some evidence of damage, but we are currently only seeing leaf burn," she said. "Even though the snow doesn't represent significant moisture, it still provided a blanket to help protect the wheat from extreme temperatures."

Noland agreed that the snow likely helped insulate winter wheat and other small grains or winter forages from severe freeze, and that any amount of moisture will help growers in his region, especially as cotton planting approaches. But spring rains will be necessary for dryland acres to survive and produce.

In the Rio Grande Valley, cold temperatures damaged orange and grapefruit production and trees, said Juan Enciso, Ph.D., Texas A&M AgriLife Research irrigation engineer, Weslaco. Luckily around 80% of oranges and almost 70% of grapefruit were harvested before temperatures dipped into the danger zone.

Enciso was heading to the field to assess the severity of crop damages and said any positives from the storm were hard to measure.

"The moisture impact will be minimal, and about the only silver lining I can think of is that it may have killed some insect pests," he said. "There's just not much good news that I see coming from this winter storm."

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

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