



Special Edition next week

The FHS Class of 2021 will be featured next week in our Special Graduation Edition. This will include pictures, honors, and future plans.



Congratulations Seniors!

New Mask Policy Announced



Superintendent Secretary Claudia Castillo administers the oath of office for incoming school board members Jason Rector, Antonio Rocha, and Dustin Thompson.

Friona ISD Superintendent Jimmy Burns announced that the Board of Trustees approved a new local mask policy that defines masks as optional only. The new policy started Monday night at the regular meeting of the school board and will be in effect until the end of the current school year. **The 2021 Graduation Ceremony will be open to the public and there will be no COVID-19 restrictions at the event.**

The Monday night regular meeting also included the induction of the three elected candidates to the board. Incumbents Antonio Rocha and Jason Rector, along with Dustin Thompson, were sworn in by Superintendent Secretary Claudia Castillo. Election of officers was held and Antonio Rocha will serve again as President. Current Secretary Jason Rector was elected as Vice President and Jamie Lewellen will now serve as Secretary. The 2021-2022 Board of Trustees now consists of Antonio Rocha, President; Jason Rector, Vice President; Jamie Lewellen, Secretary; Wade Schueler, Darrin Gilley, Jeri Lynn White, and Dustin Thompson.

On Tuesday, Governor Greg Abbott issued an Executive Order prohibiting governmental entities in Texas — including counties, cities, school districts, public health authorities, or government officials — from requiring or mandating mask wearing. It stated that public schools may continue to follow current mask-wearing guidelines through June 4. However, after June 4, no student, teacher, parent, or other staff member or visitor can be required to wear a mask while on campus.

“The Lone Star State continues to defeat COVID-19 through the use of widely-available vaccines, antibody therapeutic drugs, and safe practices utilized by Texans in our communities,” said Governor Abbott. “Texans, not government, should decide their best health practices, which is why masks will not be mandated by public school districts or government entities. We can continue to mitigate COVID-19 while defending Texans’ liberty to choose whether or not they mask up.” Beginning May 21, local governments or officials that attempt to impose a mask mandate or impose a limitation inconsistent or conflicting with the Executive Order can be subject to a fine of up to \$1,000.

Comptroller distributes nearly \$1.1 billion in monthly sales tax revenue to local governments

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced that he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$1.06 billion in local sales tax allocations for May, 28.4 percent more than in May 2020 and 21.9 percent more than in May 2019.

These allocations are based on sales made in March by businesses that report tax monthly and sales made in January, February and March by quarterly filers.

The City of Friona will receive \$55,252.03 for the month of May. This payment is 19.54% higher than the \$46,217.47 payment received last May. The 2021 year-to-date total of \$234,967.19 is 17.23% higher than the \$200,424.26 received in 2020 during the same time frame.

Friona ISD will serve up good nutrition for local children this summer

Bringing healthy summer meals to Friona children ensures kids have a healthy vacation and return to school ready to learn

This summer, Friona ISD will connect children 18 and younger and enrolled students with disabilities up to 21 years old with healthy, no cost summer meals. The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is a U.S. Department of Agriculture nutrition program administered in the Lone Star State by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). For the children who rely on school meals during the academic year, these meals offer a source of good nutrition when school is out for the long summer vacation.

Friona ISD is one of the nonprofit organizations partnering with TDA to serve meals across Texas. Families are encouraged to use these three tools to find a meal site anywhere in the state:

- Call 2-1-1 to speak to a live operator
- Visit www.SummerFood.org for an interactive site locator map
- Text FOODTX or COMIDA to 877-877

Organizations partner with TDA to serve meals in areas where more than 50 percent of children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals in the National School Lunch Program. Eligible sponsoring organizations include schools, faith-based groups, nonprofit summer camps, government agencies and other tax-exempt organizations. All meal sites must be sponsored by an organization that has a contract with TDA.

Summer meal sites help children succeed by providing the nourishment they need to return to school in the fall ready to thrive.

USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Meals will be served:
Monday-Friday, June 1st - July 2nd
Breakfast 8:00 am - 8:35 am
Lunch 11:30 am - 1:00 pm



Board President Antonio Rocha presents former board member Andy Montana with a plaque and “thank you” for Andy’s 12 years of service on the FISSD Board of Trustees.



Part of the aftermath of Monday evening’s storm was roof damage at the FFA ag farm east of Friona. See other photos on back page.

It’s a start

The extreme drought that has gripped our area was dented in a small way this past week when a Friday evening rain shower brought much needed moisture to the city and surrounding areas. It was not a “drought buster” but it reminded everyone that rainfall is still possible for Parmer County. Measured rainfall in most places was 1” or less.

Monday evening’s “non-rain” event did bring strong winds which included a large number of downdrafts. Some of the damage caused by the storm included; snapped power lines all over the county, roof damage at Tam-Anne on the Dimmitt road, roof damage at CHS Service Center southwest of Friona, back glass busted out of vehicles at Friona Wheat Growers on south main, overturned cattle truck east of Friona, roof damage at FFA ag farm east of Friona, and overturned sprinklers on numerous farms.

Parmer County COVID-19 stats as of May 18, 2021



Confirmed Cases 908	Probable Cases 376	Fatalities 35	Active Cases 3	Recoveries 1229
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Emergency Siren System: Alternating tone • Firefighters only | Weather Warning: 1 long tone • take cover — 3 short blasts • all clear | Tested 1st & 3rd Thurs. at 7 p.m.

Friona Weather May 20-26	T 84 58 S 15-25	F 84 60 SSE 20-30	S 78 60 SSE 15-25	S 75 58 S 15-25	M 79 57 S 15-25	T 81 56 S 10-20	W 85 55 SSW 10-20	Precipitation May 1.21 Year 2.78	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 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
• Retirement Parade at 9:00 a.m. from Friona High School to Main Street
• 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.

Look up past issues of the Friona★Star on our website!

- 1.) Go to frionaonline.com
- 2.) Click on the "newspaper archives" link
- 3.) Search

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Farmhouse to Your House

Rex & Darla Bracken celebrate graduations!!!

Morgan Paul Davidson, son of Julie and Stuart Davidson of Seminole, is a Spring 2021 Graduate of Texas State University. He graduated with B.A. Political Science & B.A. History. Morgan will continue his education at Texas Tech and will be working towards his PhD in Political Science with specialization in American Politics, International Relations and a minor in Public Policy.

Chanie Wingo, fiancée of Morgan Davidson, and future granddaughter of Rex and Darla Bracken also graduated from Texas State Magna Cum Laude with a BBA in Finance.

Julie Davidson graduated with High Distinction from the University of the Southwest with a Master's of Science in Education Educational Specialists. Julie is the daughter of Rex and Darla

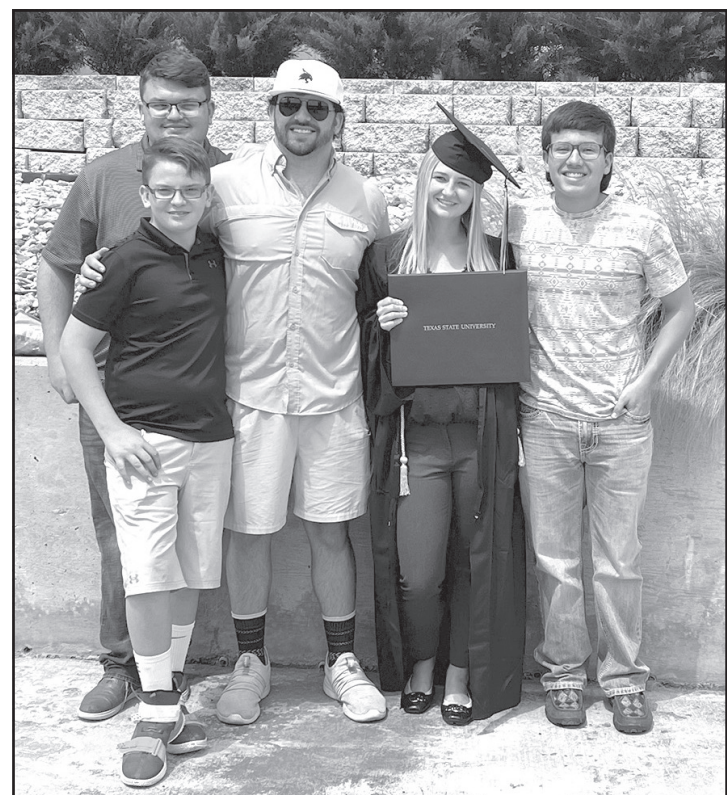
Bracken of Friona. And our Riley Davidson will graduate from Friona High School this year as part of the Senior Class of 2021. He will be the 37th member of our family to do so.



Julie Davidson



Morgan Davidson



Chanie Wingo

Sales Tax Holidays for Water-Efficient and ENERGY STAR® Products Set for May 29-31

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar is reminding families and businesses that they can save on the purchase of certain water- and energy-efficient products during the state's Water-Efficient Products and ENERGY STAR® sales tax holidays.

The holidays, created by the Texas Legislature, both take place Saturday, May 29, through Monday, May 31. The Texas Comptroller's office estimates shoppers will save about \$13.4 million in state and local sales tax.

"Outdated water systems and inefficient appliances, along with triple-digit temperatures, can put a tremendous strain on our water supplies and power grids," Hegar said. "By taking advantage of these sales tax holidays, Texans can make upgrades that will help alleviate those pressures and lower their utility bills — while saving money on state and local sales taxes."

This is the sixth year for the Water-Efficient Products Sales Tax Holiday. Products displaying a WaterSense® label or logo can be purchased tax free for personal or business use. These include showerheads, bathroom sink

faucets and accessories, toilets, urinals and landscape irrigation controls.

The sales tax holiday also applies to lawn and garden products that help conserve water outdoors. Items qualifying for the exemption include soaker or drip-irrigation hoses; moisture controls for sprinkler or irrigation systems; mulch; and plants, trees and grasses. These items can be purchased tax free for residential use only.

There's no limit to the number of water-efficient or water-conserving products you can purchase tax free. For more information on the Water-Efficient Products Sales Tax Holiday, visit the Comptroller's website.

During the ENERGY STAR Sales Tax Holiday, certain energy-efficient products displaying the ENERGY STAR logo can be purchased tax free, including air conditioners priced at \$6,000 or less, refrigerators priced at \$2,000 or less, ceiling fans, fluorescent light bulbs, dishwashers, dehumidifiers and clothes washing machines.

Visit the Comptroller's website for more ENERGY STAR Sales Tax Holiday details.

SUMMER SNACK PAK 4 KIDS - FRIONA

We will continue providing weekly Snack Pak 4 kids bags during the summer months. Snack Pak bags will be available for pickup on Fridays from 1:30pm-2:00pm at the First United Methodist Church (North Entrance on East 9th Street)

You/your child can pick up their bag every Friday at the church from June 11, 2021 until August 13, 2021.

SNACK PAK PARA NIÑOS DURANTE EL VERANOFRIONA

Continuaremos proporcionando bolsas para niños Snack Pak 4 semanas durante los meses de verano. Las bolsas de Snack Pak estarán disponibles para recoger los viernes de 1:30 pm a 2:00 pm en la Iglesia Metodista First United Methodist Church (la entrada por la calle East 9th)

Usted / su hijo pueden recoger sus bolsas todos los viernes en la iglesia desde el 11 de junio de 2021 hasta el 13 de agosto de 2021.



Giving a voice to hungry kids.

TEXAS CROSSWORD
by Charley & Guy Orbison
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ACROSS

- 1 apt Dalmatian name
- 5 this Yale was A&M and Detroit Lion star
- 6 TX George W.'s and LBJ's old office
- 7 "corn ____ bread"
- 8 "Bureau of ____ Printing" has a money-making plant in Fort Worth
- 17 TX Tanya sang "Texas When I ____"
- 18 cowboy who looks after cattle (2 wds.)
- 21 "Singing Cowboy" born in TX (init.)
- 22 "no pain, no ____"
- 23 "____ Out to the Ball Game"
- 24 table seat (2 wds.)
- 29 TX song: "____ Back to Houston"
- 30 dangerous vapor
- 31 TX Roy Orbison's last hit: "You Got ____" (1989)
- 32 TXism: "useless as a ____"
- 34 father familiarly
- 35 glossy black cuckoo bird
- 36 TXism: "sling it on the wall ____ it sticks"
- 37 prohibits
- 38 TX Martha of 1966 film in 47-down
- 39 TXism: "get ____ ____ tacks" (get to work)
- 41 in Johnson County on U.S. 67
- 42 car fuel
- 43 TXism: "hard as ____"
- 44 golf bag transport (2 wds.)
- 45 this Young beat the Cowboys in 1994 NFC title game (init.)
- 46 TXism: "he's ____ two left feet" (bad dancer)
- 47 eggs are found in ____ nest
- 48 ____ back rattlesnake
- 50 TXism: "never let ' ____ you sweat"
- 51 nonprescription meds (abbr.)
- 52 encourage the team
- 53 poetic "before"
- 13 "Turkish ____" are the ultimate exercise
- 14 Austin cookoff to celebrate canned meat: "Spam ____"
- 15 athletic shoe giant
- 16 34th U.S. president who was born in Denison, TX (init.)
- 19 "____ domain"
- 20 what TX Nolan Ryan did in 1993
- 22 it holds woods and irons (2 wds.)
- 24 necessity in Texas summers (abbr.)
- 25 when repeated, a Cuban dance
- 26 "try your ____ at it"
- 27 humans don't smell as well ____ and aren't as loyal
- 28 "it's on ____" (coming soon)
- 29 TX-born arranger of cowboy tunes, David
- 30 Cowboys zealots
- 33 TXism: "you can ____ the farm on it"
- 34 football aerial
- 35 TX Phylicia Rashad mother, Vivian
- 37 city of NFL Ravens
- 38 TX Paula Prentiss old sitcom: " ____ She"
- 40 "river of" in Spanish
- 41 Temple TV station
- 44 garden weeding implement (2 wds.)
- 47 Don of film "Picture Mommy Dead"
- 49 TX flag has a lone one (2 wds.)

DOWN

- 1 difficult golf putting surfaces (2 wds.)
- 2 flower native to Texas: " ____ lasiopetala"
- 3 birth city for "Bum" and Wade Phillips
- 4 Woodville is the seat of this county
- 9 TXism: "skinny as ____"
- 10 conceited
- 11 "Fanthorp ____ State Historical Site"
- 12 this Norman moved the Stars to Dallas in 1993 (init.)

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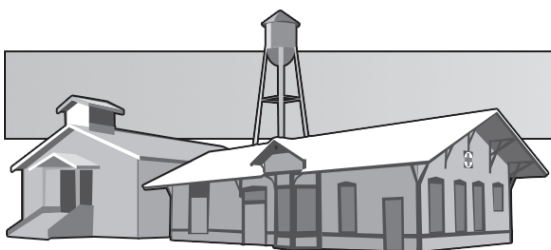
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A "Retirement Parade" will be held on Tuesday, May 25th for this year's retiring teachers. The event will start at 9:00 a.m. at the High School and will conclude with a trip down Main Street. Everyone is invited to join in on the fun!!!

Mrs. Johnston (Allison) is retiring after 19 with Friona ISD. Her tenure has included band director, choir director, and counselor. That barely scratches the surface of what she has truly meant to the school and to her many students over the years. See choir and band photos on page 9.

The rain came at just the right time for the Youth Fish Day last Sunday. Reeve Lake was stocked with fish right before the storm hit on Friday evening. The fish were definitely biting this year. I guess they were also tired of the Covid pandemic. It's hard to wear a mask underwater. See photos and results on page 11.

Spread the word that the 2021 FHS Graduation ceremony is open to the public and that there will be no Covid-19 restrictions. You will be able to meet and mingle with the graduates and their families. The event is Friday, May 28th and starts at 8:00 p.m. at Chieftain Field. Congratulations Class of 2021!

On their facebook page, PMC is asking who would be interested in getting the vaccinations for their 12-15 year old children. Those vaccines are now approved and PMC is looking at being a provider for those. They would appreciate knowing how many people would like the vaccines for their eligible children. Please post a comment on their facebook page.

The Friona Public Library Summer Reading Program will begin in June. Signup for the program is underway at the library.

Don't forget, 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.

Governor Abbott says, "Thanks, Texans!" The Governor tweeted last week that Texas reported 0 Covid related deaths - the only time that's happened since data was tracked in March of 2020. Texas also had the fewest Covid cases in over 13 months, the lowest 7-day

Covid positivity rate ever, and the lowest Covid hospitalizations in 11 months.

Over 20 million COVID-19 vaccine doses have been administered in the state of Texas. Over 50% of eligible Texans have been vaccinated with at least one dose. Vaccines are the most effective defense against the spread of COVID-19 and will always remain voluntary and never forced in Texas. The Governor stressed that it is up to all Texans to make sure that we defeat this virus.

Construction is underway on Phase 2 of the new housing project at 6th and Ashland. The foundations have been poured and walls are starting to take shape. This is the second of three phases and should be completed this fall.

- National Days**
- May 20: Rescue Dog Day
- May 21: NASCAR Day
- May 22: Solitaire Day
- May 23: Lucky Penny Day
- May 24: Brother's Day
- May 26: Missing Children's Day
- Senior Health & Fitness Day



FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



WHO SAYS MOTORCYCLES DON'T FLY???? The old lake bed south of Friona's Community Center has been the local hangout for the area's motorcycle buffs ever since the motorcycle has existed in Friona. Now with summertime nearing, the cycle enthusiasts have been greasing their bikes and getting ready for the action. Don Maynard, an upcoming senior at Friona High School, was captured in this photo as he flew through the air with the greatest of ease. (Friona Star, Sunday, May 9, 1976)

COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from May 6, 2021 to May 13, 2021

(5/5/21) Sandy Casas — Javier Casas — All of Lot 3 and the S 55 ft of L 2 of Blk 2 of the Ridgelea Subdiv to the City of Bovina in Parmer County

(5/7/21) Junior Leon Clark — Shain Alan Clark — See doc (5/10/21) Marcie Jan Dodge — MCJD Family Farm LLC — All of the N/2 of Sec 26 Township 5 S R 4 E Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County 234.85 more or less

(5/11/21) Reta Louise Martin, Michael Wayne Martin — Jimmy Jack Burns, Elizabeth Dalene Burns — Lot 8 Blk 2 Western Addition City of Friona in Parmer County

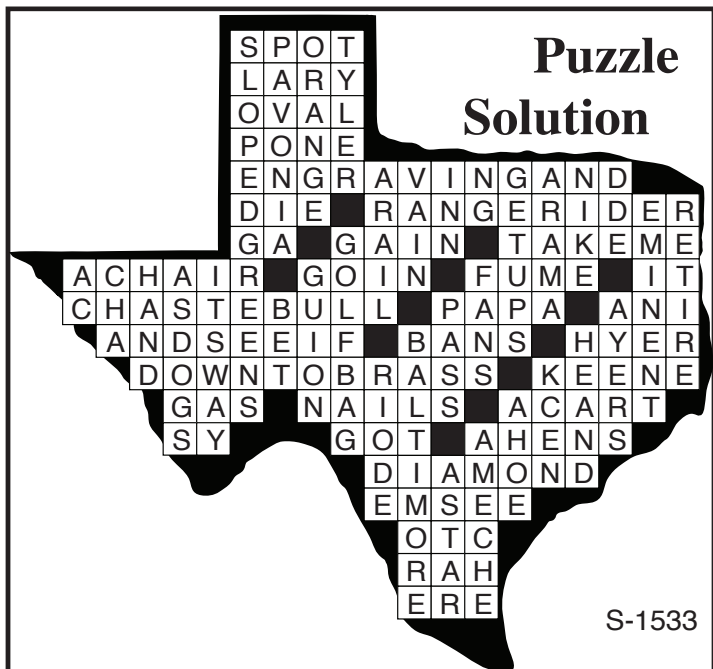
Thank You

Quality of Life Bible Study Church would like to say Thank You and God Bless everyone who participated in the Church Yard Bash.

Special thanks to Friona Star, Intheden Graphics, 4-Way Pump, Randy & Christy Gonzalez and sons, Sherry Baldwin, Danny Amador, and Zaybrie Goff of Friona. Little Caesars Pizza, Maggie Goff, and Brandon Soza (Brother B) of Hereford. Also, Leah Romero of Amarillo and Freedom Ranch of Light House Mission, Max & Delta Monarres and son of Clovis.

"Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Mast you are serving is CHRIST." Col. 3:23-24 (NLT)

Puzzle Solution



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Newspaper Fun!

Off to Summer Camp!

Chitter and Chatter are going to go to day camp. Forest and I are going to overnight camp for two weeks. Chitter and Chatter only need to bring their lunches each day, but Forest and I must pack more stuff.

Look at Forest on the zip line!

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle with the names of different kinds of camps:

- stunts, cheers, competitions
- kitchen safety, recipes, pans
- defense exercises, sparring practice
- canoeing, hiking, fishing
- lessons, practice, recitals
- study, singing, praying
- programming, gaming, web site building
- brainstorming, stories, editing
- flight simulation, mock launches
- swimming, basketball, soccer
- ballet, hip hop, jazz
- costumes, acting, shows
- horses, riding, shows
- experiments, rockets, robots
- drawing, comics, animations

Fill in the blanks below to help Forest and Glade make their list of things to bring to camp:

- oo _ hbrush
- sh _ _ ts
- fla _ _ _ ight
- hair _ _ _ _ _
- t _ _ _ _ ls
- so _ _ _ s
- pill _ _ _
- tamp _ _
- j _ ck _ t
- h _ _ _

Do you see the glow from that tent?

What? I can do the dog paddle, but this is fun.

I'm trying something new!

How many fireflies are on this page?

Hey guys! Pull harder! Forest is as strong as a bear!

Eeeeee! Look out for me. !!!

No kidding!

Ugh!

Hi Mom and Dad, I love camp! I have made lots of friends. We are so busy all the time swimming, making crafts and learning new activities. I even made you a puzzle. Can you find and circle all of these activities that I have tried this year? I can't wait to see you! Love, Forest

- Capture the Flag
- Playing Cards
- Horseback Riding
- Scrapbooking
- Model Rockets
- Catching Fireflies
- Spooky Stories
- Roasting Marshmallows
- First Aid Class
- Magic Tricks
- Nature Walk
- Kickball
- Go-Carts
- Photography
- Swimming
- Pottery
- Bicycling
- Mini Golf
- Animal Care
- Baking

W F P K H F M O D E L R O C K E T S A L Y S L K
C Q I I V B S K C I R T C I G A M Z B X C P R
B V N C Q P W O E I R U T Y G H F J Z R E O
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H O R S E B A C K R I D I N G Y P G E I V M
E U U C T B T A Q W O A P E C A W I P R N O A
F B T A A O C E Q O B L Q S A R G L B A G O R
L P A P C X H E A H U I H L R A Q O S C Q U S
A B N T P O I D W G V C S A D N T T O L A Q H
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C I G G Y S E I O P S E I R O T S Y K O O P S
B M Z A O P S T P Q A Z X S W P L M N J I X A

Ready For Fun at Camp!

When you show up for your next class, the camp counselor has the equipment ready. What activity are you going to do? Draw a line from each equipment list to the activity it is for:

- plastic lacing, popsicle sticks, buttons and glue, macaroni
- tennis racket, baseball bat, soccer ball, basketball hoop
- script, stage, spotlight, curtain
- bows, arrows, wrist guards, targets
- keyboard, monitor, mouse, software
- kickboards, diving toys, whistle
- bowls, spoons, ingredients, pans
- rocks, fossils, volcano models
- canoes, kayaks, safety vests
- fingerprinting, magnifying glass
- Water Adventure
- Detectives
- Swim
- Earth Science
- Cooking



Small Town Cookin' *By Jeri Lynn White*

National Egg Month

We still have seven chickens that have survived the pandemic and are laying at least a dozen eggs a week, so

I am always on the lookout for good recipes with eggs. And since May is National Egg Month, I've included a

few recipes that feature eggs as one of the main ingredients. Hope you enjoy these.

Sweet Potato Hash with Sausage and Eggs {Paleo & Whole30}

By: Michele Rosen

www.paleorunningmomma.com

Ingredients

- 3 Tbsp coconut oil divided, for cooking
- 2 small/med sweet potatoes chopped into small pieces about 1/2 inch
- 1 med onion chopped
- 1 small/med bell pepper red, orange, yellow, chopped
- 1/2 lb fresh bulk sausage, sugar free for Whole30
- 1/4-1/2 tsp paprika or smoked paprika
- Sea salt and black pepper
- Pinch red pepper flakes Optional, for the sausage
- 4 eggs
- Thinly sliced scallions for garnish

Instructions

****Note** - You will cook the sausage in the same pan with the onions and peppers and the potatoes separately, until the end. Preheat oven to 400 degrees (you will use it to bake the eggs into the

skillet at the very end). Heat a large skillet, preferably cast iron, over medium heat and add 1 Tbsp of the coconut oil to melt. Once sizzling, crumble the sausage into the pan, and stir while cooking to evenly brown. Sprinkle with a pinch of red pepper flakes. When sausage is about 3/4 of the way done, add the onions and peppers and continue to cook and stir until the sausage is browned and the onions and peppers are soft and fragrant. Remove from heat and set aside until the potatoes are done. Meanwhile in a separate skillet over medium heat, add the remaining 2 Tbsp of coconut oil to melt. Add the chopped sweet potatoes and stir to coat. Sprinkle with smoked paprika, sea salt and pepper to taste. Cook and stir, uncovered, until the outside begins to brown, then cover the skillet (any cover that mostly fits will do!) and continue to cook to

soften the inside of the potatoes, uncovering to stir once in a while. Adjust the heat if necessary, to prevent burning, and add a bit more coconut oil if necessary. This step should take about 7 minutes total, give or take. Once the potatoes are softened and browned, transfer them to the sausage mixture and stir to combine. Create 4 indents where you will crack each egg - then carefully crack the eggs into the spaces (I like to create a bit of space for the eggs, so the yolks don't break, and the whites don't run all over!) Put the entire skillet in the 400 F oven to bake the eggs to preference, about 10-15 minutes. Alternatively, you can cook the eggs by covering the skillet and cooking over medium-low heat until the eggs are done. I prefer the oven method to avoid burning the bottom of the hash, but either way should work! Serve hot and enjoy!

Bacon Egg Cups

<https://tastey.co>

Ingredients

- 6 slices bacon
 - 6 eggs
 - salt, taste
 - pepper, taste
 - ¼ cup shredded cheddar cheese
 - chive, to taste
- SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: muffin tin

Preparation

Preheat the oven to 400°F (200°C). Place the slices of bacon in the muffin tin, wrapping in a circle. Bake the bacon for 10 minutes. Remove the bacon from the oven and pour out any excess grease, if desired. Crack 1 egg into each of the cups,

then sprinkle with salt, pepper, and cheddar cheese. Bake for another 10 minutes, or until the egg yolks reach your desired consistency. Run a knife around the edge of each cup to loosen and remove. Sprinkle with chives, if desired. Enjoy!

Tex-Mex Migas With Scrambled Eggs, Tortilla Chips, and Chilies Recipe

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Ingredients

- 8 large eggs, beaten
- Kosher salt
- 2 plum tomatoes, diced
- Vegetable, canola, or peanut oil, for frying
- 16 corn tortillas, 8 cut into 1 1/2- by 3/4-inch strips (see note), 8 left whole and warmed in a dry hot skillet just before serving
- 1 medium Poblano pepper, stemmed, seeded, and finely chopped
- 2 serrano chilies or 1 jalapeño, stemmed and finely chopped
- 1 medium yellow onion, finely chopped
- Freshly ground black pepper
- Mexican hot sauce, for serving
- Refried beans and sliced avocado, for serving

Directions

In a large bowl, whisk eggs with 2 generous pinches of salt and set aside. In a medium bowl, toss tomato with a generous pinch of salt, then transfer tomatoes to a strainer and set over bowl to drain. In a medium saucepan, heat about 2 inches of oil to 350°F (180°C). Add tortilla strips and cook, agitating and flipping them constantly with a wire mesh spider, until bubbles slow to a trickle and chips are pale golden brown, about 2 minutes. Transfer to a paper towel-lined plate, season with salt, and set aside (see note). Heat 3 tablespoons (45ml) oil in a large cast iron or nonstick skillet over medium heat until shimmering. Add Poblano, serrano or jalapeño, and onion and cook, stirring, until fully softened but not browned, about 5 minutes. Lower heat to medium-low, add

eggs, and cook, stirring constantly, until curds are just starting to form throughout, about 3 minutes. Add 3/4 of the tortilla chips and continue to cook eggs until they are still soft but nearly cooked, about 5 minutes longer. Add tomato and remaining tortilla chips and cook until eggs are softly scrambled and just cooked through, about 2 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Transfer immediately to a bowl to halt cooking. Serve right away on top of warmed whole tortillas with hot sauce, refried beans, and avocado.

Special equipment: Whisk, large cast iron skillet or large nonstick skillet, instant-read thermometer, wire mesh spider

Notes: To save time, you can also make this recipe with store-bought tortilla chips instead of frying your own.

Happy Birthday Friona Folks

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- Beverly Ingram
- Edda Preyer

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May 24

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- Sherri Jubay-Couch

May 21

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- Reed Kendrick
- Lonnie Woodruff

May 25

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Gas prices continue to rise

By GasBuddy

Texas gas prices have risen 6.4 cents in the past week, averaging \$2.76 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Gas prices in Texas are 16.5 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand \$1.21 per gallon higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$2.39 while the most expensive is \$3.99 per gallon. The national average price of gasoline has risen 6.4 cents in the last week, averaging \$3.03 per gallon. The national average is up 16.8 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands \$1.17 per gallon higher than a year ago.

"The national average gas price surged last week thanks to big price jumps in Southeastern states due to the previously shut down Colonial Pipeline, but most areas outside that region saw smaller fluctuations," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "With the pipeline now back in service, I expect prices to come down in the hardest hit states, specifically the Carolinas, Georgia, Tennessee, Florida and Virginia. The drops should lead the national average to soon fall back under the \$3 per gallon mark, but motorists shouldn't get too excited-prices may start to head higher in a few weeks should Memorial Day gasoline demand be red hot. In addition, motorists in the affected areas should see outage numbers continue to decline this week, especially early in the week when gasoline demand tends to be lowest. I'm optimistic that there will be enough recovery by Memorial Day for motorists in these states to fill up without having to search for gasoline."

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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Panhandle Parables

The National Weather Service

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

This time of year, there is the natural tendency to look to the skies. As much as we pray and need rain, there are those moments that give pause as we move through spring in the Texas Panhandle. The words that give us pause begin with an alarm beeping sound followed by, "The National Weather Service has issued a tornado watch until 11pm for the following counties." You listen and sure enough your county is part of the watch. This generally means conditions are favorable for the possibility of a storm that could produce a tornado. Certain precautions are taken knowing that storms like this even without a tornado can be damaging. So minor preparations are made when the beeping alarm sounds again. "The National

Weather Service has issued a Tornado Warning for the following counties....people in the path of this storm should take cover immediately." Yes, that means you. You are in the path of this storm, now preparation is past, and action is required immediately.

There are times in life that we do receive a notice, a "watch" if you will, there are things going on in life that indicate the possibility of trouble. It may or may not happen, but it is worth "watching" and preparing which for the believer begins with prayer and some time in His Word to seek counsel and wisdom for what might lay ahead. Then there are times in life the siren goes off and the storm is eminent, and action is required. It's not safe to stay in the spot you

are in or maybe it is, and you need only to be still. That all depends on the situation. Just like a storm, if in a storm shelter stay put, if in a trailer house leave immediately. Knowing the difference in life situations requires faith. We serve a God bigger than our storms, but we must be willing to go to Him in prayer, in study and learn to trust Him during what we face. Each of us will have storms in our lives, that is the nature of living in a fallen world. Yet how we prevail depends upon what or Who we place our faith. So, whether in the spring in the Texas panhandle or any day of the year. Look up beyond the skies to the One Who holds you ever so close in times of trouble. If you have read this far, go pick up your Bible and check out Psalm 46. God bless.

Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

In Junior High I had this delusion that if I sucked in my gut enough and flexed my muscles really hard I looked like a body builder. In an instant I could be transformed, ready to compete in the world's strongest man contest. In reality though, sucking in my gut didn't transform my junior high self into a rock hard specimen of humanity, because I was still just a chunky junior high guy. Often times in life, we may wish we were something other and greater than what we are. This desire can propel one to affect change in their life, but this desire can also remind us of the

reality that what we are is not enough to conquer all of life's afflictions, which is especially true in the face of death.

Death is the great equalizer, it is the enemy of every man, and there will be a day when you will face death, unless Jesus returns before then. That is what make Jesus different than you and I. In John 11:25 Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life," and as you read through that chapter, you find that he didn't only speak those words, but he also backed them up as he said "Lazarus, come out," and a man dead for four days walked out of his own

tomb. Jesus called a dead man back to life because he is the resurrection and the life! Jesus didn't stop there, though, because three days after his gruesome, sacrificial, atoning death, he walked out of his own tomb, proving that he is the resurrection and the life.

Praise Jesus, that he is the resurrection and the life, because that means you can have hope and life in light of your impending death! For those who know Christ, there is abounding hope and joy in light of death and the trials of life, because Jesus, your Savior, your Lord, your Redeemer is also the Resurrection and the Life.

Leaving Friona

By Teena Hughs

If all goes as planned, by the time you read this, we will have completed our move to Barksdale, and the Armstrongs from Washington will be moving into our house!

Since "moving day" has gotten closer and closer, I have been thinking about when Feller, Will, Lauren, and I moved to Friona in August of 1993. I was determined that we would be in church the first Sunday we were here, and we were. Elizabeth McLellan was the first person I met.

After that Sunday, we were welcomed with open arms by people from several denominations. Most people knew we were Methodists, so they weren't trying to get us to attend their church; they were just being nice and friendly. I was overwhelmed, and I wanted to thank the people of Friona for being so good to us. That is the reason I got

so involved with the community...trying to pay everyone back for their hospitality and trying to show my appreciation to everyone!

Jesus commands us in John 15:12 to, "Love each other as I have loved you," and that is exactly what the good people of Friona did for us. I am a little envious of the Armstrongs, because I know what they are about to be met with, being loved by really good people. I already know many of the people I will be seeing at church and in the communities of Rocksprings, Barksdale, Camp Wood, and Uvalde, and they too will be loving to us, because they already are; but, there is just something about being a stranger in a community and being loved; it is a true example of Christ's love when you accept people without knowing anything about them.

I have been asked to continue to write this column for

the "Friona Star", and I will do so. When Clint asked me, he said I would be writing from a different perspective; a Hill Country perspective rather than a Panhandle perspective. Maybe, if I ever learn how to do it, I will send pictures every once in a while!

I have lived in Friona longer than I have lived in any other place. God has changed me here more than in any other place I have lived. I appreciate all the changes He has made; and, I appreciate all the people He used to help make those changes. We have many near and dear friends here, and we will stay in touch.

If and when the Armstrongs leave Friona, I have no doubt they will be able to say that the good people of Friona loved them with the love of Jesus, and that He used them to change their lives in a Godly way. Until next week, take care!!!



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Lions Club News

Anahi Gonzalez and Tammy Gammon were the guest speakers at the Noon Lions Club meeting on Monday at The Farmwife Kitchen. Anahi's mom, Erminia, was also an invited guest.

This past spring Anahi, a junior at FHS, advanced to the state academic UIL contest in physics. She had the top score

at both the district and regional meets along the way. The "local state meet site" was at Texas Tech in Lubbock. Mrs. Gammon, high school science and math teacher, explained the complexity of the "virtual" regional meet with so many students in a "zoom" meet at the same time and the need to have back-up computers in

case of malfunctions.

While Anahi was working her way to the state contest in physics she was also running in three track relay teams, which all advanced to the regional meet. And if that were not enough, she is taking three AP courses in school this semester. Congratulations Anahi!!!



Lions Club guests Tammy Gammon, Anahi Gonzales, and Erminia Gonzalez

Tips from the "Walk Across Texas" Challenge

Keeping Your Family Physically Active

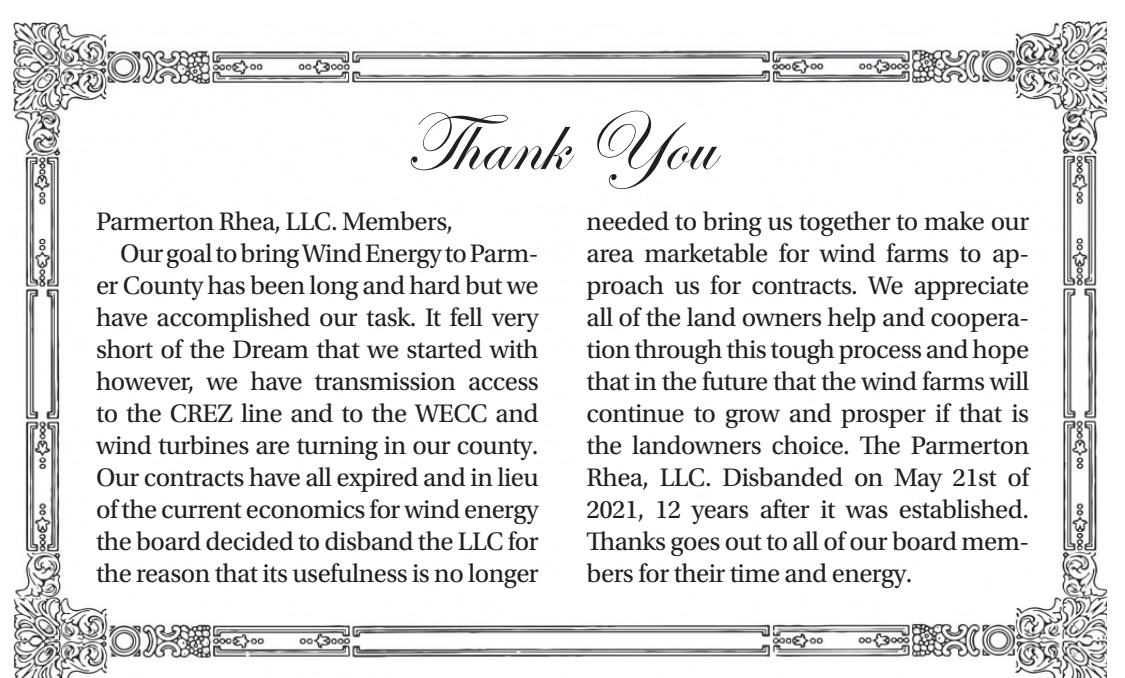
Many families find that participating in regular physical activity with their family is a great way to connect and build strong relationships. It is important to be a role model for your children. Help your kids participate in age-appropriate physical activities by setting aside time to do something together.

You can easily put action into your lifestyle by offering a variety of activities that move different muscles. Find balance between different types of physical activity (cardiovascular endurance, flexibility, strength and balance). Set a regular schedule for physical activity and make being active a part of daily life - even if it parking a little further from the store or taking the stairs instead of the elevator. Remember to keep it fun and practice

moderation (move enough to be active without overdoing it).

Adults need at least 30 minutes and children and teens need 60 minutes of physical activity most days of the week. We want to avoid being sedentary. Kids, teens and adults are sitting around a lot more than they used to since nearly every aspect of our life often revolves around a screen. Too much screen time and not enough physical activity lead to numerous health issues, both physical and mental. When we are physically active on a regular basis, our bodies benefit from stronger muscles and bones, we sleep better, lower our risks for some chronic illnesses and a generally have better outlook on life.

Sources: *The Mayo Clinic, Kidshealth.org and Eatright.org*



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Parmerton Rhea, LLC. Members,

Our goal to bring Wind Energy to Parmer County has been long and hard but we have accomplished our task. It fell very short of the Dream that we started with however, we have transmission access to the CREZ line and to the WECC and wind turbines are turning in our county. Our contracts have all expired and in lieu of the current economics for wind energy the board decided to disband the LLC for the reason that its usefulness is no longer

needed to bring us together to make our area marketable for wind farms to approach us for contracts. We appreciate all of the land owners help and cooperation through this tough process and hope that in the future that the wind farms will continue to grow and prosper if that is the landowners choice. The Parmerton Rhea, LLC. Disbanded on May 21st of 2021, 12 years after it was established. Thanks goes out to all of our board members for their time and energy.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON
PARMER COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The Parmer County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2022 fiscal year.

The Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Parmer County Appraisal District Office Boardroom, 305 3rd Street, Bovina, Texas

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

- The total amount of the proposed budget is \$678,856.00.
- The total amount of increase over the current year's budget is \$49,397.00.
- The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget will be 4.
- The number of employees compensated under the current budget is 4.

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the Parmer County Appraisal District Board of Directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school district, and cities served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for the public inspection at the Parmer County Appraisal District Office.

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Letter to the Editor



I am the crazy guy who runs out on Highway 2013 a few days a week. I want to say a huge "Thank you" to all of the farmers, truck drivers, and other motorists that drive out that way. Almost everyone is very cautious and careful, and I really appreciate that. Sometimes I signal to the truckers to honk their horns. It is really helpful to be warned that a vehicle is coming up behind me. West Texas wind often makes it hard to hear car and trucks. A friendly beep is great, and your kind waves remind me how proud to be from this part of the world.

Blessings!
Skip Hodges

Governor announces 20 Million COVID-19 vaccine doses administered in Texas

Governor Greg Abbott issued a statement last week after it was announced that over 20 million COVID-19 vaccine doses have been administered in the state of Texas:

"With over 20 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine administered to date and over 50% of eligible Texans vaccinated with at least one dose, the Lone Star State has achieved an incredible milestone in our fight against this virus," said Governor Abbott. "And with Texans aged 12-15 now eligible for the vaccine, there's even more we must do to get more shots in arms and keep our communities safe. Vaccines are the most effective defense against the spread of COVID-19, and I continue to urge all eligible Texans to get the vaccine. The COVID-19 vaccine will always remain voluntary and never forced in Texas, but it is up to all of us to ensure that we defeat this virus — which is why it is so important for Texans to seek out these safe and effective shots. Texans can visit covidvaccine.texas.gov to find a vaccine provider near them."

Over 50% of eligible Texans 16 and older have received at least one dose.

History takes flight

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith

At 7:52 in the morning of May 20, 1927, Charles Lindbergh, lifted off in his monoplane, "The Spirit of St. Louis", from Roosevelt Airfield in Long Island, New York in a win-it-or-die-trying" 3,610-mile transatlantic bet. At first, getting airborne was difficult—he had a heavy fuel load—but eventually, he did.

Thirty-three and a half hours later, Lindbergh landed at Le Bourget Airfield, Paris; more than one hundred thousand people; droves of reporters, and correspondents, awaited the arrival of the first pilot—ever—to make a nonstop U.S. to Europe crossing. The news generated headlines around the world, about "Lucky Lindy" and "The Lone Eagle." In addition to the acclaim, Lindbergh earned a cash award for his feat, the equivalent of more than \$500,000 in today's currency.

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends Lindbergh by A. Scott Berg.

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



Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



Well, here's the deal.

I have spent the past two days deep in interview mode with my 95-year-old uncle. Exhausted but excited. Consequently, I fell asleep on this Monday evening, woke up after midnight, and realized I had not written my column.

So, here is an abbreviated Check Your Mirrors with one suggestion: find a relative sometime sooner rather than later and listen. Listen to their memories, their stories, their perspective from when they were young. And, then write it down.

I spent time doing this with my parents before they died, but it has not prevented me from wishing I had done more. Questions still come up about those "things I wish I had asked."

Uncle Clifton (McCleskey) is my maternal family's last surviving primary source to Fisher County family history. A natural storyteller, my mother's older brother has answered every question, shared both beautiful and painful recollections, and gone through photo albums with never-before-seen pictures of my mother and her family.

I'll be moving soon to Fisher County, with the intent of writing a book about my grandmother, Bessie Yantis McCleskey. It may take a year; it may take five. But after these few days with Uncle Clifton, I realize it will be time well spent regardless of the final product. Grandmother lived her novel—I just need to write it.

State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



Deaths of unbuckled Texans spike

The number of traffic accidents decreased in 2020, but the number of Texans killed while not wearing a seat belt increased by 16%, according to the Texas Department of Transportation.

In 2020, 1,073 fatalities were attributed to not wearing seat belts, up from 926 fatalities in 2019. Buckling up reduces the risk of dying in a traffic accident by 45% for people in the front seat of passenger cars and 60% for people in pickups, according to TxDOT.

"This past year we have all been reminded of the simple acts we can take to protect our lives and those of our loved ones," said TxDOT Executive Director James Bass.

"Wearing a seat belt is the most important step we can take to protect ourselves from serious injury or even death in a traffic crash. Instead of putting yourself and others in danger, remember: buckle up day and night, every rider, every ride."

Texas officers will step up enforcement of the state's seat belt and child car seat laws May 24 through June 6. Fines for not having everyone properly secured range up to \$250.

Over half of eligible Texans vaccinated

More than 20 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in Texas as of last week, fully covering more than half of eligible Texans 12 and older. Gov Gregg Abbott hailed the effort.

"Vaccines are the most effective defense against the spread of COVID-19, and I continue to urge all eligible Texans to get the vaccine," Abbott said. "The COVID-19 vaccine will always remain voluntary and never forced in Texas, but it is up to all of us to ensure that we defeat this virus — which is why it is so important for Texans to seek out these safe and effective shots."

The Texas Department of State Health Services announced last week that the Pfizer vaccine is now authorized for anyone 12 years and older. Also last week, the federal Centers for Disease Control announced that fully vaccinated people can resume activities without wearing a

mask or physically distancing.

Local businesses still have the option of requiring employees and patrons to wear masks while inside their establishments.

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas last week dropped to 14,909, down 17% from the previous week and down 90% from the record high in mid-January, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. Hospitalization of lab-confirmed COVID-19 patients in Texas stood at 2,199 last week, down slightly from the previous week.

Wholesale electricity plans to be banned

With time running out in the legislative session, which ends May 31, just one bill addressing the blackouts during February's winter storm has made it to the governor's desk thus far.

House Bill 16 bans residents or small businesses from signing up for the type of electricity plans that allow wholesale electricity prices to be passed to customers. Those plans resulted in huge electric bills for some customers after the power outage, in some cases more than \$15,000.

Griddy, the main company offering such service to about 29,000 Texas customers, has filed for bankruptcy and ceased operations.

Meanwhile, the interim CEO of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas testified before a Texas Senate committee that ERCOT overrode its protocols in deciding to set prices for wholesale electricity at the highest level, according to the San Antonio Express-News.

Brad Jones said that "market rules were not followed." The maximum price of \$9,000 per megawatt hour was held for 32 hours, far longer than normal intervals of 15 minutes or so. The move cost Texas utilities billions of dollars.

Brazos Electric Power Cooperative filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy after being billed \$1.8 billion by ERCOT. The cooperative's 16 members serve 68 counties from the Panhandle to Houston.

Bill to install AC in prisons passes

House

The Texas House on Friday voted to require the state prison system to install air conditioning in state-operated prisons and jails, according to The Dallas Morning News. The measure now heads to the Texas Senate.

If the measure passes and is signed into law, its implementation would be dependent on the state providing funding.

"This is the right thing to do. It's the humane thing to do," bill sponsor Terry Canales, D-Edinburg, said. "The reality is in Texas, we are cooking people in prison."

According to the Prison Policy Initiative website, only 30 of the state's 109 prisons have air conditioning in all inmate housing areas.

Nominees sought for Heroes for Children Award

Do you know an outstanding volunteer spending time in one of the state's more than 8,000 schools? The State Board of Education is seeking nominees for its annual Heroes for Children Award for each of the 15 SBOE districts in Texas.

Examples of the volunteer services provided by past recipients include mentoring students, providing meals and spearheading fundraisers. Award recipients are honored with a plaque at the September SBOE meeting. The nomination form can be found at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/a22mw34f>.

Correction

Last week's Capital Highlights column contained a mathematical error, stating that almost two-thirds of Texans of all ages had been vaccinated as of that time. The actual number of all Texans who have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine as of Sunday account for about 40% of residents. We regret the error.

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.

Exceptional yields earn Friona cotton growers repeat spot in FiberMax® One Ton Club™

Cris and Sylvia Ingram were recently recognized for achieving exceptional cotton yields as part of the FiberMax® One Ton Club™ for the 2020 growing season. For 16 years, the FiberMax One Ton Club has recognized cotton growers who produce a minimum of 2,000 pounds of ginned cotton per acre on a minimum of 20 acres planted to FiberMax cotton seed. This is the Ingram's third year in the club.

"There is a unique quality of the One Ton Club member that makes this group of cotton growers so special:

toughness," said Rachel Walters, Cottonseed Marketing Manager at BASF. "No matter what's happening in the world or on their farms, they take challenges head on and achieve impressive results. It's a characteristic we strive to emulate with our FiberMax cotton seed, too - the ability to achieve superior fiber quality and high yield potential even in the toughest conditions."

To view a complete list of winners and watch this year's FiberMax One Ton Club celebration video, visit FiberMax.com/OTC.



Cris Ingram is recognized for membership in the 2020 FiberMax One Ton Club.

This Memorial Day don't become a Memory

During the 2019 Memorial Day weekend in Texas, there were a total of 360 DUI-alcohol related traffic crashes, according to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). Those crashes killed 16 people and seriously injured another 34.

All of these were 100 percent preventable crashes. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is teaming up with TxDOT to spread the message about the dangers of drunk driving. Even one drink can be one too many.

As people head to the lake, beach, or host a BBQ, they may choose to drink alcohol or use impairing drugs. Texas law enforcement officers will be out in force looking for impaired drivers. For people that choose to not drive sober, their chance for being arrested for a DWI immensely increases.

"We understand people are looking for a reason to celebrate, and we want our community members to enjoy the Memorial Day weekend, but we also want to impress upon everyone the importance of safe driving," said AgriLife Extension Family and Community Health Agent Wendy Case, Farmer County. "If you've been drinking, make the right choice to

find a sober driver to get you, and your friends, home safely.

According to NHTSA, 10,142 people were killed in drunk-driving crashes in 2019. On average, more than 10,000 people were killed each year from 2015 to 2019—one person was killed in a drunk-driving crash every 52 minutes in 2019. This is why AgriLife Extension is working with NHTSA to remind drivers that drunk driving is not only illegal, but also a matter of life and death. Help AgriLife Extension and NHTSA spread the word this Memorial Day weekend: Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving.

"Drunk drivers are a continuing problem on our nation's roads, especially around Memorial Day weekend," said AgriLife Extension Family and Community Health Agent Wendy Case, Farmer County. "People need to know that they can go out for a night of fun and return home safely by ensuring they have a sober driver to take them home. Don't be the reason someone—including yourself—doesn't get home.

If selected as the designated driver, make sure to keep that promise of safety to passengers. It can be a long day and even into the night, but people are counting on the designated driver, not

to mention the other drivers, passengers, and pedestrians on the streets. Take the role of designated driver seriously—lives are depending on it.

Party with a Plan

Before ever heading out, it is vital to plan ahead. Be honest about consuming alcohol: Know whether if drinking alcohol is planned or not. Follow these ideas to ensure that all partygoers stay safe.

- Remember: It is never OK to drink and drive. Even if only one alcoholic beverage was consumed, designate a sober driver—or plan to use public transportation or a ride service to get home safely.

- Impaired driving IS an emergency. Call 911 to report a suspected impaired driver.

- Have a friend who has been drinking and is about to drive? Take their keys away and make arrangements to get them home safely, or allow for them to stay the night.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service's Watch UR BAC program is a free, statewide program to promote alcohol awareness, the dangers of impaired driving, and friends watching out for friends.

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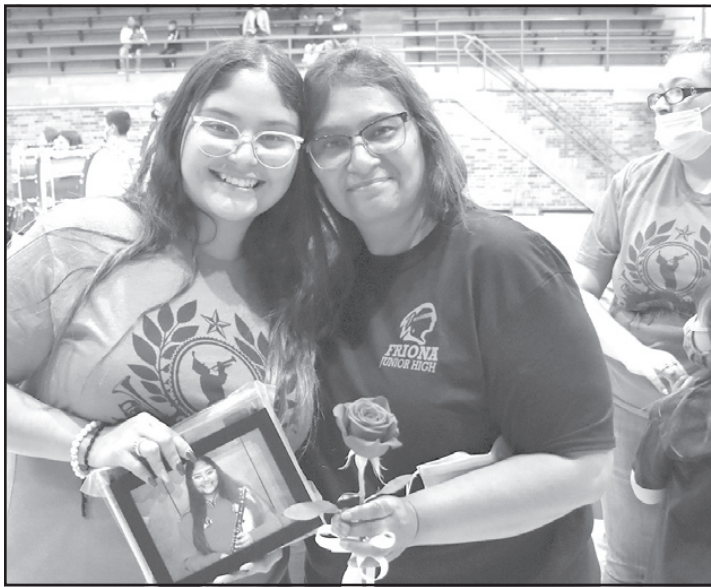
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Mrs. Johnston is retiring after 19 years



Parting directions



Mrs. Smiley / Accompanist

AgriLife Research's chief Texas apiary inspector discusses beekeeping, agriculture

By Briana Ford

The trajectory of Mary Reed's life changed after she took a college class on social insects and became fascinated by honeybees, their biology and their close ties with agriculture. This newfound fascination led her to take a beekeeping course where she delved deeper into the details of honeybees, hive management and beekeeping practices.

Years later, Reed serves as the chief Texas apiary inspector with Texas A&M AgriLife Research's Texas Apiary Inspection Service where she influences the landscape of Texas agriculture through her work.

Reed sat down to discuss her experience in the apiary industry and the unique role Texas plays to keep the industry buzzing.



Mary Reed, Texas A&M AgriLife Research's chief apiary inspector. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo by Laura McKenzie)

contact us if they have concerns about the health of their hives or have any questions about beekeeping and the apiary industry. We are happy to answer any questions and direct beekeepers to credible information and resources that they may need.

Why should Texans care about bees?

Bees are incredibly important to the health and diversity of Texas agriculture. Often, people think of honeybees and just think of one or two hives in somebody's backyard. But in reality, and specifically here in Texas, beekeeping is considered to be "big agriculture."

Many of the fruits and vegetables available to us in the grocery store are a result of bee pollination. Without pollinators, we would not have the diversity of food that we enjoy. In addition, bees provide this vital and efficient service for free. Without them, the pollination of crops would become cumbersome, resulting in a decrease in produce, which would likely cause accessibility and nutritional implications.

As an extension of these pollination services, bees support other industries as well. For example, animals and livestock have access to a diversity of forage, contributing nutritional benefits, while medicines and plant fibers are also a result of insect pollination.

What is the unique migratory nature of the Texas apiary industry?

Texas is one of the largest migratory beekeeping states with approximately 180 commercial migratory beekeepers coming to Texas at least once a year. Many of these beekeepers move their hives to Texas in the spring after almond pollination in California to take advantage of the early warm weather and nectar and pollen flows. These early resources help beekeepers strengthen their hives, raise new bees and queens, make splits and make a honey crop.

Texas provides a variety of natural resources that beekeepers utilize to produce the diverse types of Texas honey. As such, Texas is one of the leading states in hon-

ey production nationwide. There are also several pollination opportunities within Texas that beekeepers seek out. These local pollination events result in a variety of produce celebrated and enjoyed by Texans.

One of the greatest challenges beekeepers around the country face today is a loss of locations to keep bees, as well as a lack of resources beneficial for bees and other pollinators. Texas is large enough to not only provide beekeepers a space to keep bees, but an array of natural resources to support healthy hives.

If someone is interested in beginning beekeeping, how can they get started?

I emphasize the importance of educating yourself before purchasing hives, so you know what you're getting into and how to best care for the bees. If possible, it helps to work with an experienced mentor before getting bees and during your first couple of years. A mentor could work with you on managing the hives and answer questions and provide guidance on how to be a successful beekeeper in your area.

If you've already done your research and are looking for a more in-depth, structured environment, I'd also refer to the Texas Master Beekeeper program. This program is designed to challenge beekeepers in their knowledge of honeybees, beekeeping and factors that can affect a honeybee colony. This program encourages beekeepers to dive deeper into the biology of a honeybee colony and the behaviors a colony may exhibit. This allows a better understanding of how certain factors such as health, environmental and management practices are affecting the colony and what that means for the success of the colony. The program also aims to encourage beekeepers to share their knowledge and passion with others, thus generating ambassadors for the apiary industry.

Additional information on the apiary industry in Texas is available through local Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service offices across the state, the Texas Beekeepers Association and the Texas Apiary Inspection Service website.



Obituaries



Garrett "Garry" Viss

Garrett "Gary" Viss 64 of Bovina passed away May 11, 2021 in Curry County, New Mexico. Celebration of Life Services have been scheduled for 12:00 P.M. MDT Thursday, May 20, 2021 at Central Baptist Church in Clovis, N.M. with Michael Kirby, officiating. Burial following in the Bovina Cemetery Bovina, Texas by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona, Texas.



in Clovis.

Gary was born August 25, 1956 in Pomona, California to Cornelius and Gertrude Charlotte Hannink Viss. He truly had a lifelong career of agriculture, especially the dairy cattle industry. He was a very strong man with a "walk it off" attitude, in large part because of his faith in God and his love of his earthy father and the traditions that he instilled in him.

Gary loved water and snow skiing, but anything done with family was fun in his eyes. He loved his Lord and was a member of Central Baptist Church

He is preceded in death by his parents, and 3 children- Jacob, Jennifer and Brian Viss.

Those to carry on his legacy include 3 sons-Derran Viss and wife Bronia of Wylie, Texas, Jarad Viss and wife Lauren of Newport News, Virginia, and Garrett Viss Jr. Of Herford, 3 daughters-Angela Taylor and husband Chris of Tampa, Florida, Sarah Viss-Sayers and husband Cullan of Baytown, Texas, and Jessica Viss of Bovina, Texas, his love- Esther

Steelman, her sons-Luke Steelman and wife Evangelina, Levi Steelman, and Jake Steelman and wife Jade, all of Bovina, Texas, 4 brothers-Guy Viss and wife Cindy of Comanche, Texas, Daniel Viss and wife Susie of Stephenville, Texas, Randy Viss of Dublin, Texas, and David Viss and wife Mia of Wadell, Arizona, 4 sisters-Gail Danzeisen and husband Clayton of Laveen, Arizona, Glenda Kerr and husband David of Buckeye, Arizona, Janet Van Hofwegen and husband David of Tolleson, Arizona, and Karen Christopher and husband David of Lubbock, Texas, and 17 grandchildren.

THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC VIEWING

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



Augustina Lopez

Augustina Lopez 76 of Friona passed away May 17, 2021 in Amarillo. Viewing will be held Thursday, May 20, 2021 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY with Celebration of Life Services set for 11:00 A.M. Friday, May 21, 2021 also in the chapel with Rev. Brett Hoyle, officiating. Burial following in the Muleshoe Memorial Park in Muleshoe by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.



Augustina was born November 13, 1944 in Lockhart, Texas to Nestor and Tomasita Hernandez Yruegas. She later married Pilar Mario Lopez Dec. 7, 1972.

She loved to be outdoors working on her lawn and

spending time with family. She enjoyed cooking, dancing, and the color red.

Augustina is preceded in death by her parents, husband, and 1 brother -Antonio Yruegas.

Those to carry on her lega-

cy include 6 daughters-Josie Roque of Muleshoe, Elizabeth Gonzales, Rita Ramos, and Margarita Shelby, all of Friona, Kassandra Villarreal of Levelland and Janie Rodriguez of Harlingen, 1 son-Ruben Lopez of Sudan, 1 sister-Esperanza Nanez of Clovis, 4 brothers-Phillip Yruegas of Ft. Worth, Joe Yruegas of Austin, Bocillio Yruegas and Nestor Yruegas Jr. Of Alice, Texas, and 19 grandchildren.

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



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Off to Summer Camp!

Ummph... Hey guys! Pull harder!

Ready For Fun at Camp!

SET 1 (1) C (2) D (3) A (4) E (5) B
SET 2 (1) C (2) E (3) D (4) A (5) B

No kidding! Forest is as strong as a bear!

There are 8 fireflies on the page.

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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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Youth Fish Day • May 16, 2021 at Reeve Lake in Friona

Jeff Scott, executive director/president of Texas Junior Anglers, has been traveling to Hereford and Friona to stage youth fishing events for 27 years. He said, "We always enjoy coming to Friona and the kids

seem to have a blast trying to catch fish." He continued, "This year the rain came at the right time and the kids caught a lot of big fish." Scott would like to thank Mayor Ricky White, City Manager Lee Davila,

and Chamber Executive Vice President Chris Alexander for their help in staging and promoting the event. The next Youth Fish Day will be Sunday, September 12th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Reeve Lake.



Arian Moreno — 25 5/8"
1st Place (7-11)
Grand Prize Winner



Vanity Salas — 24 4/8"
1st Place (6 & under)



Yasmine Uresti — 25 4/8"
1st Place (12-16)



Layla Pena — 24 1/8"
2nd Place (6 & under)



Courtney Salas — 25"
2nd Place (7-11)



Alonzo Macias — 24 5/8"
2nd Place (12-16)



Glendel helps Yasmine weigh the big one that did not get away



Texas Junior Angler Crew: (l-r) Jeff Scott (Arlington), Sylvia Mendoza (Hereford), Glendel Jones (Friona), and Jason Smart (Arlington).

Storm Damage Photos



Tam Anne on Highway 86



Friona FFA ag farm east of Friona



Sprinkler west of Friona near Cargill



CHS Service Center southwest of Friona

Dr. Felipe Jubay
Citizen of the Year

JoJo Osborn
Employee of the Year



Wow!!! We are so excited and proud of our two healthcare heroes. All of us here at PMC are so thrilled for Dr. Jubay and JoJo Osborn. We all agree that the awards and recognition they received at the Friona Chamber Awards Banquet were well deserved. It is our honor to work along side both of them.



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Josselyn Castillo named to ACU's Spring 2021 Dean's Honor Roll

Josselyn Castillo of Friona was named to the Abilene Christian University Spring 2021 Dean's Honor Roll. Castillo is a senior majoring in Kinesiology.

Castillo was among nearly 1,200 students named to the Spring 2021 Dean's Honor Roll. To qualify, students must be registered for 12 or more credit hours and earn a GPA of 3.6 or higher.



Abilene Christian is the highest-ranking university in Texas in a 2021 U.S. News & World Report assessment

of institutions highly regarded for their commitment to student success. Nationally, ACU achieved Top 10 status in three and Top 50 in another of eight high-impact categories among 1,500 universities evaluated for the annual "America's Best Colleges" edition. No other Texas university was named in the top 10 of any category. Learn more at acu.edu.

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