

Chicken prices rising

By Adam Russell

Poultry prices, especially prices for chicken breasts, have skyrocketed due to surging demand, tighter supplies and a transitioning supply chain, according to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service experts.

David Anderson, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension economist, Bryan-College Station, said wholesale chicken prices continue to rise as demand from restaurants has put pressure on supplies of certain poultry cuts.

Anderson said U.S. poultry production declined during 2020 as the industry grappled with shifting demand associated with the pandemic. Poultry companies struggled to find profits as closures impacted restaurants, a major destination for various chicken cuts.

But the subsequent economic reopening and growth has caused tight supplies and rising prices for chicken breasts, which consumers find in a variety of forms and places, Anderson said.

Wholesale boneless, skinless chicken breasts were \$1.91 per pound compared to 93 cents per pound last year, Anderson said. Between 2015 and 2019, those cuts averaged around \$1.18 per pound wholesale.

"There is a lot of chicken being produced, but we are seeing restaurants that aren't getting as much supply as they want to get," he said. "There is plenty of chicken, but when you have all these chains making chicken biscuits and chicken sandwiches, which are a hot product right now, and they're all made of chicken breasts, there is only so much of those specific cuts to go around."

High demand and high prices for chicken breasts and other cuts like wings, which remained relatively high throughout 2020, could last until production catches up again, he said. Cold storage supplies of chicken are also down 200 million pounds, roughly 20%, compared to last year, which further tightens the supply side.

"Low prices and lower production were a reaction to last year, and now demand is high because there is a feeling that we're returning to normal," Anderson said. "The thing is that chickens just have two legs, two breasts, two thighs and two wings. It just takes time to produce more chicken."

Chickens return to normal

Craig Coufal, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension poultry specialist, Bryan-College Station, said short supplies have mostly to do with poultry production returning to normal levels and the time it will take to meet pre-pandemic supply demands.

The more people return to restaurants, travel and "get out of the house," the more chicken they are likely to eat, Coufal said.

"The birds that were being grown during the pandemic were grown smaller because they were going to end up in grocery stores," he said. "The birds that meet the demand for chicken strips and sandwiches and processed nuggets are much bigger, and it can take some time to shift production. It will happen, but it may take some time."

Coufal said poultry producers are cranking out as many chickens as they can to meet erupting demand. But it takes fertilized eggs to produce chicks, which take time to become broilers that are ready for processing.

Feed costs a wild card

A wild card in the rocketing chicken market is feed prices, Anderson said. Corn and soybean prices have been very high compared to recent years and represent an added component to what chicken will cost once it reaches a restaurant or grocer.

Coufal said restaurants willing to pay a premium for chicken breasts may drive the price to unprecedented highs at grocery stores. Anderson said it will be interesting to see if constraints on cuts like breasts and wings drive restaurants and grocery customers to purchase more dark meat, such as thighs and legs, that are now primarily tagged for export.

"I would expect to see more consumption of boneless chicken thighs than we've seen previously," Anderson said. "So, you may see increased purchases at grocers and also some restaurants trying to figure out a way to utilize those cuts in order to meet demand and cut costs where they can."



Top Collectors for 2020-2021 — Seated in the middle: Aiden Tafoya, Top Collector. Front row: (l-r) Jayden Choate, Jennifer Lily Portillo, Jace Farmer, Jesalyn Jarecki, Jace Jarecki. Back row: (l-r) Brynlee Smith, Isziah Snyder, Carter Lewellen, Jayleigh Contreras, Wendy Ha Garcia.

Kids Heart Challenge at Friona Elementary a Success!

This April, students at Friona Elementary jumped all over heart disease and stroke by participating in the Kids Heart Challenge Event. The students raised \$5,318.81 for the American Heart Association, which funds research, programs and education to fight heart disease and

stroke. Heart disease is the No. 1 killer worldwide, and stroke ranks second globally. Even when those conditions don't result in death, they cause disability and diminish quality of life.

Kids Heart Challenge is a program that promotes physical activity and heart

health through jumping rope. It is sponsored by the American Heart Association and SHAPE America-Society of Health and Physical Educators.

Friona Elementary would like to thank everyone who donated to the 2020-2021 Kids Heart Challenge campaign!

At Home on the Range



Friends, Romans, Pronghorn Antelopes — lend me your ears. Last week Lynn Nelson and Linda White contacted the Friona Star to give a "heads up" sighting on animals migrating just north of Friona near Hwy 215. Apparently the 12-13 visitors were doing a "walk by" looking for food. A spokesman for the lady lopes gave no discouraging words and the sky was not cloudy at all. If you see any playing deer or roaming buffalo, give us a call, we will be at home. On the range. Dr. Cash said that these four females were all "expecting" and that "Mother's Day" is a popular delivery date each year.

Parmer County COVID-19 stats as of May 11, 2021



Confirmed Cases
907

Probable Cases
367

Fatalities
35

Active Cases
6

Recoveries
1217



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Friona Weather May 13-19	T ☁️ 75 51 S 10-20	F ☁️ 84 54 SSW 15-25	S ☁️ 81 56 SSW 10-20	S ☁️ 86 53 SSW 10-20	M ☁️ 78 53 ENE 10-20	T ☁️ 78 52 S 10-15	W ☁️ 82 52 SW 10-20	Precipitation May 0.38 Year 1.95	Burn Ban Yes
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Community Calendar

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

- May 13**
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center
- May 15**
• St. Teresa Brisket Dinner from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- May 17**
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center
• Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at The Farmwife Kitchen
- May 20**
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center
- May 21**
• FHS Senior Parade at 7:00 p.m. on Main Street
- May 24**
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center
- May 25**
• Snack Pack for Kids at Friona United Methodist Church at 3 p.m. (volunteers welcome)
- May 27**
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center
- May 28**
• FHS Graduation Ceremony at 8:00 p.m.



Richard Bermea sent in this photo, taken by a drone, of the new parking lot around the chapel at the Friona Cemetery. Cemetery "Clean Up" Day is scheduled for Thursday, May 20th. Work will begin at 5:00 p.m. at the Cemetery. There will be refreshments available in the Chapel. Everyone is invited to come out and see the new parking lot and help clean up our Cemetery.

**Junior High District Tennis Tournament
Saturday in Muleshoe**



Kitzy Welch placed 3rd in the 8th grade girls singles division.



Lexi Soto and Makya Thackston placed 3rd in the 8th grade girls doubles division.

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Farmhouse to Your House

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ACROSS

- Oldham County seat
- TXism: "it costs an arm and _"
- this Vance founded the Alley Theatre in Houston
- TX tech co.
- TXism: "separate the ___ from the boys"
- "casas," south of the border
- tall Texas tales
- Gen. Foullois started the "___ Squadron" in Texas
- TXism: "enjoyed about ___ I can stand" (bored)
- willow that grows in wet habitats
- put things in order
- "up ___ good" (misbehaving)
- card cheat has ___ his sleeve
- unscented (2 wds.)
- TXism: "___ himself to death in a revolving door" (idiot)
- "Live Free or Die" state (abbr.)
- Fort Hood saw a lot of post ___ after "Desert Storm"
- Duncanville star Davud who pitched for Braves & Rockies
- Korean car maker
- this TX Linda starred in 1948 film "Unfaithfully Yours"
- Field Scovell was "___ Bowl"
- magnesium alloy wheel, commonly
- TX "Babe" was a founder of "___ Professional Golf Association"
- Martin, of 1966 comedy "Texas Across the River"
- TX Willie's turned 88 on April 29, 2021
- Mineola's county
- talk at length
- baby's absorber (2 wds.)
- I get these on Route 66 (in Texas)
- loud unpleasant noise
- dir. from Abilene to Weatherford
- TXism: "take a look ___"
- TX Jordan Spieth won "___ Open" in 2015
- fraudulent investment scheme? (2 wds.)
- effortlessness
- Beeville has "Fiesta Diez y ___" event
- Fayette County seat
- TXism: "couldn't ___ hide nor hair of him"
- Stamford rodeo: "The Cowboy ___"
- parentless child
- garden tools
- TXism: "bat ___ eyelash" (blink)
- TX Ann Sheridan 1942 film "King's ___"
- TX Buddy Holly's "That'll ___ the Day"
- TXism: "___ be a monkey's uncle"
- Abilene CBS and Telemundo TV station
- TX Freddy Fender's "Before the Next ___ drop Falls"
- SMU's 1948 Heisman winner, Walker
- components of most salt
- TXism: "___ knocker" (scary)
- letter addition abbr.

DOWN

- ___ Alstyn, TX
- UT grad and actor, Wallach
- refined Texan
- why you don't pick TX bluebonnets (3 wds.)
- TXism: "long as a country ___"
- TXism: "gave him a dose of ___" (retaliated)
- TXism: "don't give a hoot ___ a holler"

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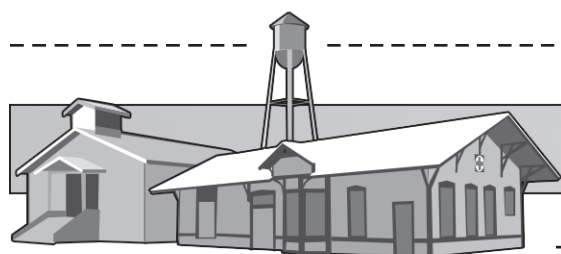
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Texas Junior Anglers (TJA) is hosting a Kids Fishing Day on Sunday, May 16th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Reeve Lake. You must be 16 or younger to participate. All necessary fishing equipment will be provided. All you have to do is register and fish! Prizes and trophies will be awarded by age categories. Registration forms are available at the Friona Chamber of Commerce office or online on their facebook page.

The St. Teresa Church Choir is hosting a Brisket Dinner on Sunday May 16th from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The menu will consist of brisket, potato salad, coleslaw, beans, coffee, tea, and dessert. Donations are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under 10 years old. Proceeds will be used to purchase a projector and monitors. Take-outs will be available. Contact Susan Gonzales at 806-626-8602 to place an order.

The Friona Public Library

Summer Reading Program will begin in June. Signup for the program begins on Monday, May 17th at the library.

A fundraising raffle is underway to benefit Friona Girls Athletics. The prizes are 2 Sides of Beef. The winners can choose to have their 1/2 Cow processed any way they choose. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. The drawing will be held on Friday, June 25, 2021. If you are interested in purchasing tickets, contact Coach Thackston at 575-693-4464.

The Quality of Life Church at 301 Grand Avenue in Friona is hosting "The Church Yard Bash!" on Saturday, May 15th. The event starts at 5:30 p.m. and will include free food, live music, testimonies, and more! Everyone of all ages is invited to come hang out and worship the Lord.

Armed Forces Day is Saturday, May 15th and it pays tribute to the military per-

sonnel serving in the United States Armed Forces. President John F. Kennedy established Armed Forces Day as an official holiday in 1962. The United States Military is composed of six branches, including the Army, Airforce, Space Force, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard.

National EMS Week is May 16-22. The first National EMS Week was observed in 1974 when President Gerald Ford declared the week to acknowledge the crucial work of this critical link in emergency medical care. A big thank you to the Friona EMS crew for the great job they do in serving our community. Work is currently underway on the driveways at their new location on East Highway 60.

Despite a drop in the number of traffic crashes throughout the year, 2020 saw a spike in the number of fatalities overall and deaths of people in Texas from not wearing a seat belt. That's why TxDOT is reminding everyone that buckling up is the best defense in a crash.

Last year, the simple act of buckling up saved many Texans from death or serious injury in crashes. Unfortunately, in 2020 there was a 16% increase in deaths of unbuckled motorists. There were 1,073 fatalities in 2020 and 926 fatalities in 2019 due to people not wearing seat

belts. Putting on a seat belt only takes a few seconds and doing so reduces the risk of dying by up to 45% for people in the front seat of passenger cars and up to 60% for people in pickup trucks.

Larry Gatlin, country singer known for his work with the Grand Ole' Opry and the Gatlin Brothers, will perform live in concert in Quanah, Texas on Friday, June 18 in a fundraiser for the Quanah Parker

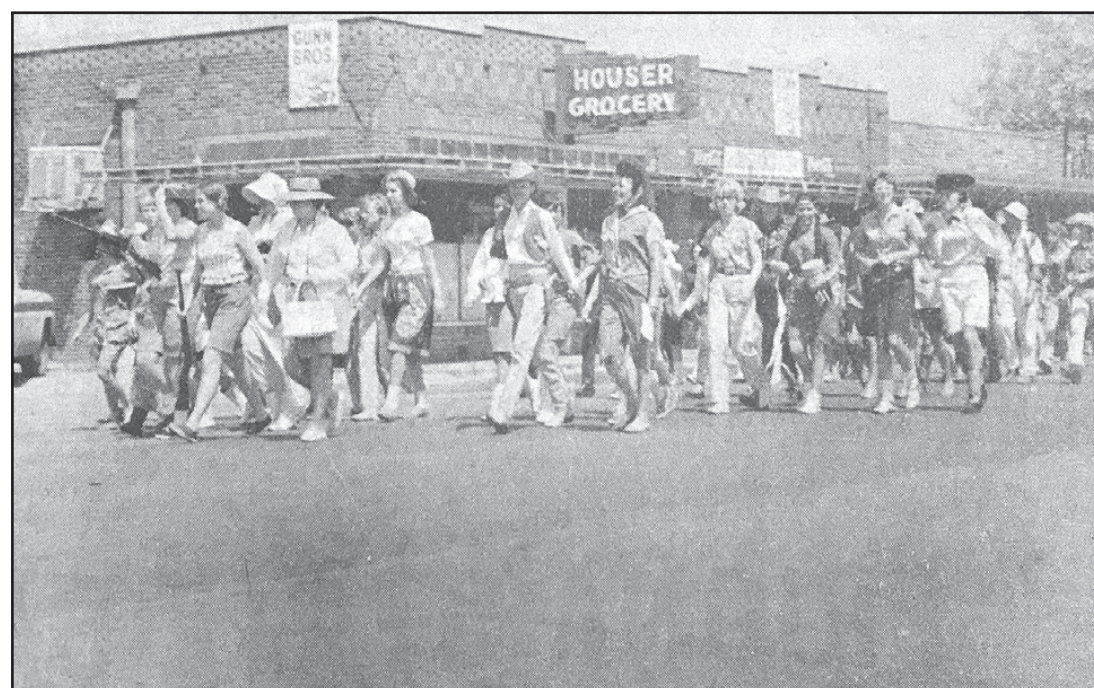
Society. Gatlin is one part of the first annual Quanah Parker Medicine Mounds Gathering, a music and culture festival scheduled for June 17-20 in Quanah and at the Medicine Mounds near there. Tickets in the 716-seat high school auditorium range from \$40-\$75, with a separate meet-and-greet ticket available for \$50. For tickets and a full schedule, see: quanahparkermedicinemounds.com.

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- National Days**
- May 13: Apple Pie Day
- May 14: Dance Like A Chicken Day
- May 15: Armed Forces Day
- May 16: Barbecue Day
- May 17: Cherry Cobbler Day
- May 18: Visit Your Relatives Day
- May 19: Devil's Food Cake Day



FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



EIGHTH GRADERS....A portion of the eighth grade class, which held its "play day" activities last Friday, is shown as it held its annual parade up Main Street. The event is an annual "end of school" activity for the eighth graders. (Friona Star, Thursday, May 12, 1966)

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COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from April 29, 2020 to May 6, 2021

(4/30/21) Cari Hand Dennis, Gary Don Hand, Darrell Rex Hand, The Hand Family Living Trust — GRC Ag LLC — All of the interest in the W/2 and the SE/4 of Sec 13 less 3.69 Ac previously conveyed to the State of Texas for right of way all in Township 5 S R 4 E Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County 476 Ac more or less and all of the SE/4 of Sec 10 less a certain 11.87 Ac tract of the right of way Vol 59 Pg 68 Pg 182 in Township 5 S R 4 E containing 148.12 Ac

(4/30/21) Gumerindo Zetino Meletz, Issi Garcia Rivera, Jose Cruz Chihuahua, Maria S. Chihuahua Rodriguez — Quetzal Tienda El LLC — All of Lot 4 of Blk 76 of the Original Town of Friona in Parmer County

(5/3/21) Shelly Lynn Salyer Elam, Cody Michael Elam, Greg Brandon Salyer, Gae Bryle Salyer, Gerrod Buck Salyer, Casey Aaron Elam, Glen Bryce Salyer — Janis Sheryl Salyer — Being all of Sec No 27 Township 1 N R 4 E lying S of the P and S.F. Railroad and being out of the SE part of Sec 27 Township 1 N R 4 E Parmer County and all of the 4.41 Ac tract of land lying S of the P. and S.F. Railroad and being out of the SE part of Sec 27 Township part of Sec 27 Township 1 N R 4 E in Parmer County

(5/4/21) Matthew A. Reihle, Jessica Lynn Reihle — Justin Hoppe — A tract of land in Lot 13 Sec 32 T9S R1E Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County

(5/4/21) Ivan Burton, Cindy Burton — Ross Alan Rudzinski, Kimberly Lynn Warren — Lot 24 less and except the N 3' of the W 75' L 25 and 26 and the S 10' of the E 75' of L 27 Blk 11 of the Original Town of Farwell in Parmer County

(5/5/21) Byron Hardage, Sarah Hardage — Weldon Kube, Mary A. Kube — S 5 Lot 3 all of L 4 and 5 and N 10' Lot 6 Blk 23 Original Townsite of Parmer County

SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

(5/4/21) Kirstyn Langevin, 24, of Sudan was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a MTR (forgery), probation revoked and will serve a term of confinement & treatment in a substance abuse facility.

(5/5/21) Destin Zepeda, 21, of Hereford was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a Deaf Smith County warrant, posted bond & released.

Puzzle Solution

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Where's the bug who wants pie? It looks hungry! Can you find it? Kids: color stuff in!

Newspaper Fun!

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Fresh! At the Farmers' Market!

You can't buy fresher fruits and vegetables than those at the farm or the farmers' market! I love buying my berries, peaches and apples there!

Have you ever been to a farmers' market? It is a place where farmers bring, set up and sell their fruits, vegetables, potted plants and baked goods. Most of these markets are held once a week, often at fairgrounds or in parking lots. Some people like to go to the market because they enjoy talking with other shoppers and asking farmers about their products. Others enjoy being outside where their children can play a little and help to choose and buy items.

There are many sights at the farmers' market. **Read the clues to fill in the crossword:**

- green and yellow _____ piled high
- home-baked _____
- _____ for weighing food
- straw _____ for cooling heads
- _____ giving shade
- _____ talking and selling
- freshly cut _____
- samples of juicy _____ to try
- dried _____ hanging
- _____ laden with foods and potted plants
- _____ listing prices
- _____ to carry food and supplies to the market

As Fresh As Fresh Can Be!

- while some products are available all year round, in some areas, foods from the farms follow the _____
- in the _____: lettuce, radishes, asparagus...
- in the _____: corn, cucumbers, tomatoes...
- in the _____: squash, broccoli, potatoes...
- in the _____: turnips, kale, brussels sprouts...

What Do You See at the Market?

LEMONS, BROCCOLI, GRAPES, APPLES, ORANGES

FRESH PRODUCE

1 breads, 2 scales, 3 signs, 4 herbs, 5 trucks, 6 tables, 7 fruits, 8 farmers, 9 vegetables, 10 flowers, 11 hats, 12 tarps

'Orangea' glad that there are so many vegetables, fruits, baked goods and fresh eggs and salsas to choose from?

Where Does It Grow?

How do foods grow? Where do you find the foods below when you want to harvest them? **Match these foods to where you find them:**

- under the ground
- trees
- vines
- plants (about 3 feet high)/vines
- bushes

1. peanuts
2. pineapple
3. grapes
4. bananas
5. beets

1. apples
2. pumpkins
3. potatoes
4. blueberries
5. tomatoes

All With Lovin'!

Follow the dots to see a favorite homemade item!

Fill in the poem with these words:

gardens, ovens, trees, bees

Honey is from a farmer's _____.
Maple syrup is from his _____.
Home-baked bread is from his _____.
Flowers from _____ tended with lovin'!

As Seasons Change!

As the seasons change, so do your choices at the farmers' market. Summer turns into autumn! The days have cooler temperatures and get shorter. At this time, the growing season ends in some areas of the country. They are the days when farmers will harvest and get ready for winter.

- Draw a line through the 5 items that are "Disappearing" from the market in late summer!
- Circle the 5 items that are at the market in the fall or are "Appearing."
- Mark an "X" on the 4 items that can be sold all year long.

I love a juicy peach!

Small Town Cookin' By Jeri Lynn White

National Apple Pie Day

May 13 is National Apple Pie Day, so I have found a few recipes with a bit of a twist. There's even one that will serve you well if you don't have apples.

Mock Apple Pie

www.thespruceeats.com

Ingredients

- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 1 3/4 cups water
- 2 teaspoons cream of tartar
- 1 lemon
- 1 teaspoon of vanilla extract
- 2 unbaked pie crusts (homemade or ready-made pie pastry)
- 36 Ritz crackers (coarsely broken)
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2 tablespoons butter (cold, cut into small pieces)

For the Egg Wash:

- 1 egg white
- 2 teaspoons water

Steps to Make It

In a large saucepan, combine the granulated sugar and cream of tartar. Gradually whisk in the water. Place the saucepan over medium-high heat and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to medium-low and continue to cook for 15 to 20 minutes, stirring frequently. The mixture should be reduced to 1

1/2 cups and will be syrupy in consistency. Meanwhile, zest and squeeze the lemon. You will have about 1 to 2 teaspoons of finely grated lemon zest and about 2 tablespoons of juice. Remove the sugar mixture from the heat and add the lemon zest, lemon juice and vanilla; whisk to blend. Set the mixture aside to cool for about 30 minutes. Roll the bottom crust out to about 11 inches in diameter (one inch larger than the pie plate). Line a 9-inch pie plate with the pastry. Put the broken crackers in the pie shell and toss gently with the cinnamon. Preheat the oven to 425 F. Pour the cooled sugar mixture over the crackers in the pie shell. Dot with the small pieces of butter. Roll out the top crust to about 11 inches in diameter. Cover the filling with the top crust. Seal and flute the edge as desired. In a small bowl or cup, whisk the egg white with the water. Brush the egg wash lightly over the top crust, avoiding the fluted edge. Cut several small slits in the top of the pie to allow steam to escape. Bake the pie for 15 minutes and then place a pie shield or foil ring around the edge to prevent over-browning. Bake for about 15 minutes longer, or until the crust is golden brown.

Quick Apple Pie Snack

By Jeri Lynn White

Ingredients

- 1 cup of sweetened applesauce
- 4 vanilla wafer cookies
- 1 scoop of whipped cream or cool whip

Directions

Place three of the vanilla wafer cookies in a microwave proof bowl. Pour the applesauce on top of the cookies. Heat in the microwave for 30 seconds and then

gently stir the applesauce. You want the apple sauce warm, but not too hot. Then add the scoop of whipped cream and garnish with the last vanilla wafer. Enjoy.

Apple Pie Bars

By Ina Garten

Ingredients

- For the crust:*
- 1 pound (4 sticks) unsalted butter, at room temperature
 - 3/4 cup granulated sugar
 - 1/2 cup light brown sugar, lightly packed
 - 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
 - 4 cups all-purpose flour
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt
 - 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
 - 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- For the apple filling:*
- 1 1/2 pounds Granny Smith apples, peeled, quartered, cored, and sliced 1/8 inch thick (3 large)
 - 1 1/2 pounds Golden Delicious apples, peeled, quartered, cored, and sliced 1/8 inch thick (3 large)
 - 2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice
 - 1/4 cup granulated sugar
 - 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 - 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
 - 4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) unsalted butter

Directions

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. For the crust, place the butter, granulated sugar, brown sugar, and vanilla in the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment and beat on medium speed for 2 minutes, until light and creamy. Sift the flour and salt together and, with the mixer on low, slowly add to the butter-sugar mixture, beating until combined. Scatter two-thirds of the dough in clumps in a 9 x 13-inch baking pan and press it lightly with floured hands on the bottom and 1/2 inch up the sides. Refrigerate for 20 minutes. Bake for 18 to 20 minutes, until the crust is golden brown, and set aside to cool. Meanwhile, put the mixing bowl with the remaining dough back on the mixer, add the walnuts and cinnamon, and mix on low speed to combine. Set aside. Reduce the oven to 350 degrees. For the filling, combine the Granny Smith and Golden Delicious apples and lemon juice in a very large bowl. Add the granulated sugar, cinnamon, and nutmeg and mix well. Melt the butter in a large (10-inch-diameter) pot, add the apples, and simmer over medium to medium-low heat, stirring often, for 12 to 15 minutes, until the apples are tender, and the liquid has mostly evaporated. Spread the apples evenly over the crust, leaving a 1/2-inch border. Pinch medium pieces of the remaining dough with your fingers and drop them evenly on top of the apples (they will not be covered). Bake for 25 to 30 minutes, until the topping is browned. Cool completely and cut into bars. Cook's Note: Ina lined the baking pan with parchment paper before making the crust.

Happy Birthday Friona Folks

May 13

- Trey Hurst
- Mike Madrigal
- David Hough
- Sharla Trimm
- Becky Burrell
- Lillie Baxter
- Vanessa Chavez

May 16

- Mariana Pina
- Ruthie Hardin
- Ron Procter
- Lisa Lane
- Deirdre (Johnston) Long
- Gloria Reyes
- Shirley Prokop

May 14

- Cecelia Schueler
- Andy Montana
- Robin Houlette
- Owen Drake
- Amy Blankenship
- Daniel Padilla
- Kristie (Jack) Moore
- Rene Hough
- Casey Sharrock
- Kayla Alger
- Kalli Randall

May 17

- Glen Herring
- Kristen Holland
- Dario Hernandez
- Tom Alger

May 18

- Danny Carthel
- John Crozier
- Jacob Landrum
- Jared Taylor

May 15

- Brittany Berend
- Kinsey (Reeve) Gilter
- Cooper Gilter
- Denny Young
- Avery Kendrick
- John Wyatt Lambert

May 19

- Lindsey Hoyle
- Ramey Beene
- Lynn Nelson
- Carol Ellis
- Naruby (Schlenker) Bollom
- Blair Burney
- Dillon Pool
- Mike Ortiz
- Junior Jiminez
- Tyler Hough
- Calvin Gee



Gas prices move higher

By GasBuddy

Texas gas prices have risen 6.8 cents in the past week, averaging \$2.67 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 \$1.16 per gallon higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$2.35 while the most expensive is \$3.49 per gallon. The national average price of gasoline has risen 4.5 cents in the last week, averaging \$2.95 per gallon. The national average is up 10.0 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands \$1.12 per gallon higher than a year ago.

"While average gas prices jumped last week as the nation continues to see COVID-19 recovery, all eyes are now on the Colonial Pipeline and the fact a cyberattack has completely shut all lines, leading to what could become a major challenge for fuel delivery," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "The situation is growing more intense each day that passes without the pipeline restarting, and motorists are advised to show extreme restraint or exacerbate and prolong the challenges. If the pipeline returns to service in the next day or two, the challenges will be minimal, but if full restart doesn't happen by then, we're likely to see a slight rise in gas prices, but more importantly, challenges for motorists needing fuel in Georgia, Tennessee, the Carolinas, Virginia, Northern Florida and surrounding areas. I'm hopeful the situation will quickly improve as multiple levels of government are involved, this may become a nightmare should it continue just ahead of the start of the summer driving season. GasBuddy will continue to watch the situation and update as necessary."

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>.

Playa Field Day in Muleshoe is May 18th

Farmers, ranchers, agency personnel, educators, and the interested public are invited to attend a Playa Field Day presented by Ogallala Commons (www.ogallalacommons.org) on Tuesday, May 18th from 9:30 am-1:00 pm at the Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge in Muleshoe, Texas. The field day will cover general information about playa ecosystems as well as a playa restoration program known as the Texas Playa Conservation Initiative (TxPCI). During a lunch break, a driving tour will be taken to see playas restored through TxPCI in the locality north of the Refuge.

Those attending the event should arrive at the Muleshoe NWR headquarters building by 9:30 am for registration

(the Refuge is located 22 miles south of Muleshoe, TX on Hwy 214, then drive west at the gate on the caliche road). The opening presentation will be an overview of playa ecosystems and the Texas Playa Conservation Initiative from Heather Johnson, Migratory Game Bird Specialist: Region I, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, Lubbock, TX and Jordan Menge, Range & Wildlife Coordinator, Pheasants Forever. After a short break, Melanie Hartman, Wildlife Biologist at Buffalo Lake/Muleshoe/Grulla NWR will give a presentation on grassland birds and survey conducting, with a walking tour along trails behind the NWR Headquarters to follow.

At 11:30 am, the group will pick up sandwich lunch bags depart for a driv-

ing tour to view restored playa properties located north of the Refuge. The tour will be led by Jordan Menge. At 12:45 pm, Jim Steiert, outdoor writer and playa enthusiast from Hereford, TX, will close the event with brief remarks.

Registration for the event is \$15 per person (which includes the cost of lunch, drinks, and snacks). To register, please email or call to Darryl Birkenfeld, Ogallala Commons Director (darryl@ogallalacommons.org or by phone at 806-945-2255).

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Obituary



Lidia Perez Hernandez



Lidia Perez Hernandez, 73 of Bovina passed away May 7, 2021 in Lubbock. Viewing will be held from 9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. with Rosary Services set for 6:00 P.M. Thursday, May 13, 2021 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY with Mass of Christian Burial Services 10:30 A.M. Friday, May 14, 2021 at St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Friona with Father Gregory Bunyan as Celebrant. Burial following in the Friona Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Lidia was born March 20, 1948 in El Porvenir, Chihuahua, Mexico to Juan Perez Cano and Pomposa Gabaldon Perez.

Lidia was a very religious person and an active member of the Catholic Church. She loved her family, and gardening, especially her fa-

vorite roses and other beautiful flowers, loved music, and to hear the birds singing. She was known as a very energetic and patient woman that cared for others.

She is preceded in death by her parents, 1 son-Roberto Hernandez, 3 brothers-Sylvester Perez, Eulao Perez,

and Augstin Perez, 1 sister-Hermina Peña.

Those to carry on her legacy include her husband-Manuel Perez of Bovina, 2 sons-Manuel Hernandez Jr. of Eunice, N.M., Roberto Hernandez of Lubbock, 2 daughters-Sandra Estrada of Texico, N.M., Lorena Hernandez-Rosaleo Perez of Friona, Romando Perez of Amarillo, 4 sisters-Maria Doloris Perez, Maria C. Sanchez, and Teresa Salinas, all of Friona, and Maria Elana Perez of Las Cruces, N.M., and 4 grandchildren.

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



Panhandle Parables

“Recalculating”

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

The following is what my GPS has taught me.

1. To get to a particular destination, you must input the correct address. Just any old address will not do.

2. Updating the maps is helpful. If your GPS unit only has the map Lewis and Clark made then the “Mix-master” in the metro-plex will come as a surprise.

3. If #1 and #2 are done then LISTEN to the kind voice.

4. If you do not know German or some other foreign language, DO NOT choose that language for the kind voice. (trust me)

5. If you hear the voice say, “Recalculating” prepare to do a U-turn.

6. You are in trouble if your GPS directs you to a gas station and tells you to ask them for directions.

7. Success comes when you hear, “You have reached your destination” and you are really at your destination.

The Bible is a guide, that points us to Jesus and it is Jesus who gets us home. You don't have to read it in Greek or Hebrew to know what it says, if the Bible is printed in your language choose that one. (Greek or Hebrew are bonuses) As God walked

with humanity through history, people's faith would waver and there would be need at times for recalculations and U-turns. The same will be true of you. Being human, odds are you will likely make choices contrary to God's will, might need to turn around. There are lots of voices out there giving directions, only trust the One who was willing to die for you. The GPS can mess up, God makes paths straight. If you will choose to follow, listen and obey Jesus, one day you will hear, “You have reached your destination.” What a glorious day!

Book Blessings

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

When people fail to stay centered on truth of who God is, they will begin to create a god of their own liking, out of their own image and to their own pleasure. Such is the case in western Christianity today, as health and wealth, self-help, sinless gospels have sought to meet felt needs of people, while ignoring, or even rejecting the reality of who God is. Therefore, we have a Christian religion that is dying in many churches, parishioners have no passion for the truth, and some denominations have sidelined biblical

morality for modernity and worldliness.

There is a spiritual drought, and the book “High King of Heaven: Theological and Practical Perspectives on the Person and Work of Jesus” seeks to water a dry and barren soul in need of truth from God's Word about Jesus Christ. This 318 page book is a compilation of chapters written by theologians and church leaders on the person of Christ, the work of Christ, the word of Christ and the witness of Christ. Each chapter consists of rich doctrine from scripture

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God Peels Away the Layers

By Teena Hughs

When we bought our house here in Friona, we found out that many Coke bottles had been used for target practice in our far back yard. I spent MANY hours cleaning up glass. I thought I had most of it cleaned up, so I left it alone after Feller built our dog pens in that area of our yard.

After I had covid, I started going outside and spending time in the sun and fresh air as often as I could. We had taken the dog pens down, and I started noticing more and more broken glass; I found nails around our well house that I had never seen before. We are trying to leave the house clean for the next occupants, so every time I go outside, I pick up glass, wire, nails, etc.

Yesterday, I got to thinking about how so much has appeared with all of the wind we have had this spring. It

is like God is peeling away a layer or two of dirt and revealing what needs to be cleaned with every big wind we have.

God does the same kind of “peeling away” with our lives when He is trying to draw us closer to Him, to make us more like His Son Jesus Christ. He reveals things in our lives, like sin, that we need to get rid of; He reveals forgiveness that needs to be offered or asked for; He reveals the changes He needs us to make in our lives, one layer at a time.

I am like an onion. When God stated showing me what needed to be peeled from my life, He started with something big, my relationship with my son. From there, He continued to peel away layers of that onion, revealing things that weren't quite as big as fixing a relationship, but they

were things that needed to be fixed for me to become the person God created me to be.

It is amazing to watch God peel away the layers of our lives. No matter how old I get, God will continue to peel away the dirt so I can see what needs to be cleaned up. He will continue to peel away the layers of that onion; it will never go completely away.

Aren't we glad our God loves us so much that He never quits peeling away the layers of our lives? We may not always like the things He shows us, and we may not always like going through the cleaning process; but, God knows what is best for us. All we have to do is submit and be obedient to become the person He wants us to be. Look forward to God's peeling; you won't regret it!

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Unchartered Territory

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith

In order to determine what it would require to mollify a newly acquired, undomesticated expanse of land, President Jefferson determined that a survey was imperative; he selected two explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark — to manage the mission.



America was just over 21 years old, but the Louisiana Purchase transaction suddenly added 828,000 acres, and the equivalent of approximately 15 states.

Lewis and Clark started their journey in St. Louis with 55 men on May 14, 1804.

According to History.com, "The expedition traveled up the Missouri River in a 55-foot-long keelboat and two smaller boats. In November, Toussaint Charbonneau, a French-Canadian fur trader accompanied by his young Native American wife Sacagawea, joined the expedition as an interpreter. The group wintered in present-day North Dakota before crossing into present-day Montana, where they first saw the Rocky Mountains."

They met up with the Shoshone Indians when they reached Colorado, crossed the Clearwater and Snake riv-

ers in canoes, and followed the Columbia River to the Pacific Ocean on November 8, 1805.

Two and a half years later, the expedition returned — in triumph — to St. Louis with thirty-three men. They had mapped out new lands and brought back journals about the Indian tribes they encountered; scientific notes of

the flora and fauna they encountered, and a claim to the Oregon Territory.

For more information, the Grateful American Book Prize recommends **Sacajawea** by **Joseph Bruchac**.

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

State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



'Constitutional carry' bill close to becoming law

It is a near certainty that Texans will be allowed to carry handguns without a license in the near future as House Bill 1927 passed both chambers and heads to a conference committee to hash out amendments added in the Senate version.

Gov. Greg Abbott has said he would sign the bill, which means Texans would no longer be required to obtain a license to carry a handgun either openly or concealed.

Ultimate passage of the bill means Texas would join at least 20 other states with similar laws.

A University of Texas/Texas Tribune poll indicates most Texans oppose unlicensed carry and support criminal and mental background checks before all gun sales.

Drought conditions continue to improve across state

Much-needed rain in April has continued to ease drought conditions, according to the Texas Water Development Board.

Midland, for example, received 2.2 inches last month, more than the previous six months combined. Right now, 65% of the state is experiencing drought conditions, mainly in South and West Texas.

More rainfall in early May should improve the drought situation even more, according to TWDB.

Oak trees still recovering from winter storm

Winter Storm Uri didn't just wreak havoc on homeowners and businesses that suffered from broken pipes and the extended power outage. The Texas A&M Forest Service notes that oak trees across the state are slow in leafing out, prompting many property owners to contact horticulturists, worried their trees have died.

Maybe so, maybe not, says veteran TFS forester Courtney Blevins. He advises property owners to wait before taking down an oak tree that still might come to life. "I think most of the oaks are going to come through okay," Blevins said. "If your tree is leafing out really late, it's obviously stressed. But most trees die from a combination of stressors, not just one thing."

Blevins and longtime horticulturist and syndicated columnist Neil Sperry both say there is no hurry to take down an oak tree, even if it is actually dead. The best time to plant is in the fall or early winter, and even dead trees rarely pose an immediate danger.

"If your tree is dead, there's no rush to take it down," Blevins said. "That's one big mistake people are making. They're in a big hurry to take that thing down, thinking it's dangerous to leave a dead tree standing, and it's not."

Outreach programs aimed to boost vaccine rate

As the rate of COVID-19 vaccinations continues to slow, several outreach programs are attempting to reach Texans where they work and live.

The Texas Division of Emergency Management and the Texas Military Department have opened the State Mobile Vaccination Team Call Center. Texas businesses or civic organizations can call 844-90-TEXAS to schedule a visit from a state mobile vaccine team.

To qualify, a business or organization must have 10 or more employees, visitors or members who wish to be vaccinated.

"Vaccines are the most effective tool in Texas' fight against COVID-19, and we are committed to making COVID-19 vaccines even more widely available to Texans across the state," Abbott said. "The State Vaccine Call Center will help connect businesses and civic organizations with these life-saving shots and ensure that more Texans have an opportunity to get vaccinated."

The Texas Department of State Health Services is inviting pediatric health care providers to enroll in the COVID-19 vaccine program, in anticipation of the expansion of the Pfizer vaccine emergency use authorization to include adolescents 12 years and older.

DSHS sent a letter to more than 3,000 pediatric providers who already give vaccines to children.

With vaccine supply exceeding demand, DSHS will now fill vaccine orders as they come in and discontinue allocating the vaccine weekly. The vaccine is available more widely than ever at hundreds of Texas locations.

Nearly two-thirds have received at least one dose

More than 19.3 million Texans have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine — more than two-thirds of the state's population — while 8.59 million are fully vaccinated, according to DSHS.

The number of new cases continues to drop, with 17,999 reported in the last week, along with 364 deaths, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. At its peak in mid-January, nearly 159,000 new cases were reported in a single week along with 2,311 deaths. Lab-confirmed COVID-19 patients who are hospitalized across the state remained steady last week at 2,508, according to DSHS.

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.

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Bovina's new theatre company presents "The Twilight Zone"

Exit Right Theatrics, a new drama group in Bovina, began rehearsals in January before the Covid restrictions were lifted in the state of Texas. They were not sure how they would navigate a show during a pandemic or if there would even be a live audience to perform to. As soon as the mask mandate was lifted, the small theatrical group, made up of young adults and young professionals, were much more certain they could open the doors to the public.

social distancing, and masks, it just made sense to me to start a new theatre company and put on a show. Live Theatre is so refreshing! And I think we could all use some refreshment right now," says Gina Prather, director of Exit Right Theatrics.

They will be performing, "Will the Real Martian Please Stand Up," an episode from the 1950's TV classic, The Twilight Zone.

"We chose a very short show, 30 minutes, because in January the pandemic restrictions were

a much bigger factor than they are now," Prather said. "We hope to be doing more shows and musicals in the future. I would love to include community members who would like to give the stage a try."

The Twilight Zone will be Saturday May 15, 7:30 p.m. (Texas time), at the Bovina Church of Christ. Admission is Free. Donations are encouraged. A portion of the donations will go toward supporting area doctors and nurses who are on the frontline fighting Covid 19.



Cast and crew of The Twilight Zone live production. Back Row (l-r) Zach Shover, Melissa Struthers, Jera Scott, Kari Friend; Middle Row (l-r): Paige Cowart, Taylor Prather, Dakota Prather, Marshall Holeman; Front Row (l-r) Zeke Shover, Lizzy Smallwood, Ethan Dearth.

Tips from the "Walk Across Texas" Challenge
Exercise as Self-Care: How Exercise Affects Your Well-Being

It is common knowledge that exercise provides physical health benefits, but there are also many ways that exercise has a positive impact on your overall well-being.

Exercise enhances your mood and reduces stress. Physical activity increases endorphins, the body's natural mood stimulators, which results in a better mood and a happier disposition. Research has also shown that regular exercise contributes to milder depression and anxiety symptoms. When regular exercise results in weight loss, it can also have a positive affect on self-esteem and body image.

Another benefit of exercise is that it boosts energy. During exercise, your heart rate increases, and oxygen and nutrients are sup-

plied to your body tissues. This helps your cardiovascular system operate more efficiently. Improving heart and lung health results in increased energy levels and decreased levels of fatigue.

Exercise also promotes a better, more restful sleep. Regular physical activity can make you feel more relaxed which can lead to falling asleep faster and getting a more restful sleep. Since exercise is also an energy booster, it is important to exercise early in the day to prevent increased energy levels at bedtime.

If you are looking to improve your physical health as well as your overall well-being, exercise is the way to do it!

Source: Mayo Clinic (mayoclinic.org) and amherst.edu

May is Mental Health Month

This past year presented so many different challenges and obstacles that tested our strength and resiliency. The global pandemic forced us to cope with situations we never even imagined, and a lot of us struggled with our mental health as a result. The good news is that there are tools and resources available that can support the well-being of individuals and communities.

Now, more than ever, we need to combat the stigma surrounding mental health concerns. That's why this Mental Health Month we are highlighting #Tools2Thrive - what individuals can do throughout their daily lives to prioritize mental health, build resiliency, and continue to cope with the obstacles of COVID-19.

Throughout the pandemic, many people who had never experienced mental health challenges found themselves struggling for the first time. During the month of May, we are focusing on different topics that can help process the

events of the past year and the feelings that surround them, while also building up skills and supports that extend beyond COVID-19.

We know that the past year forced many to accept tough situations that they had little to no control over. If you found that it impacted your mental health, you are not alone. In fact, of the almost half a million individuals that took the anxiety screening at MHAScreening.org, 79% showed symptoms of moderate to severe anxiety. However, there are practical tools that can help improve your mental health. We are focused on managing anger and frustration, recognizing when trauma may be affecting your mental health, challenging negative thinking patterns, and making time to take care of yourself.

It's important to remember that working on your mental health and finding tools that help you thrive takes time. Change won't happen overnight. Instead, by focusing on

small changes, you can move through the stressors of the past year and develop long-term strategies to support yourself on an ongoing basis.

A great starting point for anyone who is ready to start prioritizing their mental health is to take a mental health screening at MHAScreening.org. It's a quick, free, and confidential way for someone to assess their mental health and begin finding hope and healing.

Ultimately, during this month of May, we want to remind everyone that mental illnesses are real and recovery is possible. By developing your own #Tools2Thrive, it is possible to find balance between life's ups and downs and continue to cope with the challenges brought on by the pandemic.

For more information, visit www.mhanational.org/may. If you are interested in becoming certified in Mental Health First Aid, contact Wendy Case at the Parmer County Extension office at 806-251-5120.

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Parmer County Students Receive Books

All 154 kindergarten students and all 169 first grade students in the four independent school districts in Parmer County received a book during the

last week of April. For years, Parmer County Retired Teachers and School Personnel (PCRT & SP) has given a book to these students, so each will

own a book of his or her own. The Book Lady for PCRT&SP, Amelia Wright read a book to Rachel Aragon's kindergarten class in Friena

and to Terri Stratton's first grade class in Bovina. She read to Kristin Kasel's kindergarten class and to Sherri Kerr's first grade class in Lazbuddie. Also,

Amelia read to the three combined kindergarten classes of Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Lunsford, and Mrs. Potts in Farwell



Bovina:
Terri Stratton, first grade



Farwell: Combined kindergarten classes of Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Lunsford, & Mrs. Potts



Friena:
Rachel Aragon kindergarten



Lazbuddie:
Kristin Kasel's Kindergarten & Sherri Kerr's first grade

Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



Checking mirrors in the literal sense was a vital skill this past week as I traveled over 1,700 miles east to North Carolina. One must never assume other drivers are performing the same task when behind the wheel. This is why I am a big fan of the sensors that sound the alarm when another vehicle is approaching or within my perimeter. Happy to report only one close call—a Texas driver illegally passing on the right shoulder and then swerving between me and the driver ahead while driving at least 85 in a 70. I'll give him the benefit of the doubt and hope that his wife was in the back seat about to give birth. However, driving dangerously as he was, my guess is he just grew impatient with my obeying the speed limit and the no-pass zone. I, too, have paid a few speeding tickets in my driving career, but moving fast and recklessly is reserved only for The Bandit.

These long road trips are a trademark of mine. I recognize this won't always be the case. Ageing diminishes reaction time and eyesight; arthritis in the knees will one day force me to relinquish the wheel for long road trips such as this one. Gee, I can remember it was just four years ago in August that I made a spur-of-the-moment visit to New York City for a two-hour visit with Holocaust survivor Johanna Reiss. I was not about to pass up that chance even though logistically it was crazy. I was on the road for 600-800 miles a day. No biggie for this road warrior. In 2017.

When I left last Tuesday, reality forced me to plan a much different schedule. Since January, I have battled almost crippling osteoarthritis (knees). As a former student-athlete, I was

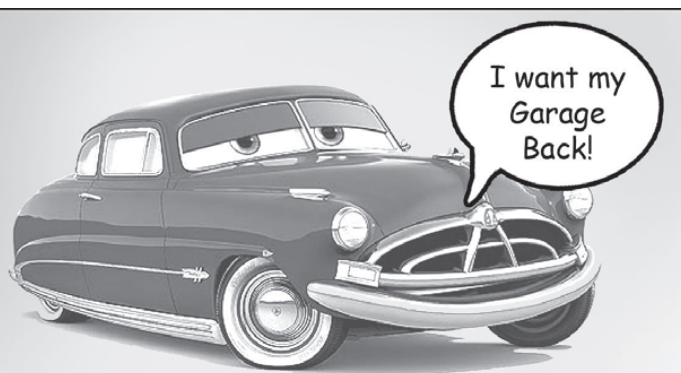
fortunate to never suffer any injuries. Even though I have gained weight of late, I have moved about easily, athletically, and smugly feeling like I was 35, not 65. Until this recent winter morning when I got up from bed and could not walk. Physical therapy has made the world of difference, but the new norm is some discomfort and slower gait/mobility. No way could I drive or ride, for that matter, 800 miles a day now.

So, the path to North Carolina took on a new flavor. Plain vanilla, with a few sprinkles on top. The sprinkles include (1) compression socks (yes, I took them off when stepping out to walk around or get gas as I do have some semblance of personal pride remaining), (2) stops on the hour to stand like a flamingo on each leg and walk around my car for a few minutes, and (3) eating more fruit in the car instead of Milky Ways, Tootsie Pops, Her-

shey's bars, Pay Days, or fried foods. I miss those guys.

What used to be a two-night, three-day travel to NC was accomplished in three nights and four days. I could fly, but I do not like to fly, and I absolutely love to be in my car on the road with podcasts, NPR, Radio Classics, and my tunes. Arriving safely, no matter the time it takes, is still the most important aspect of any road trip. I did, and seeing my daughter for the first time in fifteen months was the happiest I had been to see her since delivery day in Cogdell Memorial Hospital almost 39 years ago.

I won't get to take Julie home with me this time, though. She and John love being near the ocean, so next week I'll make that return 1,700-mile trip back to Texas, old lady compression socks and all. I might also cave and sneak in a Milky Way to eat with my banana.



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Commissioners schedule public hearing on reinvestment zone

The Parmer County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, May 10, 2021 at 10 a.m. in the County Courtroom of the Parmer County Courthouse in Farwell, Texas. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Texas Flag.

There were no public comments. Minutes from the April 26th meeting were read and approved. Commissioners approved the payment of the accounts payables as presented by County Treasurer Sharon May. The Treasurer's Payroll report was also approved.

County Extension Agent Janelle Duffey updated the Court on the various programs the Extension

office has been promoting since the first of the year including the "Walk Across Texas" program, "Stroke Awareness", tips for eating right, and incorporating exercise into your daily routine.

Last month, the Commissioners learned that part of a potential Reinvestment Zone for Lazbuddie Wind Energy II, LLC involves the Bovina and Friona school districts. As a result, a public hearing will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, May 24 prior to Commissioners Court to discuss and questions regarding the intention of Parmer County to designate a Lazbuddie Wind Energy II, LLC Reinvestment Zone.

Sheriff Randy Geries reported that he was cur-

rently housing 19 inmates in the Parmer County Law Enforcement Center.

Parmer County has changed the address of its website. You now type in www.parmercounty.texas.gov to gain access to county information and services.

The next scheduled Commissioners Court meeting is Monday, May 24th.

All meetings are open to the public. The Commissioner's Court reserves the right to go into Executive Session at any time. The agenda may be found on the Parmer County website. Information in this article is only a summary. Any questions concerning specific actions should be directed to the Commissioners Court.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

FRIONA PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Date: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: City Council Chambers, City Hall, 619 Main St., Friona, Texas

Applicant(s): Kimmy Phan on behalf of Allsup's Convenience Store #905

The Friona Planning and Zoning Commission will consider in public hearing a request for the rezoning of half the City block of Subdivision 470, Lot 24, Block 12, plus one-half of all bounding streets, alleys, and public ways to change from "B" District – Two-Family Dwelling District to "D" District – Local Retail District.

A recommendation to approve, deny, or modify the requested rezoning will be sent to the City Council.

The Friona City Council will consider this proposed change in a public hearing on Monday, June 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 619 Main Street, Friona, Texas.

For further information, contact the Friona City Manager at (806) 250-2761

In the event of a lack of quorum to convene or continue either the Planning and Zoning or Council meeting described above, this matter will automatically be carried forward to the agenda of the next regularly scheduled meeting and succeeding meetings as necessary.

The City Council Chambers is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact Leander Davila, City Manager at (806) 250-2761 or Fax (806) 250-2893 for further information.

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NOTICE OF THE INTENTION OF PARMER COUNTY, TEXAS TO DESIGNATE A REINVESTMENT ZONE; TO ESTABLISH THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

As part of the process of the consideration of the application submitted by Lazbuddie Wind Energy II LLC for tax abatement pursuant to Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, Parmer County is required to give notice of its intent to establish a reinvestment zone. A public hearing on the establishment of such reinvestment zone is scheduled for Monday, May 24, 2021. This hearing shall be held at the Parmer County Courthouse at 401 3rd St., Farwell, Texas and is set to start at 9:30 a.m.

By state law, the County is required to publish notice of such hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the County no later than seven (7) days before the date of the hearing. If you desire further information regarding the proposed reinvestment zone, you may contact the Parmer County Judge's office.

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 1. C, 2. A, 3. B, 4. E, 5. D

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Friona Chamber of Commerce Awards Hall of Fame

Citizen of the Year Hall of Fame

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| 1996-Debbie Rector
1997-James Morton
1998-Lee Gibson
1999-Joe & Loy McLellan
2000-Martha Hamilton
2001-Karene Krauel & Barbara Neely
2002-Ted Tucker
2003-Reba & W.D. Buske
2004-Suzanne Bunker
2005-Donna Mullins
2006-Teddy Jones
2007-Darla Bracken
2008-Bobby Wied
2009-Rene & Jinx Snead
2010-Bessie Holt | 2011-Joe Bowens
2012-Greg & Jamie Lewellen
2013-Becky Jones & Jo Beth Gipson
2014-Charlie & Britny Pope
2015-Larry & Sharon Rector
2016-Friona Volunteer Fire Department
2017-Connie Slagle
2018-Erika Carrillo
2019-Fabiola Dominugez
2020-Skyler Harris
2021-Dr. Felipe Jubay
Outstanding Volunteer
2001-John Gurley
Family of the Year
1982-Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Parson |
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Students of the Year Hall of Fame

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| 1972-Bill Bailey/Sally Kendrick
1973-Kevin Wiseman/Carol Reeve
1974-Marc Shackelford/Annette Reznik
1975-Dale Cleveland/Carol Bavousett
1976-Davy Carthel/Lisa Edelson
1977-Joe Lafuente/Jaton Widner
1978-Bryan Johnston/Rhonda Parsons
1979-Chris Barnett/Vickie Smiley
1980-David Fleming/Sarah Mears
1981-Marc Blankenship/Jana Brown
1982-Andy Fleming/Sunny Horton
1983-Richie Malouf/Sherri Brown
1984-Shane Woodard/Diane Johnston
1985-Brent Hinkle/Julie Wilshire
1986-Daniel Gowen/Susan Bailey
1987-Jeff Dickson/Glenda Ellis
1988-Keith Hancock/Leigh Neelley
1989-Lon Outland/Deena Willard
1990-Toby Brito/Bonnie Israel
1991-Lance Outland/Amy Israel
1992-Chad Hamilton/Antonio Torres
1993-Jon Parker/Jessica Alvarado
1994-Jon Goddard/Teresa Taylor
1995-Jerard Lafuente/Jessica Smith
1996-Casey Renner/Julie Goddard | 1997-Greg Lewellen/Candi Baca
1998-Jeff Hamilton/Carrie Cox
1999-Justin Grimsley/DaLinda Black
2000-Landon Martin/Kayla Wyly
2001-Matt White/Veronica Velazquez
2002-Frank Dominguez/Candace Ingram
2003-Adam Bandy/Holley Hand
2004-Keith Hunt/Haleigh Herbert
2005-Pedro Ramos/Maegan Ingram
2006-Kelby Monroe/Kimberlee Jones
2007-Sean Lookingbill/Allison Jones
2008-Alex Gurley/Brooke Herbert
2009-Brittany Berend
2010-Matthew Stanberry/Paige Herbert
2011-Lacy Austin/Jay Gurley
2012-Tenna Montana/Miguel Soto
2013-Sajal Patel/Stephen Albarado
2014-Isaac Gallardo/Holly Johnston
2015-Brandon Berend/Karina Hernandez
2016-Josh Barnett/Jasmine Rodriguez
2017-Mason Fleming/Kendall Barnett
2018-Hadley White/Brooklynne Johnston
2019-Damian Rodriguez/Adriana Ortiz-Carrillo
2020-Zeke Garcia /Carly Drake
2021-Malachi Torres/Tiffany Sandoval |
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Educator of the Year Hall of Fame

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| 1962-Jo Phillips
1963-Mrs. O.J. Beene
1964-Mrs. L.B. McClain
1965-Mrs. R. L. Bates
1966-Benny Pryor
1967-Mal Manchee
1968-Mrs. Benny Pryor
1969-Mrs. Ernest Osborn
1970-Mrs. & Mrs. Wayne Hodgson
1971-Mrs. Baker Duggins
1972-Mrs. Frank Truitt
1973-Fay Reeve
1974-Joy Morton
1975-John R. Cook
1976-Tom Jarboe
1977-Virginia Cleveland
1978-Paul J. Smith
1979-Wana Brewer
1980-Lucille Lewis
1981-Jerry Shelton
1982-Nancy Edelson
1983-June Rhodes
1984-Mary Bavousett
1985-Faye Smith
1986-Rick Tullis
1987-Bobby Wied
1988-Peggy Hamil
1989-Jim Parker
1990-Loy McLellan
1991-Gayle Murdock | 1992-Tommy Carr
1993-Tana Stephens
1994-Jeffie Talley
1995-Sharon White
1996-Charlotte Ratcliff
1997-Linda White
1998-Jane Dixon
1999-Connie Slagle
2000-Tracy Ellis
2001-Karen Renner
2002-Sheryl Salyer
2003-Mickey Griffin
2004-Cheryl Weatherly
2005-Patsy Allen
2006-Tammy Gammon
2007-Sandy Houston
2008-Sandra Berend
2009-Melissa Randolph
2010-Ron McWilliams
2011-Terry Hunt
2012-Erika Montana
2013-Allison Johnston
2014-Kathi Miller
2015-Tracy Blount
2016-Kim Kimbrough
2017-Beverly Ingram and Annette Frye
2018-Amber Drake
2019-David Gonzales
2020-Maria Garcia
2021-David Towner |
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Business of the Year Hall of Fame

2021-Malouf's/Jiselle Hand

Employee of the Year Hall of Fame

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| 1961-Jane Williams, Friona State Bank
1962-Arvella England, Pioneer Gas
1963-Ruth Busby, Ben Franklin
1964-Dale Smith, Friona State Bank
1965-Stanley Bengé, Parmer Co. Pump
1966-Ralph Shirley, Pioneer Gas
1967-Iola Nelson, Friona State Bank
1968-Sam Williams, Consumers
1969-Ray White, Plains Hardware
1970-Cleo Guana, Gib's Cleaners
1971-Frances Davis, School Cafeteria
1972-Ronald Smiley, Wheat Growers
1973-Carolyn Dement, Rockwell Bros.
1974-Pete Diaz, Friona State Bank
1975-Charles Scales, Kendrick Oil
1976-Fred Florez, Reeve Chev-Olds
1977-Bill Denney, Police Chief
1978-Dorothy Jackson, Friona State Bank
1979-Coy Jameson, Houlette Petroleum
1980-Ann Barker, PCCH
1981-Doris Sears, Friona State Bank
1982-Ruth Tucker, Hi-Pro Feeds
1983-Glenda Sifford, Prairie Acres
1984-Helen Fallwell, D.L.'s Thriftway
1985-Darla Bracken, Friona Public Library
Billie Fairchild, Friona Public Library
1986-Margaret Wilshire, Friona State Bank
1987-Randy Lewis, Perry's
1988-Valton Howard, Post Office
1989-Mary Ford, Production Credit
1990-Sterling Graham, PCCH
1991-Peggy Stowers, Friona State Bank | 1992-Vickie Copley, Friona Star
1993-Pat Wright, Jon M. Roden, DDS
1994-Alfred Beavers, FISD
1995-Glenda Downey, Ingram's
1996-Glenn Reeve, Jr., Friona Motors
1997-LaQueta Garner, Byron Boyd, Att.
1998-Erma Brown, Farmers Co-op Gin
1999-Thomas Reed, NRCS
2000-Marlene Mueller, Friona Star
2001-Lynn Hutson, FISD
2002-Patricia Phipps, City of Friona
2003-Roger Nelson, Chaney Fertilizer
2004-Kathy Sandoval, FISD
2005-Cathy Spencer, Friona State Bank
2006-Bobby Thompson, FISD
2007-Susan Teague, Friona State Bank
2008-Nora Rios, Senior Citizens
2009-Debbie Williams, Bi-Wize Pharmacy
2010-Patsy Vazquez, First National Bank-
Friona Banking Center
2011-Joyce Loflin, Paco Feedyard
2012-Rocio Hernandez, Dairy Queen
2013-Mary Stone, Friona ISD
2014-Marisela Padilla, Lowe's
2015-Karen Baker
2016-Jeff Procter
2017-Rhonda Wilkins
2018-Martha Barker
2019-Jennifer Baize
2020-Elizabeth Romero
2021-Jojo Osborn |
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Man of the Year Hall of Fame

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| 1959-Dr. Paul Spring
1960-A.L. Black
1961-Andy Hurst
1962-George W. Jones
1963-Steve Messenger
1964-Baker Duggins
1965-Frank Spring
1966-J.C. Claborn
1967-W.L. (Preach) Edelson
1968-Dr. Loyd Shackelford
1969-A.L. (Jake) Outland
1970-Louis Welch
1971-G.B. (Pete) Buske
1972-Charles Allen
1973-Alton Farr
1974-Sloan Osborn
J.G. McFarland
1975-A.W. (Dub) Anthony
1976-Roy Miller
1977-J.T. Gee
1978-James Paul Fortenberry
1979-Hollis Horton | 1980-Ron Smiley
1981-JeDon Gallman
1982-Tom Jarboe
1983-Charles Caudill
1984-Geary Brogden
1985-Ron Davenport
1986-Jim Johnston
1987-Archie Echols
1988-Robert Neelley
1989-Floyd Reeve
1990-Wesley Barnett
1991-Benny Pryor
1992-Cordie Potts
1993-David Goddard
1994-Wendell Gresham
1995-W.M. Massie
1996-Jim Parker
1997-Cecil Maddox
1998-Hal Ratcliff
1999-Leon Talley
2000-Bill Stovell
2001-Bill Ellis | 2002-Clarence Monroe
2003-Mike Hanes
2004-Billy Joe Mercer
2005-Danny Campbell
2006-Percy Parsons
2007-John Gurley
2008-Gary Brown
2009-J.B. Douglas
2010-Dr. Dale Schueler, DVM
2011-Ricky Barnett
2012-Bob Hurst
2013-Andy Montana
2014-Alan Monroe
2015-Cris Ingram
2016-Kenny Austin
2017-Clint Mears
2018-Rickey Rector
2019-Larry Rector
2020-Harry DeWit
2021-Jason Rector |
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Woman of the Year Hall of Fame

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| 1959-Eva Miller
1960-Katy Osborn
1961-Louisa Wilson
1962-Rose Lange
1963-Phyllis Sanders
1964-Mary Kate Zeman
1965-Deke Kendrick
1966-Eufaula Ethridge
1967-Ethel Ruth Spring
1968-Emma Elmore, Altha Presley
1969-Willard Stewart
1970-Sarah Alexander
1971-Ethel Bengier
1972-Lilah Gaye Gee
1973-Pearl McLean
1974-Tommy Mercer
1975-Mrs. (Pete) Myrl Buske
1976-Nora O'Brian
1977-Allo Reeve
1978-Beth Thompson
1979-June Floyd
1980-June Rhodes
1981-Gaye Tannahill
1982-Celia Loflin
1983-Lois Norwood
1984-Kathryn Goddard
1985-Ann Osborn
1986-Pat Fleming
1987-Connie Neelley
1988-Katherine Smith
1989-Kitty Gallman
1990-Becky Riethmayer | 1991-Peggy Monroe
1992-Marca Lynn Herring
1993-Varla Wilcox
1994-Edith Johnson
1995-Sylvia Ingram
1996-Teena Hughs
1997-Doris Barnett
1998-Nancy Edelson
1999-Betty Reeve
2000-Sharon White
2001-Linda Chesher
2002-Mary Johnston
2003-Mercedes Williams
2004-Mary Joyce Barnett
2005-Allison Johnston
2006-Lucy Beth Hinkle
2007-Jyl Grimsley
2008-Linda Griffin
2009-Stormi Choate
2010-Kathryn Gurley
2011-Holly Campbell
2012-Carol Ellis
2013-Elizabeth McLellan
2014-Darla Bracken
2015-Anna Jo Blackburn
2016-Kathy Rector
2017-Jeri Lynn White
2018-Chris Alexander
2019-Sharon Rector
2020-Erin Barnett
2021-Shanna Daniels |
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65th Annual Friona Chamber of Commerce Awards Ceremony



Cris Ingram (center) with Grandpa Larry and his grandson River Tate Denton



Auctioneer Tim Vessels



Miss Friona Esperanza Santiago



Girl Student of the Year Tiffany Sandoval



Boy Student of the Year Malachi Torres



Business of the Year Malouf's / Jiselle Hand



Citizen of the Year Dr. Jubay and Employee of the Year JoJo Osborn



Man of the Year Jason Rector and Woman of the Year Shanna Daniels



Music by Madison Tyler



Emcee Brent McClure



Instructor of the Year David Towner