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Pumpkin floral arrangement available at Ivy Cottage Flowers & Gifts

Creative ways to use pumpkins this Fall

By Paul Schattenberg

From pumpkin spice lattes to harvest-themed front porches, pumpkins are an iconic staple for the fall. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service experts have some tips on how to use these popular gourds in and around your home.

Odessa Keenan, AgriLife Extension program coordinator for the agency's Dinner Tonight initiative, Bryan-College Station, said pumpkins are an incredibly popular item not only for fall décor but as a key ingredient in many seasonal recipes.

Family friendly pumpkin recipes

Pumpkins can be used

on how fresh it was from the vine when you purchased it, its current condition and any potential for bacterial exposure," she said. "Canning the puree correctly can extend its shelf life up to four months."

Cooking and roasting pumpkin seeds

Keenan said pumpkin seeds can also make a simple and healthy seasonal treat.

"Roasting pumpkin seeds for snacking is another fun way to use your pumpkin," she said. "You can experiment with different spice blends - savory, spicy and sweet - to find your family's favorite. Just be sure to watch for too much added sodium or sugar." She said use a large spoon or ice cream scoop to remove the pulp, then separate the seeds. Put the seeds in a colander and wash them thoroughly to remove any excess pulp. "It's fine if there's still a little of the pumpkin flesh on the seeds," Keenan said. Dry the seeds as much as possible in between paper towels or a cloth, then toss them in a bowl with cinnamon, brown sugar, nutmeg or whatever other type of seasoning you prefer. Spread the seeds evenly on a lightly greased cookie sheet and cook at 350 degrees for about 12 to 15 minutes. Toss the seeds a few times during cooking to help ensure they brown evenly. The roasted seeds are ready when they turn a golden brown.

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Construction on the new "East" Allsup's is progressing quickly. The new facility will encompass the entire block plus the site of the current location across the street. The new store is projected to open in November.

Trunk or Treat scheduled for Halloween

The Friona Art Department and the Parmer County Sheriff's Office are putting on a Trunk or Treat Spooktacular on Sunday, October 31, 2021 in the Friona City Park from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Trunk or Treat event will include decorations created by the Friona High School Art Department, and games and activities for children. Come join us for a night of fun, games, and candy!

After the Trunk or Treat, the City of Friona will be presenting a movie, the 1993 classic "Hocus Pocus" in the park. So bring your blankets and snacks to sit back and enjoy the show!

Texas State Senator Kel Seliger to not seek re-election

State Senator Kel Seliger announced on Wednesday that he will not seek re-election. Seliger explained, "After thoughtful consideration and with the reassurance of my family, including my new very vocal granddaughter, I have decided not to be a candidate for reelection to the Texas Senate. From my first campaign in 1989 to today, I have felt overwhelmingly proud to serve the Panhandle, South Plains, and the Permian Basin."

Seliger continued, "It has been a great

honor to represent the people, schools, and businesses of Senate District 31 for the past 17 years in the Texas Legislature. The opportunity to serve as Chairman of the Senate Higher Education Committee and Senate Select Committee on Redistricting, as well a longtime member of the Finance and Education Committees, allowed me to be impactful in areas of great importance to me and the entire state. Thank you for placing your trust in me as your Texas State Senator."

to make a host of seasonal treats and beverages, Keenan said. AgriLife Extension has a number of pumpkin recipes available through its Dinner Tonight program.

Pumpkin puree is an easy way to utilize the pulp inside, she said. Puree can be used to make sweet treats like pies, parfaits and cookies or savory snacks like hummus.

"If you remove the seeds and pulp to cook, they should be immediately refrigerated or prepared to avoid potential food safety issues," she noted. "Once you carve a pumpkin and leave the pulp out for more than a couple of hours, you can assume it's not good to eat."

The puree should be stored in the refrigerator and will likely last around four days before spoiling, she said.

"The shelf life of the pumpkin puree depends

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Bi-Wize celebrated "Pharmacy Technicians Day" last Tuesday as well as "Customer Appreciation Day" by providing free hot dogs, chips, cookies, and drinks to its customers. Bi-Wize Pharmacy Techs and Clerks include (l-r) Lupita Estrada, Debbie Williams, Katy Rojas, Olga Legarreta, Jackie Legarreta, Andy Alexander, Peggy Padilla, and Kayla Alexander.

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Community Calendar

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October 21

 Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center

October 25

 Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center

October 26

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

October 28

 Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center

October 31

Halloween

November 1

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

November 4

 Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center



Social Security Announces 5.9 Percent Benefit Increase for 2022

Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for approximately 70 million Americans will increase 5.9 percent in 2022, the Social Security Administration announced last week.

The 5.9 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) will begin with benefits payable to more than 64 million Social Security beneficiaries in January 2022. Increased payments to approximately 8 million SSI beneficiaries will begin on December 30, 2021. (Note: some people receive both Social Security and SSI benefits). The Social Security Act ties the annual COLA to the increase in the Consumer Price Index as determined by the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. Some other adjustments that take effect in January of each year

are based on the increase in average wages. Based on that increase, the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax (taxable maximum) will increase to \$147,000 from \$142,800.

Social Security and SSI beneficiaries are normally notified by mail starting in early December about their new benefit amount. Most people who receive Social Security payments will be able to view their COLA notice online through their personal my Social Security account. People may create or access their my Social Security account online at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount.

Information about Medicare changes for 2022, when announced, will be available at www.medicare.gov. For Social Security beneficiaries receiving Medicare, Social Security will not be able to compute their new benefit amount until after the Medicare premium amounts for 2022 are announced. Final 2022 benefit amounts will be communicated to beneficiaries in December through the mailed COLA notice and my Social Security's Message Center. The Social Security Act provides for how the COLA is calculated. To read more, please visit www.socialsecurity.gov/cola.

Friona and Parmer County agree to share new court

The Friona City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 619 Main in Friona, Texas. The meeting began with roll call, an invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public comments. Larry Martin was recognized for his 39 years of service with

chambers.

A motion was approved to designate the Friona Star as the City of Friona's official newspaper.

In other business, Agricultural leases with Wade Schueler involving Tract One and Tract Two were approved. A request to place a mobile home on the prop-

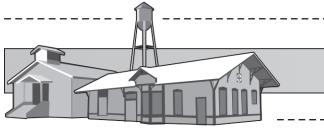
approved. A motion to provide authorized signatures for bank accounts and investment accounts with an effective date was approved. Mayra Olmos was approved to serve as a director for the Parmer County Appraisal District for 2022-2023. Consideration on a variance request was tabled until

All meetings are open to the public. The City Council reserves the right to go into Executive session at any time. Visit cityoffriona.com to find agendas and minutes from previous meetings. Information in this article is only a summary. Any questions concerning specific actions should be directed to the City Council.









TOWN TALK

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Free Vaccination Clinic — Parmer Medical Center is hosting a Free Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic on Friday, October 22nd from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the XIT Recreation Center in Bovina, Texas. Pfizer vaccines are now available for ages 12 and up. Call for an appointment at 806-240-1562 or 806-240-1761. Walk-ins are available.

Blood Drive is November 4th — the next Friona Community Blood Drive is scheduled for Thursday, November 4th at the Calvary Baptist Fellowship Hall from Noon till 7 p.m. Donors will receive a t-shirt, Cinergy movie pass, and a free COVID-19 antibody test. To schedule an appointment, visit yourbloodinstitue.org. $\star \star \star$

Cotton Harvest — the cotton harvest will get underway very soon. What looked like a "down" year has changed somewhat in the past few weeks. The weather has cooperated, the price is up, and the gin acquiring a few new customers.

Band Boosters Fundraiser — the pulled pork sandwich fundraiser held by the band boosters was a huge success. Over 450 sandwiches were sold before



Sheriff's Report

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

(10/12/21) Isabella Montes, 27, of Hereford was arrested by the Friona Police Department on charges of (1) Resisting Arrest; (2) Possession Marijuana < 2 oz.; and (3) DWI, all pending County Court.

(10/17/21) Efrain Alonzo-Pablo, 22, of Friona was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of DWI, pending County Court.



Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from October 7, 2021 to October 15, 2021

(10/7/21) Raymond Turner — Jose Cano, Leticia Merino — Lots 26-28 Blk 43 Original Town of Farwell in Parmer County

(10/12/21) Leander Davila — Michael Anthony Crumrine — Lot 1 and E 10' Lot 2 Blk 1 Ridgeview Subna/Childress football game. The band boosters would like to thank everyone who helped the band by supporting this event. Also, special thanks to Cargill, Caviness, Friona InterBank, and Lowe's Market for their donations.

and during the Frio-

Veterans Day Program — the Friona High School Band will present a program honoring all veterans on Thursday, November 11th at 10:00 a.m. in the High School Gym.

Lions Club Raffle the annual Noon Lions Club fundraising raffle is underway. Prizes this year include a Smith & Wesson stainless steel Model 67-38 Special, CZ Bobwhite side-by-side 20 gauge shotgun, Tyler Gun Works Iroquois Tomahawk, and a Yeti Roadie Cooler. Tickets are \$10 and are available from any Noon Lions Club member or at Houlette Petroleum. The drawing will be held on Monday, December at 12:30 p.m. at the Farmwife Kitchen. $\star \star \star$

School Construction Update — the portable buildings have been set in place and secured, the new Elementary playground is finished, and final "punch lists" will be implemented to make sure that all projects have been completed.

* * *MedicalMusicalChairs — New furniturearrived last week for thehealth clinic lobby. Itonly took a few minutesfor workers to bring inthe new and take out theold. Furniture that is,not patients. For thoseof us waiting to see the

doctor it was like musical chairs without the music. Rhonda Wilkins informed us that any furniture with a porous wood surface had to be replaced. Finally, we all sat down and judged the new chairs by the seat of our pants, literally.

*** * * Make a Dog's Day** — Approximately 3.3 million dogs enter shelters in the United States annually, many being relinquished by their owners. Worse still, approximately 35% of the animals that enter shelters are euthanized. While numbers continue to decline, the need for adoption continues to be overwhelming. One sure way to make a dog's day is giving them a new, loving home through adoption.

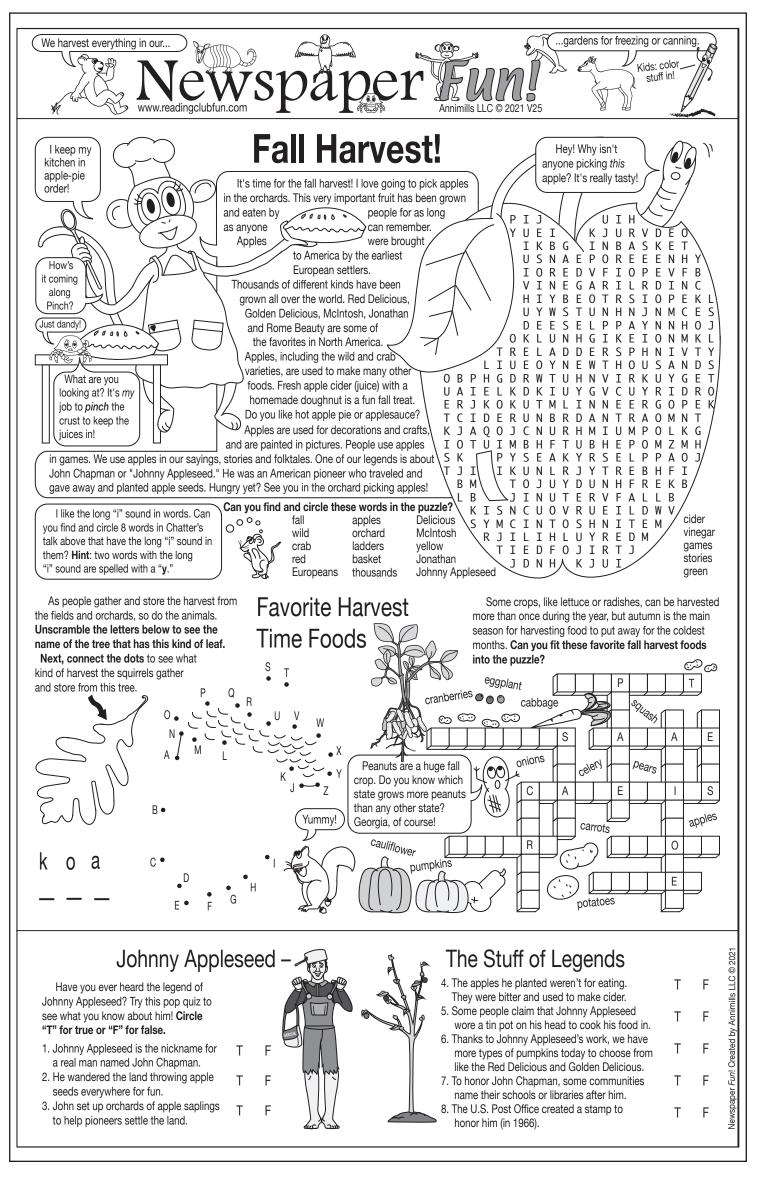
National Days

October 21: Pumpkin Cheesecake Day October 22: Make a Dog's Day October 23: Make A Difference Day October 24: Mother-in-Law Day October 25: Greasy Food Day October 26: Pumpkin Day October 27: Black Cat Day

FBC Friona to host special program

On Sunday, October 31, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., First Baptist Church, Friona, will be hosting Guillermo (Bill) Katz with Hope for Israel. Guillermo is a Jew from Argentina who came to Jesus Christ as a young man and now serves with the ministry Hope for Israel as their North American representative. The ministry's goal is to bring the gospel of Jesus to Jewish people around the globe. The service that Sunday evening will be bilingual. Also, a nursery will be provided and a love offering will be received. **For more information go to**

www.fbcfriona.com or call 806-250-3933.



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Fierce and formidable

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith

In 1777, America's Continental Army proved its prowess in the Battle of Saratoga; for the first time, it garnered official recognition as an independent nation. When word got to King Louis XVI of France, he was-suddenly-convinced that the colonials were not just the rag tag revolutionaries he had imagined. They were fierce and formidable.

That summer, British General John Burgoyne marched his 8,000 hardened troops, and joined up with British General Sir William Howe's throng. They lost the first Battle of Saratoga on September 19 to an army of fresh but determined men under the command of American General Horatio Gates; Benedict Arnold captured victory with his forces in the Second Battle of Saratoga on October seventh.

Three years later, Arnold committed treason when he offered to turn West Point over to the British in exchange for money and a high-ranking position in the British army.

According to History.com: "By October 13, 20,000 Americans had surrounded the British, and four days later [on October 17] Burgoyne was forced to agree to the first large-scale surrender of British forces in the Revolutionary War."

For more information, the Grateful American Book Prize recommends **The Ghosts of Saratoga by David R. Ossont.**

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





Popcorn

Just in case you missed it, October is National Popcorn Poppin' Month. I found a few recipes I think you might enjoy. These will

be great for movie night, watching a football game, or throw some in a baggie for a Halloween treat. If neither of these recipes meet your fancy, just go online to www.foodnetwork.com and search for popcorn recipes. You will find more ideas there than you can imagine.

Peanut Butter Popcorn

www.thespruceeats.com

Ingredients:

12 cups plain popped popcorn 11/2 cups unsalted peanuts 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened 1 cup sugar

Directions:

In a large roasting pan, combine the popped plain popcorn and peanuts. Spread out in one even layer. (Alternately, you can use two 9 x 13-inch pans.) Keep warm in a 250oF oven while preparing the other steps. Butter the bottom and sides of a heavy 1-1/2 quart saucepan. Combine 1/2 cup honey 1/2 cup light corn syrup 1 cup creamy peanut butter 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

1/4 cup grated cheddar cheese

6 tablespoons butter

the granulated sugar, honey, and corn syrup in the pan. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly, and boil for 2 minutes. Remove the sugar mixture from the heat. Stir in the creamy peanut butter and vanilla extract. Remove the warm popcorn and peanut mixture from the oven and immediately pour the peanut butter coating over the mixture. Stir to completely coat all of the popcorn. Turn the coated popcorn and peanut mixture out onto baking sheets to cool completely. Separate and break into bite-sized pieces. Store in airtight containers or wrap up for gifts. Enjov!

5 Minute Cheddar Cheese Popcorn

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Ingredients:

1 full-size bag microwave popcorn (alternatively, you can use 1/2 cup of whole kernels on the stove to make your popcorn)

Steps to make it:

Gather the ingredients. Prepare popcorn in microwave according to package instructions. Alternatively, use stovetop popcorn recipe provided above. Pour popped corn into a large serving bowl. Place butter in a glass or ceramic con-

tainer and place in microwave for 20 seconds (or use stovetop over low heat). Stir and reheat for another 20 seconds. Do this until butter has fully melted. Sprinkle grated cheese over top of popcorn, drizzle melted butter on top, and toss to

coat well. In addition to using butter, you can change the fat and use either ghee or coconut oil. Olive oil makes for a savory taste, too, and is especially good if you are using Parmesan cheese, garlic powder, and herbs such as rosemary.

Happy Birthday

Oct. 21 Marcy Sims Maberry Lindy Varner Jonathan Schlenker Yolanda Bautista

Oct. 22 Doug Carthel Delbert Davis Tiffany Vazquez Darla Sealey Norma Thompson Carrie Schueler Landrum Juan Samarron Mary Beth Wyly Carla Boyd

> **Oct. 23** Pamela Kendrick Jessie Kube Jett Jarecki

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

Oct. 24 Patsy Bandy Winfield Davenport **Diane Mowery** Ben Santiago Corina Ortiz

Oct. 25 Tommy Hefner Jeff Moser Philip G. Martinez **Iodie Denton** Mike Roberts Shayla (Weatherly) Shelburne Tammy Odell **Chuck Mills**

> **Oct. 26** Mary Maddox Ethan Tongate Susan Bailey Dawn Henry

Oct. 27 Dr. Felipe Jubay Carolyn Lane Jared Buske Colby Whitten Amanda Maricle Jayn Looper



Gas prices continue climb

By Gas Buddy

Texas gas prices rose 2.9 cents in the past week, averaging \$2.95 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Gas prices in Texas are 13.1 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand \$1.09 per gallon higher than a year ago.

According to Gas-Buddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$2.55 while the most expensive is \$3.69 per gallon. The national average price of gasoline has risen 2.9 cents in the last week, averaging \$3.30 per gallon. The national average is up 11.1 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands \$1.15 per gallon higher than a year ago.

on empty," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy.

De Haan continued, "With OPEC holding back oil production and strong global oil demand, the situation will no doubt pave the road with even higher gas prices in the weeks ahead. Until several bottlenecks ease, including supply chains and low global inventories of oil, natural gas and coal, we'll be stuck feeling the pinch of rising oil and gasoline prices. The bad news is that for now, all I see is the upward trend at the pump continuing into the weeks ahead with no sign of relief just vet." GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data spanning nearly two decades. GasBuddy data is accessible at http://FuelInsights. GasBuddy.com.

Ingredients:

Cooking spray 6 slices bacon 5 cups plain popped popcorn 1/2 cup lightly packed brown sugar

Steps to make it:

Preheat your oven to 250 F/121 C. Line a rimmed baking sheet with foil and spray the foil with nonstick cooking spray. Cook the bacon in a skillet until crispy, then drain off the fat and let it cool. Once cool, coarsely chop the bacon into halfinch pieces. Place the bacon, popcorn, and chopped pecans into a large bowl and toss them together. In a small saucepan, combine the brown sugar, butter, and corn syrup and stir them together over medi-

Bacon Carmel Popcorn www.thespruceeats.com

> 4 tablespoons (2 ounces) unsalted butter 2 tablespoons light corn syrup 1/4 teaspoon baking soda 1/3 cup pecans, toasted and coarsely chopped

um heat. Once the sugar and butter have melted, stop stirring and insert a candy thermometer. Continue to cook the sugar until it reaches 238 F/114 C on the candy thermometer, which should only take 3 to 4 minutes. Once at the proper temperature, remove the pan from the heat, add the baking soda, and stir vigorously. The sugar mixture will foam up, so be careful during this step. Pour the foamy sugar over the popcorn mixture in the bowl and quickly stir everything together, making sure the popcorn, nuts, and bacon are coated with caramel. Spread the popcorn out on the prepared baking sheet. Bake it for about 45 minutes, stirring every 15 minutes to distribute the caramel. Once it is golden brown and crunchy, take the popcorn out of the oven and allow it to cool completely. Store bacon caramel popcorn in an airtight container at room temperature for up to a week.

"The national average closed the week by climbing to yet another fresh seven year high, as the price of oil continues to drag gas prices along for the wild ride, leaving motorists

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Masks

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

Yes, fall is here October is almost over. These are the days of masks (of course for those of us in healthcare so has the last year). You can find a variety at just about every store, even a pretty healthy selection for your pet if you are so inclined. I remember one year mom dressing my sister and I up to go trick or treating as Raggedy Ann and Andy. Sure glad those pictures have failed to show up in digital format. The idea behind a mask is to conceal the true identity of the wearer. Batman did it, so did the Lone Ranger and just about every villain known to the movies. You can go back further and many Shakespear-

ian actors wore masks. The sign for theatre is masks. If I were to preach a little the word Jesus uses for hypocrite comes from acting. It can be fun to put on a mask and collect candy, and this is not an article to debate the evils of Halloween or whatever opinion you may hold. The question I am concerned with is not kids pretending to be Spiderman, but adults who leave masks on year round?

We put on a mask for different things. We put on a smile and go to worship, and when asked we say "Fine, doing just fine", even if we are not doing fine. We build a Facebook page that represents something other than what we are in real life. We play Wii and build a character that may or may not resemble ourselves. We spend life hiding behind one mask or another. Why? The answer is fear of rejection, persecution... Life is short enough as it is not to enjoy who we are in reality. God made us, loved us, died for us and if we will let Him, redeem us. Our world hungers for Truth, and it must begin with those who proclaim it. We must be real. We must be approachable and compassionate, so that those who see Him in us will put down the mask and become what God had intended from the beginning—His.

Are you Ready?

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

There are lots of situations, occasions and seasons of life it is important to be ready for. Parents make sure kids are ready for the school year, teachers ensure they are ready for each day, athletes work hard getting ready for the season, farmers get equipment ready for harvest, on Sundays you get ready for the Church worship service and on and on and on goes our need to be ready. It is important to be ready for these moments and seasons of life, but there is one of two moments you must be 100% sure that you are ready for, your death or Jesus' return.

In regards to these two moments, your death is a sure thing, unless Jesus returns before you breath your last. At whichever moment comes first, you MUST BE READY! In Matthew 24:36 Jesus made clear that only God the Father knows the exact time of Christ's second coming, and in verse 44 Jesus says, "Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." Further, you not only do not know the time of Jesus' return, but you also don't know the date of your death, therefore, you MUST BE READY!

When you are ready it shows because you have a saving relationship with Jesus Christ. In fact, an elderly man in our community recently passed away. The day before he died I was able to visit him and we talked about the promises of God specifically in regards to salvation. He was overwhelmed at how unworthy he was that Jesus should die for him. After the assurance of scripture regarding salvation, and a grim visit from the doctor concerning the man's condition, this older man proclaimed, "I'm ready to go." A few times more these words rang from his being, and the next day it was his time to go, as he breathed his last and the Lord called him home, what a blessing it was to know that he was ready because of his saving faith in Jesus Christ.

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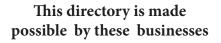
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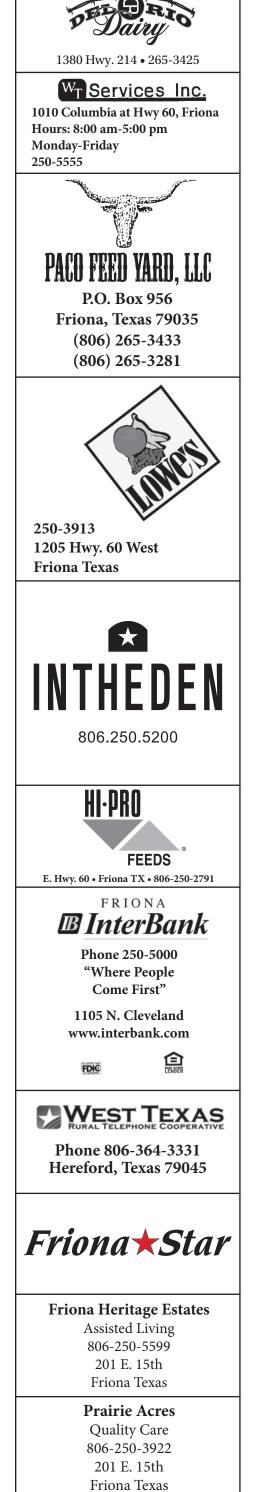
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By Teena Hughs

Exodus 20:8-11: "Remember to observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days a week are set apart for your daily duties and regular work, but the seventh day is a day of rest dedicated to the LORD your God. On that day no one in your household may do any kind of work. This includes you, your sons and daughters, your male and female servants, your livestock, and any foreigners living among you. For in six days the LORD made the heavens, the earth, the sea, and everything in them; then He rested on the seventh day. That is why the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and set it apart as holy."

Rest was so important to God that He made it the fourth of the Ten Commandments; it is something He did after He finished speaking everything into creation; it something He wants you and me to do.

Rest

Rest is good for all of us. One of the things that helps ward off diseases and viruses is rest. We all do better in school and at work when we are wellrested. If God didn't think we needed it, He wouldn't have made it one of the commandments.

However, of all the commandments, I believe this is the easiest one to not keep. We who live in agricultural areas always have something that needs to be done, but once harvest is done, once the cattle are shipped, once the sheep and goats are sheared, then we will take time to rest. But, do we?

Oftentimes once work is done, that is when we take care of everything else that we have put aside while we were working at our jobs. Even vacations and fun time can be work.

Last week, the subject of rest came up in our Community Bible Study lesson. I felt God telling me that when we don't rest, we are being disobedient to Him. I had never thought about resting as a way of obeying God, and this hit me pretty hard.

God wants us to rest and dedicate and worship Him one day a week. I don't think He is asking too much of us, especially when we see all that He has done, and is doing, for us. God wants everything good for us, never anything bad for us.

I challenge you to choose to set aside one day a week where you rest, a day you can dedicate to God, to worship Him and not work. Be honest and see how it changes your life. It may take several attempts to get this right, but you will be surprised at how it changes your relationship with Jesus and how it changes you! Thank you, Jesus, for caring about every aspect of our lives, even our rest!!!

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"We Live by Faith, Not by Sight." 2 Corinthians 5:7



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State Capital Highlights

Early voting begins on eight proposed amendments

If history is an indicator, Texas voters will likely go to the polls on Nov. 2 in underwhelming numbers to decide the fate of eight proposed amendments to the state's constitution. With no statewide races on the ballot, and a scattering of local elections for city council and school

board, turnout typically is low. Nevertheless, early voting is now underway and continues until Oct. 29.

The proposed amendments include allowing raffles at rodeo events; allowing counties to issue bonds for transportation infrastructure; banning the state from prohibiting or limiting religious services (related to closures during the pan-

Check Your Mirrors By Sue Jane Sullivan

A Stamp of Disapproval

In the span of seven days, I went from giving myself a high five) to slapping that same five to my forehead in angst.

I messed up. The kind of mistake that, while understandable, but certainly avoidable. The error that a 65-year-old applying for work after having the same job for 41 years would make. I choked, man.

Last week, I checked the United States Postal Service website for the many-th time since moving to El Sueño, my cabin residence in Fisher County. There's a word for someone who collects stamps, loves post offices, and those cute little vehicles that carriers drive, but I don't know what it is. I just know I am one. Solo driving in a vehicle on dirt roads and providing a service by delivering mail while listening to podcasts or music has (had) my name stamped all over it. The website October 3 had an opening in a small town about twenty-five miles from my little house. I grabbed my computer and a USB cord and drove to the hill in Rotan America, set up the hot spot, and went to work completing the application. Within forty-eight hours, I was offered the position. I simply had to a) accept the offer and (b) fill out the government's background application. Being time

sensitive, the application must be completed online within three business days or the offer would be rescinded. Since this next form was going to take longer to complete, I asked the very accommodating editors/publishers/ owners of the Double Mountain Chronicle if I could access the wifi in their office. Tricia and Jeff, who rock, told me to come on down to Sammy Baugh Avenue.

I took care of the background check in little over an hour. Sent the form, gave myself another high five, thanked Lois and Clark, and went home to text my daughters the exciting news.

The next day, the lady from the post office where I would be working called, further bolstering my euphoria that this was real. She just wanted to check in and told me I would get an email regarding setting up the fingerprinting session. She also told me my training would take place in Lubbock soon, eight days' worth. More joy because I knew I could save the government per diem by staying with family. Another high five for me for being such a good citizen.

I decided to just drive to this little place and make sure all was well.

It was not. And it was my fault.

fingerprinting That email was attached in the same email as the background check form. I didn't see it. The time sensitive date for completion was five days. It was day six. I got the boot from the system and will just have to wait to see if someone else applied. If so, the job offer goes to the next in line. If not, I can reapply. I am not hopeful, as government jobs get grabbed quickly.

That's the way it should be. Jobs for large entities have to have deadlines. As a teacher, I gave homework and those assignments had deadlines. My policy was no late work-students got a "0" if nothing was turned in. However, I knew life happened, so my policy was also to drop two zeroes at the end of the grading period and their next lowest grade. A fair policy to help them be diligent. But, I built in some grace for those times students—late night ballgames, family emergencies, life stuff.

demic); eligibility of candidates to run for judicial positions; and property tax exemption for bereaved families, among other measures. A fuller explanation of the proposed amendments can be found at the non-partisan BallotPedia site: https://tinyurl.com/29andwew

More than \$1 billion in rental assistance

A federally funded rental assistance program administered through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs has distributed more than \$1 billion in rent and utility assistance to more than 174,000 Texas households more than any other state. The pandemic relief measure has provided assistance in 95% of Texas counties and still has more than \$900 million that can be distributed, according to TDHCA.

"Crossing the \$1 billion mark shows we were able to address a great and pressing need that is still present here in our state, but it's important we continue to work vigorously to get help out as quickly as possible," Bobby Wilkinson, TDHCA executive director, said.

Renters can apply for the program by calling 1-833-9TX-RENT (1-833-989-7368) or online at TexasRent-Relief.com. The call center is open Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. To qualify, households must be at or below 80% of the area median income and meet other criteria.

State dried up in September

The cooler and wetter conditions of early summer became a distant memory in September as much of the state experienced little rain, according to Mark Wentzel, a hydrologist for the Texas Water Development Board.

"At the end of the month, drought conditions covered 7% of the state. up six percentage points from the end of last month," Wentzel wrote.

"Operation Lone Star is critical to our efforts to secure the border, and we will continue to invest in this operation in order to keep Texans safe," Abbott said. "The grant funding provided through House Bill 9 ensures that our local partners along the border have the resources and support they need to respond to the border crisis."

By Gary Borders

The funds will go to a dozen counties along the Texas-Mexico border.

How to pick the right Medicare plan

Medicare open enrollment is underway and continues through Dec. 7. The Texas Department of Insurance provides some advice for Texans enrolling for Medicare after turning 65 this year or for existing enrollees considering changes to their Medicare plans. Those include:

• Know the deadlines, which in general run three months before turning 65 to three months after. People with insurance through their employer can delay enrolling, but it's best to check with the company's benefits manager.

• Learn the different parts of Medicare and decide if you need a gap plan to supplement Medicare coverage.

 Calculate the costs and compare plans. More information can be found at medicare.gov.

New COVID-19 cases drop slightly; deaths rise

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas reported in the past week dropped slightly to 48,971, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University, but new deaths jumped 34% to 1,949. The latest wave of serious cases appears to be slacking off from the highs reported in late August and September, with 5,376 CO-VID-19 patients in Texas hospitals





Come October 12, I had not received the email for the fingerprinting assignment. The federal holiday, I reasoned, was probably part of the delay. Still,

No mercy in my case.

In postal terms, "return to sender" is now stamped on my forehead. But neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night will prevent me from applying again.

September was the first month since last March that was both warmer and drier for most of the state. Wentzel predicts dry conditions will continue for the next few months, leading to drought expanding to cover all but the eastern edge of Texas by the end of the year.

\$36.4 million in border enforcement funding

Gov. Greg Abbott announced last week that his Public Safety Office will award \$36.4 million in funding for law enforcement and prosecution in connection with Operation Lone Star, the state's border security effort.

as of Sunday. That's a drop of nearly two-thirds from its late-summer peak, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

The number of Texans who are fully vaccinated ticked up to 15.2 million, according to DSHS, while more than 900,000 people have received an additional dose of the vaccine. The additional doses were first authorized in mid-August.

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Overwhelmed by those Medicare Advantage Ads, Calls and Cable TV Shows?

As you try to make sense out of all this information, please be aware:

- No matter what the Plan or website is called, **Medicare Advantage is** NOT TRADITIONAL MEDICARE
- Local doctors, hospitals and area specialists may not be in-network for the Plan, resulting in **INCREASED OUT-OF-POCKET COSTS.**
- Medicare Advantage Members may have to get PLAN AUTHORIZATION to get covered care.
- Unlike Traditional Medicare, SERVICES MAY **BE DENIED** by the Plan, leaving you financially responsible.
- **BE CAREFUL** when changing your prescription drug program to make sure you have not switched to a Medicare Advantage Plan by mistake.



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Friona ISD está buscando una persona que ayude a limpiar la escuela a tiempo completo. El horario es de 7 am a 6 pm con un almuerzo de 2 horas y un descanso de 30 minutos por la mañana y por la tarde. Las personas interesadas pueden llamar a Friona ISD 806-250-2747 o Martha Moreno 806-346-2091.

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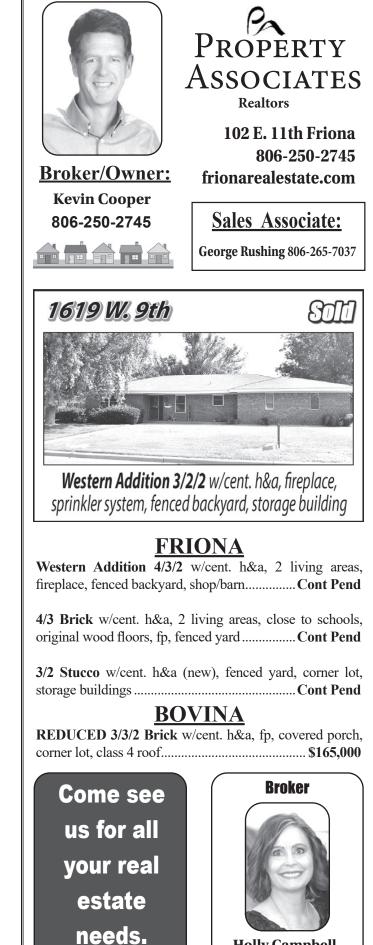
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Texas Senate News

Legislature Wraps Third Special With New Maps, Property Tax Relief

By Richard Lee

The third special session ended Monday, with lawmakers granting final approval to new maps for statehouse and congressional districts, completing a process that began almost a year ago when the Legislature opened redistricting hearings in January. Delays in census data pushed the process back months, but the Legislature reached a consensus on a map that creates two new congressional districts, one in Travis county and another in northwest Harris county, increasing the size of the state delegation in Washington to 38 seats.

Also passed Monday was a bill to allocate more than \$13.3 billion in federal COVID aid sent to the state through the American Rescue Plan Act. "These dollars will help us continue to fight COVID-19, address a wide range of needs that have emerged over the past two years, and provide a major boost to our ongoing economic recovery," said bill au-

thor and Finance Committee Chair Senator Jane Nelson of Flower Mound. The largest item in the bill is \$7.2 billion to pay off debt in the unemployment insurance fund accrued during waves of COVID-related layoffs, protecting employers, said Nelson, from a potential hike in unemployment tax rates. It also includes \$2 billion to cover salary costs for increased staff at hospitals and \$400 million to pay for staffing needs at nursing facilities. "This money will continue to be available through the end of next year, as we brace for a potential COVID-flu double whammy," Nelson told members.

This was likely Nelson's last time to take the microphone on the Senate floor, as the seven-term senator will not be seeking re-election to the seat she's held since 1993. Lt. Governor Dan Patrick appointed Nelson as the first woman to lead a legislative appropriations committee

when he came into office in 2015. After leading the Senate's appropriations process for four sessions, Patrick announced from the rostrum Monday that the expansive committee room in which Nelson presided over hundreds and hundreds of hours of Finance committee hearings will be named in her honor. "It's a part of history," he said.

Legislators also approved a measure that would permanently raise the untaxed portion of a home's value. Subject to voter approval, SJR 2 by Houston Senator Paul Bettencourt would raise the homestead exemption from \$25,000 to \$40,000, which translates into around \$175 in annual tax savings for the average homeowner. "This is real property tax relief for 5.7 million Texas homes," he said.

With completion of the new district maps and federal aid appropriated, it is likely that the third special ses-

sion will cap legislative activity for the year, and possibly until the Legislature meets again in regular session in January of 2023. Only slated for 140 days every odd year, in 2021 the Legislature spent almost twice that in session as Governor Greg Abbott called lawmakers back to Austin three times to deal with a number of highly contentious issues including a divisive elections bill that sparked a walkout in the House and garnered national attention. All three sessions also saw a bill that would prohibit transgender students from participating in school sports divisions that don't match the biological sex listed on their original birth certificate - a measure that was sent to the governor's desk Monday. One issue that wasn't addressed was the subject of employer vaccine mandates. Abbott issued an executive order forbidding such mandates last week and asked lawmakers to send

him a bill to place that order into state law. The Senate considered such a bill in committee but with much of the business community opposed to the proposal, it failed to garner enough support to reach the floor. The Senate stands adjourned sine die.

Richard Lee is a staff writer for Senate Media Services

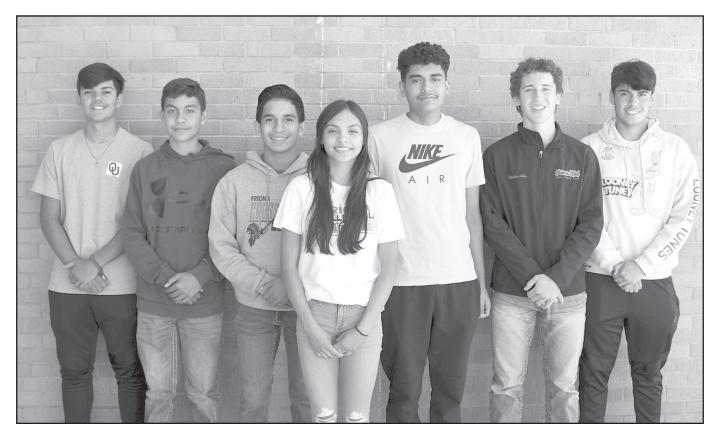
Features of the agreement to allocate more than \$13.3 billion in federal COVID aid sent to the state through the American Rescue Plan Act.

- \$7.2 billion to restore unemployment insurance which was depleted during 2020
- \$2 billion for COVID-19-related nursing surge
- Hundreds of millions of dollars for new hospitals and mental health services across Texas
- \$500 million for broadband infrastructure
- \$300 million for a new state operations emergency center
- \$349 million for COVID-19 public safety salary compensation
- \$286 million for the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS) so retired teachers do not see an increase in health insurance premiums
- \$325 million to fund over \$3 billion in higher education, health, science and other projects (West Texas A&M: \$45 million)
- \$95 million for Texas food banks
- \$75 million for rural hospitals
- \$35 million for veterans homes
- Over \$100 million for sexual assault fund and crime victims' compensation
- \$180 million for the tourism, travel and hospitality industries

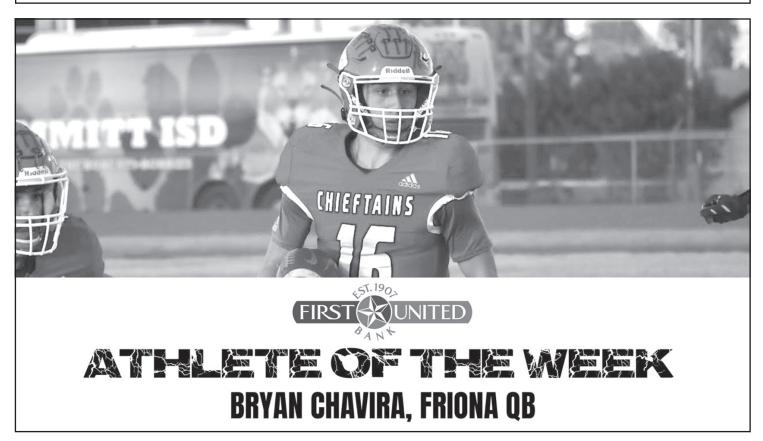


Sports

Born to Run



Cross Country Regional Qualifiers (l-r) Isaac Olmos, Erik Estrada, Michael Bautista, Yvonne Legarreta, Fabian Salinas, Dieter Ally, Isaias Olmos. Not pictured is Alan Martinez. Congratulations to the boys team and to girls District Champion Yvonne Legarreta. Good Luck at Regionals!!!



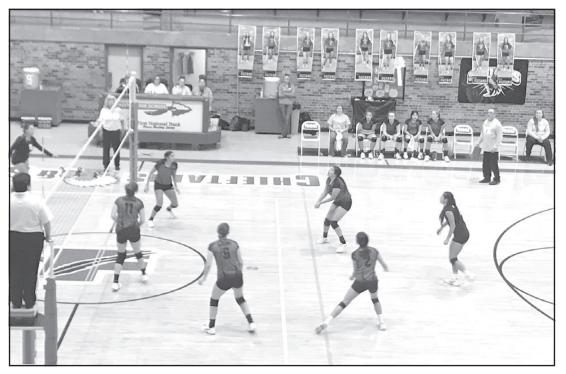
Athlete of the Week — Bryan Chavira was chosen as the First United Bank Boys "Athlete of the Week" at the Press Pass Sports website in recognition of his performance against Tulia. He rushed for 266 yards and 4 touch-

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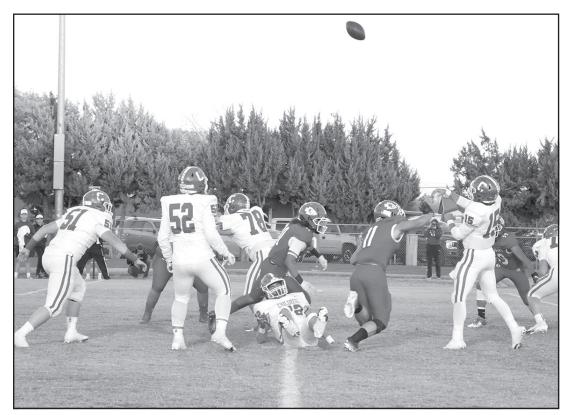
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The Friona Squaws defeated Lamesa last Saturday to earn their way into the AAA Region 1 playoffs.



The Chieftain defense applies pressure to the Childress quarterback in 1st quarter action last week. The teams were evenly matched as Friona had 385 total yards of offense and the Bobcats generated 417 total yards. Friona had three turnovers and Childress turned the ball over twice.

Sports News

Varsity Football

Last Friday night's "Battle of the Unbeaten" did not disappoint. In what was promoted as one of the biggest games of the week in our area and even the whole state, the Childress Bobcats and Friona Chieftains played one of the best games ever contested at Chieftain Field. The multitude of media personalities, partisan fans, and even the officiating crew all agreed that they had witnessed four quarters of compelling football.

The #3 ranked Bobcats escaped with a 40-35 victory over the #12 Chieftains but both teams shined under the Friday night lights. The quality of play was exceeded only by the level of sportsmanship displayed by both teams. As is always the case with close games, a play here or there determined who the victor would be. According to the schedule, it was just the third district game of six but it felt more like the third round of the state playoffs. The good news is that there is a lot more football to be played this year and as the song says, "Chieftains fight, never die." Go Big Red.

This week, the 6-1 Chieftains travel to Canadian to battle the #9 ranked Wildcats who are also 6-1 for the season.

Junior Varsity Football

The JV Football team is 7-0 for season and will host Canadian on Thursday at Chieftain Field.

Junior High Football

The 7th grade Braves lost to Childress Thursday night 6-18. Joaquin Arias ran for a 39 yard touchdown. The extra point attempt was no good. Arias had 69 total rushing yards and Mason Ramos had an interception. The 7th Braves are 2-4 for the season and travel to Canadian this week.

The 8th grade Braves lost to Childress 18-24. Aaron Rosales 1 yard touchdown run and a 6 yard touchdown run. Rafael Rocha added a 5 yard touchdown run. All three extra point attempts were unsuccessful. Rosales had 109 total yards rushing. Jameson Daniels had 42 total yards rushing and recovered a fumble. The 8th Braves are 3-2 for the season and play the Wildcats at Canadian this week.

Varsity Volleyball

The Squaws are 4-5 in District 3-AAA play after defeating Lamesa 3-0 last Saturday and falling to Littlefield 0-3 on Tuesday Night. The Squaws finish district play by hosting Denver City on Saturday. Friona has clinched the 4th seed in the upcoming playoffs.

Junior High Volleyball

The Maidens played at Lamesa on October 11th. Both the 7A and 8A teams won in 2 sets. The 7B and 8B both lost in 3 sets. On October 18th, the Maidens played their last home game of the season. 7A won in 2 sets. 7B won in 2 sets. 8A won in 3 sets, and 8B won in 2 sets. The Maidens will play their final game of the season at Brownfield on October 25.

Cross Country

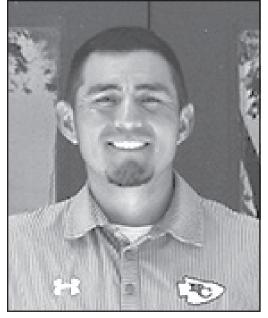
The FHS Boys Cross Country team and Girls District Champion Yvonne Legarreta will compete at the AAA Regional meet on Monday, October 25th at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock. Go Big Red!!!

National Principals Month

Each October, National Principals Month recognizes the essential role that principals play in making a school great. Principals set the academic tone for their schools, and it is their vision, dedication, and determination that provide the mobilizing force for achieving student success.



Deirdre Osborn Principal Friona Primary School Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st Grade



Daniel Rosales Principal Friona Junior High School 6th-8th Grade



M'Kell Jeter Principal Friona Elementary School 2nd-5th Grade



Erika Montana Principal Friona High School 9th-12th Grade





ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE 806 AREA CODE DIALING PROCEDURES

The Federal Communications Commission has ordered that we transition from 7- digit dialing to mandatory 10-digit dialing for local calls. Dialing seven digits for local calls for all customers in the 806-area code.

Beginning April 24, 2021, you will need to begin dialing 10-digits when making a local call. As an example, if you currently dial 7-digits to reach another local number, such as 364-3331, you will be required to dial 806 + 364-3331 for a local call or 1 + 806 + 364 – 3331.

10-digit dialing becomes mandatory on October 24, 2021.

Following are frequently asked questions:

Will everyone in the area codes above have to dial 10-digits (or 1+10-digits) for a local call?

Yes. Every customer throughout the area codes listed above will change to **mandatory** 10-digit (or 1+10-digit) dialing for local calls. Dialing sevendigits for local calls will be prohibited for all customers in the entire area code.

Why is 10-digit dialing going to be required in these area codes?

The FCC ordered that these area codes must be transitioned to 10-digit (or 1+10-digit) local dialing to ensure everyone is able to reach the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline using the three-digit 988 code.

How is this going to happen?

The North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) developed, based on input from covered service providers, an implementation schedule that will allow all covered providers to meet the transition deadline in an efficient manner that best accounts for the challenges each covered provider faces.

Will I have to change my phone number?

No. One of the reasons for changing to 10-digit local dialing is to avoid the need to change people's telephone numbers.

Will I be able to begin 10-digit (or 1+10-digit) local dialing before it is required?

Yes. Beginning April 24, 2021, if you have a telephone number in one these area codes, you should start dialing 10-digits (area code + telephone number) or 1+10-digit (1+area code+telephone number depending on dialing plan) for all local calls. If you forget and dial just seven-digits, your call will still be completed.

When will 10-digit local dialing become mandatory?

Beginning October 24, 2021, if you have a number in in the 806 area code, you must dial 10-digits (area code + telephone number) or 1+10 digits (1+area code+telephone number depending on dialing plan) for all local calls. On and after this date, local calls dialed with only seven-digits may not be completed, and a recording will inform you that your call cannot be completed as dialed. If you get this recording, you must hang up and dial again using the area code with the seven-digit telephone number.

Top photo: Jerry Whatley of Canyon is the 2 T-1 District Governor for 2021-22. He is a member of the Amarillo by Morning Lions Club. Texas is home to 850 clubs and over 23,000 members. Each year, Texas Lions contribute nearly two million service hours helping their communities and charitable organizations. There are 1.4 million Lions club members world-wide. Jerry is pictured with Friona Lions Club Sweethearts (l-r) Cheyenne Correa and Breanna Rivera. **Bottom photo:** Jerry presents Clint Mears (left) and Ricky Barnett (right) with the "Lions Backbone Award" in recognition of the club's "world famous" french fries? Who knew?



What other changes need to be made?

In addition to changing your dialing patterns, all services, automatic dialing equipment, or other types of equipment that are programmed to complete local calls using only seven-digit numbers will need to be reprogrammed to complete calls to 10-digit numbers. Some examples are:

- life safety systems or medical monitoring devices
- PBXs
- fax machines
- Internet dial-up numbers
- fire or burglar alarm and security systems or gates
- speed dialers
- mobile or other wireless phone contact lists
- call forwarding settings
- voicemail services and other similar functions

Be sure to check your website, personal and business stationery, advertising materials, personal and business checks, contact information, your personal or pet ID tags, and other such items to ensure the area code is included.

What will stay the same?

- Your telephone number, including current area code, will not change
- The price of a call, coverage area, or other rates and services will not change due to the dialing change
- What is a local call now will remain a local call regardless of the number of digits dialed
- You will continue to dial 1+ the area code + telephone number for all long-distance calls

• You will continue to dial a prefix (such as "9") when dialing from a multiline telephone system (i.e., in a hotel, office building, etc.) as required

• You can still dial just three digits to reach 711 (relay services) and 911 (emergency services)

• Any 211, 311, 411, 511, 611, or 811 services available in your community can still be reached by dialing their three-digit codes

• The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline can still be reached by dialing 1-800-273-8255 (TALK) even after the 988 code is in effect.

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Obituaries



William Vincent Gromowsky, Jr.

William Vincent Gromowsky, Jr., 66, passed away on Sunday, October 10, 2021.

William, Jr., known as 'Wid' to close friends and affectionately called 'Widdy' by his family, was born in Clovis, New Mexico on January 12, 1955, to William and Kathryn Gromowsky.

He graduated from Bovina High School in 1973 and spent his youth and early adult years working on the family farm near Hub, where he undoubtedly learned that 'a job worth doing is worth doing right,' which he reminded those who knew him - often by repeating the adage - but always by showing it through his example.

After graduating from West Texas State University in 1986, William lived in Hereford, and later in Canyon. William took delight in preparing breakfast for his three young daughters, something he continued to enjoy every chance he got even after they were adults. A conversation with him quickly turned to an update on each of them, proudly presented and relayed with joy.

He began working for Texas Farm Bureau Insurance in 1988 and remained employed as District Claims Manager



for the Amarillo district at the time of his death. William cherished his many friends and coworkers made throughout his 33-year career, and they became members of his extended family.

In 2003, he transferred to Abilene, where he met Christy. They were married in 2004, and William was proud to add her two sons to his family tree. That same year, William was transferred back to Amarillo. He and Christy were active members of Central Church of Christ where they served as small group hosts, and William earned the nickname "Sunshine" as a one-man handshake committee to everyone who crossed his path. William was supportive in his work with the nonprofit organization, Amarillo Recovery from Alcohol and Drugs, and he and Christy hosted that organization's monthly alumnus dinner for several years.

William found great pleasure in yard work, playing cards, and sharing his gift of hospitality. He freely gave of his time and resources to help friends, family, neighbors, and strangers alike.

He is preceded in death by his son Sterling Jones; and - as he often referred to her - his 'awesome mother,' Kathryn.

He is survived by his wife, Christy; his daughters Sara Nickson and husband Scott of Amarillo, Brette Draper and husband Cody of Amarillo, and Maj Abby Gromowsky (USAF) of Honolulu, Hawaii; his son Taylor Jones and wife Kasey of Amarillo; his father, William, Sr., of Friona; and his sisters, Jan Smith and husband Steve of Sudan, and Jyl Grimsley and husband Jayson of Friona. He adored his grandchildren, Sydney, Olivia, Jack, Ryan, and Cooper, and will be fondly remembered by his aunts & uncles and scores of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be sent to the Central Church of Christ Missions Fund, 1401 South Madison, Amarillo, Texas 79101.

Eddie LaNelle Morrison Mays

Eddie LaNelle Morrison Mays, 83, longtime

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Elizabeth Ann Cocanougher Gore

Elizabeth Ann Cocanougher Gore, 85, of Texarkana, Texas formerly of Friona passed away October 14, 2021. Celebration of Life Services were held at 10:00 AM, Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at the Friona United Methodist Church with Rev. Skip Hodges, officiating. Burial following in the Friona Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Elizabeth was born in Hereford on June 29, 1936 to H.R. 'Cap' and Lucy Fay Cocanougher. She attended schools at Arney and Canyon and graduated from Friona High School in 1954. On June 11, 1955 she married Lewis Gore in Friona Methodist Church. Elizabeth taught English and ESL



at Friona Junior High for 22 years, retiring in 1992. Following retirement, she enjoyed years of travel, gardening, and quilting.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her sister Shirley Gore, and a brother-in-law Bob Gore.

Elizabeth is survived by her husband of 66 years, Lewis, daughter Carolyn and husband Rick, son Larry and wife Georganna, son Bryan, and daughter Sonya; and her grandchildren, Mary, Jenni, Jacob, and Lewis Morton; and great-grandchildren, Kayleigh and Branson. She is also survived by her sister-in-law Jeane Gore and brother -inlaw Jimmie Gore and a multitude of cousins, nieces, and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, family requests memorials to Friona United Methodist Church or Bluebonnet Home Health and Hospice of Friona.

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

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Creative ways to use pumpkins this Fall

By Paul Schattenberg

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Creative pumpkinthemed home decor

In addition to the timeliness of a Halloween jack-o'-lantern and the latest stencil carving, Keenan offers some additional décor ideas.

"Pumpkins make fantastic front porch decorations as well as great fall table arrangements," she said. "I have also seen pumpkins used to hold flower arrangepossible," he said. "The smaller the pieces, then the faster it will break down. You need to break the seeds down as well, otherwise some may germinate in your compost pile."

Masabni said pumpkin seeds can also be saved to plant by laying them out flat to air dry on paper towels for about 24 hours. Once dry, place them in a plastic bag terns or other decorations could also be used as a snack for wildlife," said Maureen Frank, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension wildlife specialist, Uvalde.

"If you bake pumpkin seeds, you can place them in a bird feeder and share them with your feathered friends," Frank said. "Be sure not to add salt or any other seasoning - just use the plain seeds." Frank said the pumpkin itself can be used as a bird feeder and suggested following instructions from the Audubon organization. "Other animals, such as squirrels, raccoons and deer, may be interested in pumpkin pieces, but feeding these mammals can create problems and may be against local ordinances, so it's probably best to share with birds only," she said.

Friona resident passed away October 13, 2021 in Lubbock. Family visitation was held at 10:00 AM Saturday, October 16, 2021 at Calvary Baptist Church in Friona with a Celebration of Life Service conducted at 11:00 AM with Rev. Gary Johnson, officiating. Burial following in the Friona Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Eddie was born in Hereford, Deaf Smith County, Texas, to Edwin "Bud" Morrison and Arena "Rene" Avo Frost Morrison on May 23, 1938. Eddie passed away in Lubbock, Texas on October 13, 2021.

Her family farmed in Deaf Smith County. Eddie attended 1st grade in NM, then transferred to Hereford, and graduated from Hereford High School in May of 1956. After graduation, she worked at Consumers Co-Op in Hereford, where she met Walter Harrell Mays. They were married Sept. 6, 1956. Together, they had four children, Hope Mays Winter Ferguson (Jerry), Walter Harrell "Sonny" Mays, Jr., Faith Mays Self (Gary), and Charity Mays Hodges (Randy).

Eddie was preceded in death by, her parents, her brother, Edwin Morrison, Jr. and her hus-



band, Harrell - the love of her life.

Harrell and Eddie farmed in Parmer and Deaf Smith counties for more than 50 years. Eddie was also an Accountant at Steve Messenger's Tax Service and a Texas Municipal Court Judge for the City of Friona.

Eddie enjoyed teaching her Faith Sunday School class at Calvary Baptist Church where she had been a member for over 50 years. She also loved going to movies and eating out with her friends.

Eddie's grandchildren include: Jim & Amber Self, Michelle & Bernie Harris, Jared & Teri Self, LaFawnda & Anthony Kubacak, Crystal & Tristan Thoma, Kevin & Heidi Hodges, Kent & Suzy Winter, Glynn & Connie Ferguson, Brad & Amelia Ferguson.

Great-Grandchildren include: Lane & LynLee Self, James, Josiah, & Gage Kubacak, Tucker & Claire Thoma, Kendal, Keely, and Kirsten Hodges, Daniel & Hillary Winter, Beth Winter, Christy & Doug Hathcock, Andrew, Victoria, and Olivia Ferguson, Hannah and David Ferguson.

Great-great Grandchild: Rylee Beth Winter

Pallbearers: Jim Self, Bernie Harris, Jared Self, Anthony Kubacak, Tristan Thoma, and Kevin Hodges.

Eddie & Harrell both loved the Lord, and they raised their children to love Jesus and family. They faithfully took them to Sunday School, church, Vacation Bible School, revivals, and family reunions.

Eddie balanced the challenges of preparing three meals a day for her family, reading Bible stories to her kids & helping them with schoolwork, and helping her husband with the farming.

Memorials may be made to Calvary Baptist Church or a charity of your choice.

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



ments!"

To use a pumpkin to hold your flowers, she advises that it is best to carve out just enough of the pumpkin to hold a vase. Arrange and water the flowers inside the vase to reduce the moisture level inside the pumpkin and keep some space between the pumpkin and the arrangement.

Composting and disposing of a pumpkin

When the pumpkin does ultimately decay, the leftover organic matter makes a great compost pile addition, said Joe Masabni, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension horticulturist, Dallas.

"It's best to either blend it or let it dry to break the rinds up into as small of pieces as or store them in the refrigerator or a cool, dry place.

"Don't heat dry them in an oven or in the sun because it could cause damage," he said. "And mark the bag with the pumpkin variety and date."

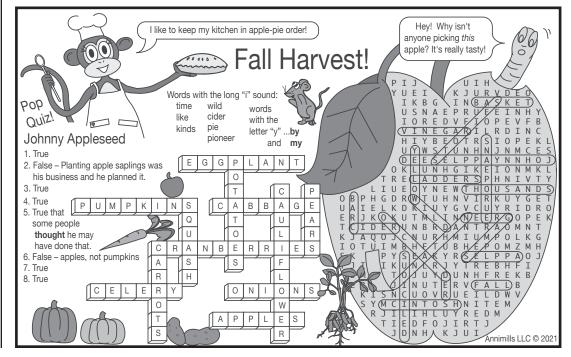
Masabni said if stored correctly, pumpkin seeds can last for at least five years.

Pumpkin for the birds

"Pumpkins that have been used as jack-o'-lan-

Early Voting has begun

Early voting for the November 2, 2021 special election is underway. You may vote early from October 18th to October 29th at the Parmer County Courthouse located at 401 3rd Street in Farwell, Texas. Hours are Mon.-Thur. 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



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The Mighty Chieftain Marching Band competed in the district marching contest last Saturday at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo, Texas. The band had a solid performance and received a II rating from the judges. The band will host a Veterans Day program on Thursday, November 11th beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the High School Gym.





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