



Schools to close until at least May 4th

POOL REPORT 1: Fort Worth Star-Telegram

AUSTIN - Tessa Weinberg, Fort Worth Star-Telegram:

Gov. Greg Abbott extended social distancing guidelines through April 30 and announced Texas schools will remain closed until at least May 4.

As part of Tuesday's executive order, Abbott also deemed certain businesses and services "essential" statewide.

"As the President has made clear, we are not yet done with our response," Abbott said from the Texas Capitol, flanked by state leaders including Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and House Speaker Dennis Bonnen. "We've come too far to falter now. We've made tremendous strides but we have not yet reached our destination."

According to the order, es-

sential services will consist of everything listed in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's guidance on essential critical infrastructure workforce, and include sectors such as public health, transportation, food and agriculture and more.

Religious services are also deemed an essential service and must either be conducted virtually, or abide by appropriate social distancing measures if in-person, Abbott said, giving an example of a "drive-up" service where people remain in their cars.

"That seems like it would satisfy the criteria that we're talking about," Abbott said.

The Texas Division of Emergency Management may approve and add additional essential services, and will

maintain a list at: tdem.texas.gov/essentialservices.

"In short, what this provides is that Texans are expected to limit personal interactions that could lead to the spread of COVID-19, while also still having the freedom to conduct daily activities such as going to the grocery store, so long as you are following the presidential standard of good distance practices," Abbott said.

According to the executive order, business people should avoid visiting in-person including gyms, massage parlors, tattoo and piercing studios, cosmetology salons, and din-

ing-in at restaurants and bars. Drive-through or take-out orders are still allowed and encouraged, Abbott said.

"In particular, all services should be provided through remote telework from home unless they are essential services that cannot be provided through remote telework," according to the order.

The order will go into effect statewide at 12:01 a.m. on Thursday, April 2 and lasts through April 30, in alignment with President Donald Trump's extension of social distancing guidelines through that date.

However, Abbott rejected the language of a "shelter-in-place" or "stay-at-home" order, and stressed that Texans may still leave their homes for essential activities, such as to visit the grocery store or bank, or exercise outdoors.

As of noon Tuesday, Abbott said that there have been at least 3,266 confirmed cases across 122 counties, 41 COVID-19 related deaths and 42,922 Texans that have been tested. Abbott said of the hospital beds available in Texas for COVID-19 patients, only 2.4% are currently occupied.

"Most of these numbers

very importantly were the result of personal interactions in the state of Texas before the distancing practices that have gone in place the last couple of weeks," Abbott said.

Patrick stressed that Texans should not leave home unless necessary, and pointed to Texas' death rate compared to other states.

"If you look at the death rate in Texas -- per capita of 29 million people -- we're one of the lowest in the country. But we need to continue that for the rest of April. And even be better at that," Patrick said.

COVID-19 Update Letter

March 31, 2020

By Jimmy J. Burns, Friona ISD Superintendent

Friona ISD Family and Community:

I am Jimmy Burns, Superintendent for Friona ISD, I would like to say thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate this unprecedented situation. The safety, health and well-being of our students, staff and community is of the utmost importance to us.

Following the new directive of Governor Greg Abbott, Friona ISD schools, offices and facilities will extend their closure until May 4, 2020. Staff please continue to watch for communication from your campus administrators and directors. Instruction for students will be provided during this time of closure. Information on this will continue to be sent out to staff, students and community through multiple communication channels. Friona ISD will practice social distancing and compliance with the expectation of groups less than 10.

Rest assured no decisions will be made at this time regarding May 2020 activities. Our hope is to honor our seniors in a way they have earned and deserve. It is too early to make this call. Please stop by and pick up breakfast and lunch from 9 am - 1 pm on Monday - Friday in front of the Junior High Cafeteria. Please remember that anyone 18 years of age and younger may have a free meal even if they are not enrolled in school.

For the latest information, including ongoing meal service visit the Friona ISD website under the COVID 19 section. THANK YOU for understanding and for your patience. We appreciate your support.

Davila recognized by ICMA for public service

The International City/County Management Association (ICMA) recently recognized members' dedication to public service and professional management at their annual conference in Nashville, Tennessee. Among those recognized was Friona City Manager Leander Davila for his 20 Years of Service. The ICMA advances professional local government through leadership, management, innovation, and ethics. Their vision is to be the leading professional association dedicated to creating and supporting thriving communities throughout the world.

Leander is the 20th City Manager for Friona, and his appointment began on January 2, 2018. Prior to his appointment, he served more than 18 years with the City of



Leander "Lee" Davila

Austin. While in the City of Austin, he served in the City Manager's Office and in the departments of Police, Development Services, Transportation, and Corporate Special Events. Leander also received his bachelor's degree in Organizational Leadership from St. Edward's University in 2016.



Earth Works of Lubbock began work last week on the High School portion of the FIRD Building and Construction Project. The company is also working at the Junior High and the new Primary School location. More photos next week.

Census News

The 2020 Census is underway and households across America are responding every day. In light of recent developments, the U.S. Census Bureau has adjusted 2020 Census operations and deadlines. The deadline to self-respond (online, phone, mail) has been extended to August 14, 2020.

Additionally, the Census is adjusting its operations to make sure college students are counted. College students living in on-campus housing are counted through their university as part of our Group Quarters Operation, which counts all students living in university owned housing. In addition to college dormitories, the Group Quarters Operation also includes places like nursing homes, group homes, halfway houses and prisons.



During their recent 2020 Census Group Quarters Advance Contact operation, they contacted college/university student housing administrators to get their

input on the enumeration methods that will allow students to participate in the 2020 Census. Regardless, if you have a college student who is in your household during the COVID-19 pandemic, they need to be counted in your census report.

If you are curious how the state of Texas is compared to other states, please visit www.2020census.gov and click on "Response Rates" under the "Get the Facts" heading. You can also see how Friona compares to other cities in Texas. And not to brag, but the response rate in Friona as of March 29th was almost the same as the average for the entire state! Way to go Friona! Keep doing your part to be counted and help shape our future!

2020 Census Self-Response Rate Information - April 1, 2020

National Response Rate	34.7%
Texas Self-Response Rate	31.3%
Parmer County Self-Response Rate	19.1%
Friona Self-Response Rate	30.4%
Bovina Self-Response Rate	2.4%
Farwell Self-Response Rate	7.2%

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A Book To Call My Own

All 344 kindergarten and first grade students in the four Independent School Districts in Parmer County received their own book just before Spring Break. Amelia Wright, a member of the Parmer County Retired Teachers and School Personnel (PCRT&SP), delivered the books and read to some of the young learners in the various classrooms.

Amelia read to Terri Stratton's first grade class in Bovina, Trisha McClaran's first

grade class in Farwell, and Rachel Clark's kindergarten class in Friona. In Lazbuddie, she read to students from Kristin Kassel's kindergarten class and Mrs. Kerr's combined first and second grade class.

The goal of PCRT&SP every year is to present each student in Parmer County's kindergarten and first grade classes with a book that they can call their own and take home with them.



Friona



Bovina



Lazbuddie



Farwell

Community Calendar

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April 12
• Easter

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The IRS will be issuing Stimulus checks to all individuals and households that have filed a 2018 and 2019 tax return.

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Individuals who are not required to file can update their information with the IRS by filing a simple tax return.

The IRS plans to start distributing the Stimulus checks in the next three weeks.

You must have a valid Social Security Number and not have been claimed as a dependent to be eligible to receive the Stimulus check.

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Parmer Paws

Paw Prints: Highlights from Parmer Paws

A 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to the prevention of cruelty to animals, the relief of suffering among animals, and the extension of humane education,

Fostering Is A Vital Part of Parmer Paws Animal Rescue Process

Foster care by volunteers saves the lives of dogs or other animals that would otherwise be euthanized. Most city animal control facilities require that owners identify and claim their animal within a specific number of days. If that doesn't occur, the animal is euthanized. Parmer Paws volunteers who foster are the key to preventing that death.

To foster is to provide care and encouragement, to nurture. In Parmer Paws' process, fostering means committing to care for an animal until placement in an adoption facility or a permanent home can be found. Because Parmer Paws' currently does not have a facility for housing animals and processing adoptions, those who volunteer to foster are vital. They commit to take the

animal into their home; to feed, exercise, and water it; to teach the animal to trust humans; and to treat it as their own until placement in an adoption facility is found or until someone chooses to make the animal a permanent part of their family.

Ayden, pictured above, is the son of Gloria Vasquez. This is their fifth time to foster. Gloria explained her reason for fostering this way, "I love fostering because I believe any animal deserves a second chance. I love animals. That's why I decided to help in any way I could. . . . I hope every animal could find their forever home and live there happy ever after. They have feelings too, and deserve a good life."

A fostering commitment might be very short term—



Ayden Teaching Trust to a Parmer Paws Foster Dog

a few days or weeks. Or in the case of the dog pictured above, much longer. She's been with Gloria's family since summer, 2019. Parmer Paws provides food and other supplies for the animals, but it's the fosters who supply a secure, fenced environment with room for exercise, and the other key ingredient, love for animals.

If you would consider fostering, join Parmer Paws today (see forms page on the Friona Star website for

membership application). When you complete the form, indicate fostering as one of the volunteer activities you would perform. If you don't have the secure space or have other factors that prevent you from fostering, you can still be a part of the process by donating money for food and supplies. Mail donations to Parmer Paws P.O. Box 333, Friona, TX 79035. Note on the check memo "food and supplies for animals." Please join us today.

ACROSS

1 TXism: "changes his mind as often ___ does socks"

5 train for boxing

6 seed covering

7 grow weary

8 this heads the party for TXns Bush, Cruz, and Cornyn (abbr.)

9 TX Laura Bush is a member of this patriotic org.

12 TXism: "just ___ in the bucket" (paltry)

17 a TX wildflower that Indians once used for yellow dye

19 this Danny was a Cowboy defensive end (1987-92)

21 Tel Aviv resident

22 founded in Dallas: "Steak ___"

23 TXism: "___ beer and no foam" (genuine)

28 first TX female Secretary of State, Meharg

29 Hamilton bills

30 happy (2 wds.)

31 USMCA will replace this trade pact

35 Madagascar primate

36 TXism: "___ 'music" (lively music)

42 it's still illegal in TX

44 this Warren was in "The Border" with TX Valerie Perrine

46 inner tube on the Guadalupe (2 wds.)

48 TX Audie Murphy's "40 ___ Apache Pass"

49 golf ball holder

50 Rising ____, TX

51 San Jacinto buried treasure: "Santa ___ Paychests"

52 UT grad actor, Wallach

53 this TX Williams was an All-American at Baylor

54 Pittsburg is the seat of this county in East TX

12 "Santa ___ National Wildlife Refuge"

13 TXism: "___ to a hill of beans"

14 TX-based 1961 film: "Two ___ Together"

15 TXism: "fits like ugly ___ ape"

16 TXism: "compadres"

18 Dodge truck

20 dir. to Andrews from Fort Davis

23 Ozzie's wife (init.)

24 this Lovett was 1st pres. of Rice (init.)

25 plant stalk

26 obnoxious person: "___ aleck"

TEXAS CROSSWORD

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Friona Flashbacks

END OF AN ERA: The Fast Stop at Highway 60 and Euclid will close as of Tuesday, March 29. The little store has been a popular stop for over 30 years for fountain drinks, candy, fuel, and lottery tickets. the former Town & Country location in Friona has been purchased by Kendrick Oil Co. and will be operated as a Fast Stop location. Ron Carr photo (Friona Star, March 24, 2005)



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At press time there have been 49 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the Texas Panhandle: Gray County: 1, Moore County: 1, Swisher County: 1, Potter and Randall counties: 33, Castro County: 8, Deaf Smith County: 2, Oldham County: 2, Donley County: 1. There are four confirmed cases in Eastern New Mexico: Curry County: 3, Roosevelt County: 1. There is one confirmed case in the Oklahoma Panhandle: Texas County: 1.

Celebrate Hospital and Nursing Home Workers: Please come join us Friday night, April 3rd at 8:00 p.m. to celebrate our hospital and nursing home workers. We will all park in the parking lot by 8:00 p.m. and will flash our lights at the building. PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CARS. Some will go to the nursing home and some will go to the hospital. THANK YOU for your support. Call Carmen Putman at 806-265-5423 if you have questions.

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April is the fourth month of the year in the Gregorian calendar and its predecessor, the Julian calendar. Its name is derived from the latin word aperit, which means to open. It is considered that April is the month of the growing season and when trees and flowers begin to "open". It is also believed that the month is named after the Greek goddess, Aphrodite (Aphros). April was originally the second month of the year in the Roman calendar and consisted of 30 days. It became the fourth month consisting of only 29 days when January was designated the first month of the year around 450 BCE. April became 30 days long again when Julius Caesar reformed the calendar.

National Days

- April 2 — Peanut Butter and Jelly Day
- April 3 — Tweed Day
- April 4 — Vitamin C Day
- April 5 — Dish Deep Pizza Day
- April 6 — Caramel Popcorn Day
- April 7 — No Housework Day
- April 8 — Zoo Lovers Day

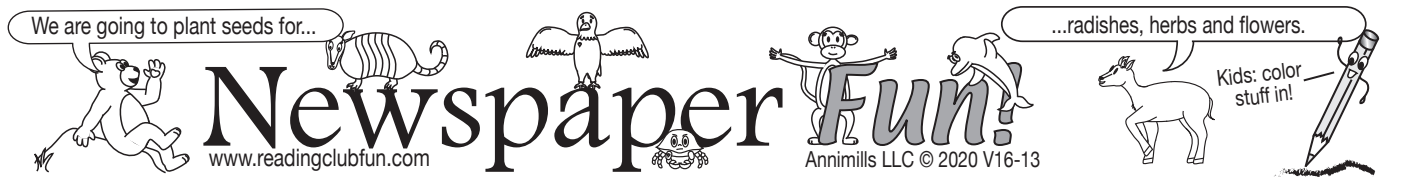
Applications for 2020 Young Farmer Grants - Round 2 due April 9, 2020

This is a friendly reminder, the application due date for the 2020 Young Farmer Grant - Round 2 is Thursday, April 9, 2020 by close of business (5:00 PM).

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions in place, the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) will only be accepting applications via email (preferred) or mail. Please DO NOT deliver applications in person to the TDA Headquarters in Austin.

Young Farmer Grants are administered by TDA under the direction of the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority. The purpose of this program is to provide financial assistance in the form of dollar-for-dollar matching grant funds to individuals between the age of 18 and under 46 years of age who are engaged or will be engaged in creating or expanding an agricultural business in Texas.

Although TDA is currently on a skeleton crew/telework policy, we are still working normal office hours and available to assist you. Please contact us via email at Grants@TexasAgriculture.gov or by telephone (512) 463-6695 or (512) 463-6616. Go to texasagriculture.gov for more information. Click on the Grants & Services tab and then click Young Farmer Grant.



There are many jobs to be done after a long winter. People in the city, town and country all do spring cleaning and chores based on their needs. Read the clues to fill in the crossword with chores. How many of these jobs have you seen people doing? How many did you help to do? (Hint: use a pencil to fill in the clues below first. This is tricky!)

It's Time for... Spring Cleaning

1. _____ messy closets
2. _____ your warmer weather clothes that have been in storage
3. _____ seeds so you can watch things grow
4. _____ flowers to give the house some color
5. _____ sidewalks that have gathered sand and dirt
6. _____ fences that have been damaged during the winter
7. _____ out your house with a fresh crisp breeze
8. _____ storm windows with screens
9. _____ driveways so that we can move cars about easily
10. _____ the overgrown grass on the lawn
11. _____ weeds from the garden
12. _____ the furniture in your room for a new look
13. _____ the dust out of rugs
14. _____ soot from the chimney
15. _____ the overgrown bushes
16. wash and _____ the car
17. _____ clean the dirty carpet
18. _____ laundry to dry on a clothesline

Wow! Look what I'm finding under your bed!

It's that time of year when we can open the windows and freshen everything!

A good spring cleaning after winter is almost a pleasure to complete. Then, once our homes are in order, we are ready for sunny, warm summer.

Yikes!

Can You Clean Up These Messes?

How many of these DUST KITTIES did I find under your bed? Look around the whole page. Put your answer in the biggest bubble.

Have you ever heard of "slang"? It is a way of talking that is a little different from the standard English in books. For example, if I say, "Boy, we really cleaned up at the garage sale," I am telling you that we made a lot of money, not that I put away all the things we had for sale.

Can you match these slang expressions to their meanings?

1. clean sweep
2. clean out
3. clean hands
4. come clean
5. keep one's nose clean

- A. to stay out of trouble
- B. to win everything
- C. innocent, has done nothing wrong
- D. to take everything, empty
- E. confess, tell the whole story

What things might you use to clean up? Can you find these items in the scrub brush and circle them?

vacuum cleaner, paper towels, trash barrel, hedge clippers, brush, pail, soap, wax, ladder, broom, water, rags, rake, mop, hose, sponges

Busting Dust!

Little, fluffy, grey balls of dust found under the couch or behind the door are called "dust bunnies" or "dust kittens." We are usually made up of skin cells, hair and tiny pieces of dirt. To people, we can be a nuisance. We sometimes block air filters, get into computers or just gather together under your furniture. We can make people sneeze! Read each numbered word or phrase below. Next, choose the correct definition by circling the letter "A" or "B."

1. dust
2. dust bunnies
3. an item is "collecting dust"
4. the flies "bit the dust"
5. the lead runner left the others "in the dust"
6. I'm going to "dust off" my hobby box
7. when she works she "makes the dust fly"

- A. tiny pieces of dirt, skin, hair
- A. bunnies that clean your house
- A. isn't being used anymore
- A. died
- A. was far ahead of the others
- A. put the box into the closet
- A. she works with lots of energy

- B. tiny flower seeds
- B. little clumps of fluffy, grey dust
- B. putting dust into a bag
- B. ate dust for their lunch
- B. knocked other runners into the dirt
- B. take it out of storage to use again
- B. the dust balls jump into little airplanes

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April 2
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April 6
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Steffan Busch
Chad Hutson
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April 3
Charla Chesher
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Glendel Jones
Caleb Ramirez
Kaden Jeter

April 7
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Rickey Downs
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

I would like everyone to read Texas Governor Abbott's executive orders from March 19th and our County's emergency declaration March 23rd. You may notice some differences. The Governor's declaration states that "every person in Texas shall avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people." I believe the wording he used [shall avoid] may have been specifically designed to be somewhat legally ambiguous in order to avoid violating constitutionally enumerated liberties. That may or may not be the case, but how do you enforce instructions to "avoid" social gatherings? Also the Governor's executive order does not include the threat of fines or imprisonment for violating these emergency measures.

The First Amendment of the US Constitution we are all familiar with. Have you also read in the Texas Constitution Article I, Sections 6, 19, 27, 29 where it protects the rights of Texans to peacefully assemble with others, practice our religion, and protects us from overzealous government intrusion on our liberty?

Our County's declaration includes language that says it "authorizes the County to take any actions necessary" and "hereby limits the size of gatherings" and "mandates the cancellation of all such gatherings of more than 10 people..." Take any actions necessary? (How far are they willing to go I have to wonder?)

Having looked through much of the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 which is cited in the County's declaration, I cannot find the specific legal authority for any of these mandates. I invite others to do the same, if you need some sleep. When asked for the specific legal authority for limiting peaceful assembly of citizens, there is no citation of law that can be given by anyone. Only the circular logic that the disaster declaration creates a new "crime" out of thin air, and can be enforced, because it is an emergency decree. Of course nobody is going to be charged for this crime, because they know it will never hold up in court and would be a waste of time. They are hoping the threat is sufficient to get us to comply.

This may seem like a petty argument about wording, but I think it is a serious issue. It is in times of crisis that those in power seek to take freedoms away. This is why our freedoms are specifically protected by our Constitutions.

Here is a hypothetical: If we as a community decide that our government officials have overstepped their bounds in this matter, and we decide to have a neighborhood meeting about it, and more than 10 show up we can be threatened with fines or imprisonment. Think about that for a bit then go read our County's decree again.

Believe me, I am all for safety and being responsible to not spread this disease. We need to take this virus problem seriously. Members of my family are at high risk. A good responsible citizen should take the Governor's instructions to heart and not make the problem worse. But I am also for the rule of law, especially in how it is structured to protect our freedoms. Remember the old adage from our country's founding: if we are willing to give up a little freedom for safety, we will end up with neither.

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COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from March 19, 2020 to March 26, 2020

(3/20/2020) Daren G. Rubio — Brandon Lunsford — S 10 L 12 and all of L 13 and 14 Block 20 Original Town of Farwell

(3/20/2020) Richard Ritchie Herring — Rex Wells — A tract of land out of the NE part of Sec 20 Township 1 N R 4 E in Parmer County a 2.544 Ac tract out of NE quarter of Sec 20 Township 1 N R in Parmer

(3/20/2020) David Henry Clark — Betsy Shea Clark, Paula Gay Clark — All of Lot 8 of B 49 of Original Town of Friona Parmer County Vol 277 Pg 617 ET Seq of Deeds in Parmer

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SHERIFF'S REPORT

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Randy Gerles, Sheriff

3-23-20 — Fernando Martinez, 20, of Bovina was arrested by Parmer County SO on a MTR (Possession of Marijuana < 2 oz), pending County Court

3-26-20 — Erney Diaz, 18, of Friona was arrested by Friona PD on a charge of Possession of Marijuana < 2 oz in Drug Free Zone, pending County Court

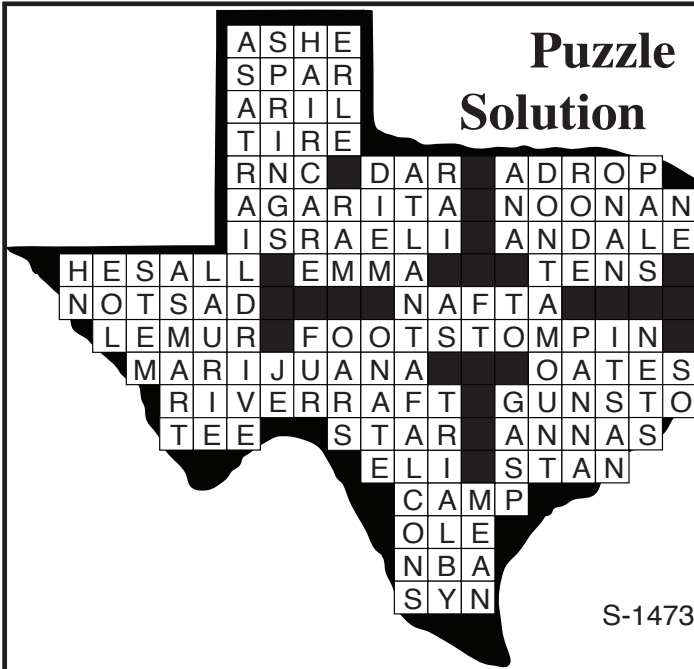
Texas Weekly Fuel Update and Outlook

Texas gas prices have fallen 10.5 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$1.75 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations. Gas prices in Texas are 38.0 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 71.0 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$1.25 while the most expensive is \$2.54 per gallon. The national average price of gasoline has fallen 10.1 cents in the last week, averaging \$1.97 per gallon. The national average is down 45.5 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 72.7 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

"This week, we saw the 38th straight day the national average gas price has fallen, and the first week of the national average being under \$2/gal for the first time in over four years as motorists park their cars and shelter in place, leading to an unprecedented drop never before seen in U.S. gasoline demand, causing prices to sink like a rock," said Patrick DeHaan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "With the nation continuing to be under siege from the coronavirus and millions staying parked at home, there's quite a bit more downside that's in the pipeline coming in the weeks ahead. We could easily see the national average fall 50 cents to a dollar per gallon, while pricey states like California will see the biggest drops to come, playing catch up to the drop that has seen twenty nine states average gas prices fall under \$2. Motorists should continue to be vigilant if they need to fill their tanks- bring hand sanitizer and potentially wipes, but also shop around as the gap between stations widens to historic levels."

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



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Hang In There!

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

It is hard to wrap my brain around the events of the last month and all the things that are going on. Shortages of toilet paper never crossed my mind. The term "shelter in place" taking on a new meaning as the world deals with an enemy so small yet striking fear in the hearts of many, not just people but nations. Yet the word that comes to my mind often these days is perseverance.

Perseverance, to be steadfast and patient to continue in the face of hardship. I just wanted to take a moment to encourage you if I could, to hang in there. I feel we have faced harder times historically, yet in our time this virus has challenged us. In rising to the challenge, I think for some they have found family in ways that many didn't realize was being lost. Some have found time to simply think and, in the process, have grown in their faith. Others have been hit hard by loss and that has led others to pray more fervently.

Peter in writing to Christians in the first century who were being persecuted for their faith says this, **"Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you. Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world. After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you. To Him be dominion forever and ever. Amen. 1 Peter 5:6-10 NASV**

I believe these are words we need to hear, and I hope you can draw some encouragement in knowing you are not alone. We are here for each other as a community and I pray we grow from this challenge. Hang in there my friend. God bless.

Unshakable

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

The fabric of our culture and our world is in the midst of a shaking that has not been seen in the lifetime of most who are alive. The safety, ease and security that we used to enjoy has been attacked by an unseen invader, whose infectious infiltration is spreading far and wide. The extent of the devastation is yet to be seen, but the swells of this storm have continued to pound the kingdoms of the world. In times of shaking, deep, devastating and disastrous shaking, where do you look?

Hebrews 12:28-29 says, "Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire," (ESV). As Christians we can be unshakable in our faith, even in the midst of times of great shaking, because of whose kingdom we belong to. The kingdom we "receive" at salvation is our citizenship into the Lord's kingdom. His kingdom is a reflection of who He is, which is why it is "a kingdom that cannot be shaken." As Christians we can rest in this reality even when the world around us is shaking. This does not make us immune to the trials and tribulations, but through the trials and tribulations Christ is our peace and joy and hope and anchor.

Therefore, in the midst of great shaking, keep your focus on the unshakable one. Pray diligently to the sovereign king of the universe to intervene, pray for those on the front lines of medicine and community leadership navigating through this crisis, and most of all, pray that people will come to know Christ. Act in small ways to uplift those around you, call and encourage those you can't go see, minister as the Lord leads, and soak yourself in the Word of God daily, so that your confidence will grow and that God will be glorified through you.

Engagement



Devault - Hough

David & Rene Hough of Friona announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their son, Tyler Wesley Hough, to Cassidy Joy Devault, daughter of Kendall & Tracy Devault of Farwell, Texas.

The bride-to-be graduated from Texas Tech University in 2019 with a B.S. in Animal Science and a minor in Agribusiness Management. She is employed by Bayer Crop Science in Lubbock. The groom-to-be graduated from Texas Tech University in 2019 with a B.S. in Agricultural and Applied Economics. He is a self-employed farmer in the Friona area.

A wedding is planned for August 2020 in Lubbock.

Send your church news to the **Friona Star**
frionastar@wtrt.net

Keep Friona Clean Roll-off box to open up for waste items

The City will open up the roll-off box this Saturday, April 4, from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Please come by to dump those items that don't belong in your dumpster and do your part to help Keep Friona Clean!

The roll-off box is located at East 8th and South Jackson Ave. It is a free service provided to Friona residents. Examples of items not allowed in dumpsters includes: steel and metal, mattresses and furniture, refrigerators/AC units, paint

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



Look in the Mirror

By Teena Hughs

My sweet, sweet friend Marjorie lost her husband, Charlie, of almost 70 years on Christmas Eve. It has been really tough for her. Today would have been Charlie's 90+ birthday.

God used Charlie to offer me assurance during one of the most difficult seasons of my life, and he didn't even know what I was really going through.

My friend Marjorie is missing church; she is missing fellowship; she misses her friends; she misses Charlie sitting by her in church.

I missed church yesterday, too. I think yesterday was the first time since we moved to Friona in August of 1993 that I missed church while being here and not being sick. I didn't like it. I felt like I was doing something wrong by not being in church. I listened to three services, and each minister reminded me that God was with me in my house, but it didn't feel the same as being in a sanctuary. Maybe it is just me, I don't know.

There have been days when I didn't want to go to church, but I made myself go. There are Sundays when I didn't think I was going to get anything from the service, and I was touched in a way I never dreamed possible. There have been Sundays where I would have missed seeing people from out of town had I not made the effort to go.

Going to church is a choice we make every Sunday. If you are not going to church, I encourage you to find a church and make a practice of regular attendance so that you can discover why going to church is so important for your life; so you can be touched and transformed by the Holy Spirit; so you can experience the love of God; so you can have a "church" family that fills in when you don't have family.

We are in un-chartered waters with this virus, and people are doing what they truly believe is best to navigate those waters. But, I hope and pray that when all of this is behind us, we will run, not walk, to the church of our choice; that we won't ever take going to church for granted; that we will allow the Holy Spirit to make us more like the precious Son of God; that we will be active in making disciples for Christ.

Friona is blessed with many churches. If you belong to a church, but your attendance has fallen behind, choose to go back to church and see what you have been missing. If you don't have a church, ask someone you trust to lead you to a church.

I hope you are missing church as much as I am. I know a church somewhere is missing you and needing you to come and worship God. Take care and enjoy Palm Sunday.

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State Capital Highlights

By Ed Sterling



White House grants disaster declaration for state of Texas

AUSTIN — President Trump on March 25 issued a major disaster declaration for the state of Texas as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Trump's action came at the request of Gov. Greg Abbott, who is seeking additional federal assistance to combat the disease. In recent days Abbott issued multiple waivers of state laws to remove barriers limiting the response to the pandemic. He also activated the Texas National Guard to be prepared to assist with response efforts.

Abbott said the president's declaration "opens up new sources of funding for individual and public assistance that will help Texas respond to this public health emergency and protect public health and safety."

Federal aid is earmarked to overcome current and prospective shortages of personal protective gear, medical equipment, testing supplies, hospital beds and medical personnel.

Meanwhile, Abbott has ordered the temporary closure of in-person school operations and prohibited non-critical visits to nursing homes, retirement or long-term care facilities. He also has mandated that Texans avoid:

- Social gatherings of more than 10 people;
- Dine-in eating and drinking at bars or restaurants; and
- Gyms or massage establishments.

On March 28 the Texas Department of State Health Services reported 25,483 people had been tested so far for COVID-19 in Texas. Of those, 2,552 tests were reported as positive and there had been 34 deaths.

Quarantine orders issued

Gov. Abbott on March 26 issued an executive order mandating a self-quarantine for individuals traveling to Texas as their final destination through an airport from the New York-New Jersey-Connecticut area or from the city of New Orleans.

Abbott said the order, consistent with the guidance of Dr. Anthony Fauci and Dr. Deborah Birx of the White House Coronavirus Task Force, would be enforced by the Texas Department of Public Safety. Self-quarantines will last 14 days or for the duration of a person's presence in Texas, whichever is shorter.

Abbott said the executive order does not apply to people traveling in connection with military service, emergency response, health response or critical-infrastructure functions, as may be determined by the Texas Division of Emergency Management.

The executive order would remain in force until he modifies, amends, rescinds or supercedes it, Abbott said.

On March 29, Abbott issued another executive order that expands the quarantine mandate to include air travelers arriving from the states of California, Louisiana and Washington and the cities of Atlanta, Chicago, Detroit and Miami.

A person in quarantine is prohibited from allowing visitors into or out of the designated quarantine location — other than a physician or healthcare provider — and is prohibited from visiting any public spaces.

Announcements, actions

The following are few of many announcements posted last week by the governor's office relating to actions to combat COVID-19:

— Texas received a \$16.2 million grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Community Living to provide meals for older adults. The grant was part of a \$250 million outlay authorized by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act signed into law by President Trump on March 18.

— Texas received \$36.9 million from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as part of the state's initial allotment of funding from the first emergency coronavirus bill passed by Congress. The Texas Department of State Health Services will distribute \$19.5 million to 43 local health departments to aid in their COVID-19 response, including \$1.75 million for Dallas County, Tarrant County and the San Antonio Metro Health District. Remaining funds will be used by DSHS to support operations in areas of the state not covered by local health departments and for statewide response activities.

— Gov. Abbott and the Texas Health and Human Services Commission on March 25 requested permission from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to allow Texas Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program recipients to use their benefits at take out and drive-thru restaurants throughout the state. If approved, this action would open up another food source for 3.2 million Texans as the effort to combat COVID-19 continues.

— Gov. Abbott on March 24 directed the Texas Department of State Health Services to issue guidance allowing restaurants to sell bulk retail products from restaurant supply chain distributors directly to consumers for home consumption, provided that such foods are in their original condition, packaging, or presented as received by the restaurant.

Agencies to stay on job

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on March 25 issued a letter explaining that political subdivisions may not restrict state agency personnel, agents and contractors from providing governmental services, including travel to and from work.

Paxton said the authoritative document is Gov. Abbott's Executive Order GA-08, which says, "all critical infrastructure will remain operational, and government entities and businesses will continue providing essential services."

Local government regulations must remain consistent with the state constitution and laws, Paxton added.

Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



Sue Jane Sullivan is a freelance writer residing in Austin, Texas. She retired after teaching 41 years, all in the same public school district in Borden County (Gail, Texas).

"Once, when I was describing to a friend from Syracuse, New York, a place on the plains that I love... with a view of almost fifty miles, she asked, "But what is there to see?" The answer, of course, is nothing. Land, sky, and the ever-changing light."

—Kathleen Norris, *Dakota: A Spiritual Geography*

For the most part, my readership consists of rural dwellers.

Country folks. Small town inhabitants.

For three-quarters of my life, this setting was my home as well.

Geographical demographics, however, can be relative. Abilene, where I spent my college years, was enormous compared to my hometown of Snyder; but, the Key City as it was also known was some little podunk place with "nothing to do," according to my university classmates who hailed from Houston and Dallas. Compared to Gail, Texas, where I lived for 41 years, Snyder is a metropolis.

I've written about this subject before. Geography impacts our politics, our faith, our economic values, and our reactions to events such as the health crisis we face now. It has taken a pandemic, the first in three generations to strike the U.S., to bring home to roost the importance of teaching social studies. The study of histories, governments, human-environment interactions, and cultural norms on our planet is vital. As it turns out, the first three months of 2020 have already provided a textbook's worth of material.

For the urban dweller, the need for social distancing hit sooner simply due to the movement of more people—many of whom had just spent spring break traveling. My family and friends in West Texas are more insulated, more isolated. Living in small communities or on farms ten miles from town allowed for a natural resistance at first; however, as the virus has spread, healthy respect among more sparsely populated areas exists.

Another theme of social studies is human/environment interaction. Governors and mayors are determining what essential services for urban areas involve: law enforcement, medical transports, food services, public works, and construction work. The rural community's essential services would add agricultural and energy-related employment. These services are determined, of course, by safety needs but also by the goal of maintaining economic stability. If I am sitting in my lounge chair in Gail America and hear 30,000 ventilators are needed, it may come across as an inflated number. If I am a nurse or doctor in one of the numerous hospitals in New York City, that number may seem a low estimate. Geography, not politics, has affected my take on that story.

Hoarding has a negative connotation any-

way, but this month it took on a new low. It stems from panic, which rarely helps a problematic situation. We look to the rural dweller who has made an art of the common-sense stocking of dry goods, staples, and perishables because 60-mile round trips to a larger town are not daily norms. Inexperienced city folk have not perfected this skill because the convenience of a market or café is just around the corner. The pandemic has changed eating lifestyles for many urban dwellers. Quarantines have also shone a light on small-town shopping savvy—stocking, not hoarding, is wise and polite.

On the other hand, rural residents can follow some of the measures that cities have undertaken. Arguably, those who live rurally cherish their independence and sovereignty more so than the urban resident. Outside play or daily chores on ranches and farms does not generate the risk experienced in Austin. Yet, the themes of social studies are interrelated. For example, my two granddaughters living in a small town may never visit a large city during this quarantine. Still, if someone from a small community travels or moves about extensively and then transmits those germs upon return, the results would be multiple exposures. Sort of like small-town gossip, a virus could exponentially spread quicker in rural communities and cause just as much damage.

We may see more movement away from urban areas after the virus runs its course and vaccinations become available. The young high-rise couple who grew dependent on their hip cafés and coffee shops may realize that a one-horse town with a Mr. Coffee in the local diner offers a peaceful haven. Elderly folks or young parents, however, may want to be nearer a city to facilitate access to health care as well as curb delivery services. Another facet of social studies curriculum--economics--finds itself in a primary role due to COVID-19's impact. Young people now have concrete evidence of the importance of saving for the unexpected. In addition, society may re-evaluate the labor hierarchy: the vital work of those without college degrees showing up for their shifts in risky custodial positions ought never to be demeaned again.

My preference for hanging my hat? It will always be rural over urban. The plain's horizon, where "nothing" is seen, paints breathtaking scenes as it extends roads for miles and miles on what feels like a highway through heaven for the traveler in me.

Yet, this historic health event looming over us will be confronted best by not focusing on our geographical differences or biases but by highlighting the need to walk a city block or a country mile in someone else's shoes or boots. Now is a good time to remember the answer to the question, "Lord, who is my neighbor?"

Social Security Recipients WILL get Stimulus Checks

WASHINGTON, DC, Mar 31 -- "It's the ONE question nearly all Social Security recipients are asking: Will I get a Coronavirus stimulus check? If yes, do I get one even if I haven't filed a tax return in recent years? The answers are YES and YES!, says Jeff Szymanski, political analyst at the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC].

The "Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act" (CARES Act) passed by Congress provides for substantial stabilization of America's economy during

the unprecedented medical crisis now sweeping the country. The Act provides critically needed funding in key areas like expanded unemployment benefits and specific aid to many business segments facing extraordinary disruption, along with financial relief payments to most Americans, subject to income guidelines below.

"Under the Act's provisions, Americans having a valid Social Security number will receive direct cash assistance, specifically including those who receive

welfare and Social Security benefits. Relief payments will be \$1,200 for individuals, \$2,400 for couples, and \$500 per child, for individuals with incomes at or below \$75,000 (\$112,500 for heads of household) and couples with income at or below \$150,000. Individuals earning up to \$99,000 and couples up to \$198,000 will receive a reduced payment, prorated according their higher income level," according to Szymanski.

The procedural details on how the approved payments will get into the hands of re-

ipients are still being finalized, but these are the general elements:

- According to Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, most payments should be in the hands of recipients within three weeks
- Eligibility for cash payments is based on income as reported in your most recent income tax return (note: adjusted gross income is the figure used)
- If you did not file tax returns and are receiving Social Security payments, the IRS can use your Form SSA-1099 Social Security Benefit Statement or your Form RRB-1099 Social Security Equivalent Benefit Statement to send your check
- If you have received a tax

refund in the last two years by direct deposit, that's where your money will be sent. If not, the IRS will mail a check to your "last known address"

• The IRS will mail a notice confirming distribution of your payment, along with IRS contact information if you haven't actually received the confirmed payment

• You do not need to do anything in advance. For many recipients, the IRS has your banking information and will likely execute direct transfers to your account

AMAC's sister organization, The AMAC Foundation, updates a site five days a week entitled

The Social Security Report. For the absolute latest daily information on this vital program, visit www.socialsecurityreport.org. Many of this week's headline and latest news posts on The Social Security Report deal specifically with The CARES Act (Stimulus Bill), and those seeking more detailed information will find it a valuable resource.

But to reiterate, reports Szymanski, "YES, Social Security recipients are eligible and need do nothing at all to receive their \$1,200 per person relief payments due them. If you are required to file a tax form, it is likely that having done so already may speed up delivery of the payment."

Social Security Benefits Will be Paid On Time

Andrew Saul, Commissioner of Social Security, reminds the public that Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefit payments will continue to be paid on time during the COVID-19 pandemic. The agency also reminds everyone to be aware of scammers who try to take advantage of the pandemic to trick people into providing personal information or payment via retail gift cards, wire transfers, internet currency, or by mailing cash, to maintain Social Security benefit payments or receive economic impact payments from the Department of the

Treasury.

"Social Security will pay monthly benefits on time and these payments will not be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic," Commissioner Saul said. "I want our beneficiaries to be aware that scammers may try to trick you into thinking the pandemic is stopping or somehow changing your Social Security payments, but that is not true. Don't be fooled."

The agency continues to direct the public to its online self-service options whenever possible. Local offices are closed to the public but are available by phone. To allow available

agents to provide better phone coverage, the agency is temporarily changing the National 800 Number hours starting on Tuesday, March 31, 2020. The hours will change from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. local time to 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. local time.

The agency is experiencing longer than normal wait times on the 800 Number and asks the public to remain patient, use its online services at www.socialsecurity.gov, or call their local office. Please visit the agency's COVID-19 web page at www.socialsecurity.gov/coronavirus/ for important information and updates.

City Employee graduates from West Texas Ems Resource Program



Friona Public Library employee Valeria Cumpian recently graduated from the West Texas EMS Resources Program. This program is intended to certify and prepare student to be functional EMTs at a local EMS service. Pictured (left to right) are Valeria's husband, Luis Cumpian, Valeria Cumpian and family members Anyuli Lopez and Richard Rodriguez.



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It's Time for... Spring Cleaning

Did you match these slang expressions to their meanings?

- clean sweep
- clean out
- clean hands
- come clean
- keep one's nose clean

A. to stay out of trouble
B. to win everything
C. innocent; has done nothing wrong
D. to take everything; empty
E. confess, tell the whole story

Busting Dust!

- dust
- dust bunnies
- an item is "collecting dust"
- the flies "bit the dust"
- the lead runner left the others "in the dust"
- I'm going to "dust off" my hobby box
- when she works she "makes the dust fly"

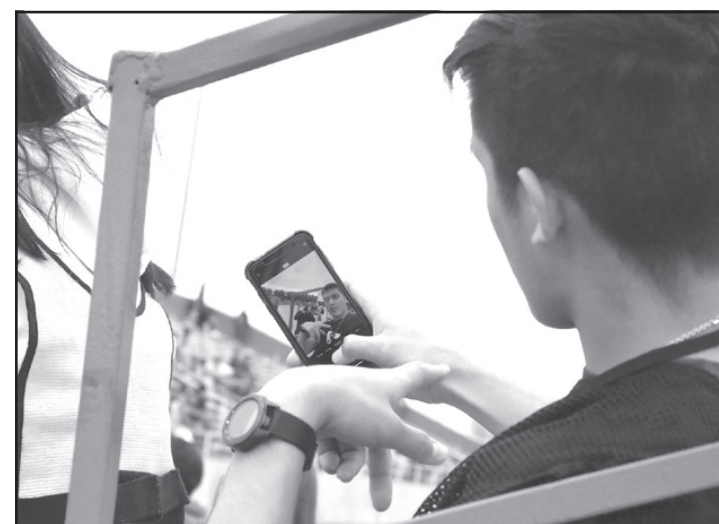
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Small Town Cookin'

By Jeri Lynn White

Peanut Butter and Jelly

We learned several weeks ago about the history of peanuts. Let's dig a little deeper and see how peanut butter was created. There is evidence that South American Indians were the first to grind peanuts into a paste. It wasn't until 1884 that Marcellus Gilmore Edson from Canada patented peanut paste. However, peanut butter as we know it today began its journey in the late 1890's when a St. Louis physician used peanuts to make a protein substitute to feed his patients. Along this same time, Dr. John Harvey Kellogg, of cereal fame, also created a steamed and ground version of peanut butter that he fed to his patients to encourage them to become vegetarians. An employee of Dr. Kellogg's, Joseph Lambert, made a peanut grinder to create peanut butter himself and created the Lambert Food Company in 1896. Around 1903 Dr. Ambrose Straub patented a peanut butter making machine. However, peanut butter wasn't officially introduced to the United States until 1904 at the St. Louis World's Fair by C.H. Sumner. It wasn't long until peanut butter took off. In 1908 the Krema Products company began to sell peanut butter, but it was only available in Ohio. This company is the oldest peanut butter producer still in business today. Joseph Rosefield, from California, invented the process for making smooth peanut butter as well as developing a process that made the peanut butter last longer on the shelf by keeping the oil from separating in the peanut butter by using partially hydrogenated oil. He sold a license of his process to the Pond Company that began selling Peter Pan Peanut Butter. After a falling out with the Pond Company, Rosefield began to make his own peanut butter under the name Skippy. In 1958, Proctor and Gamble started producing the most popular brand today, Jif. Peanut butter became a part of rations in both World War I and II. It is believed that the United States Army popularized the peanut butter and jelly sandwich during World War II. For more information see www.peanut-butter.org and www.nationalpeanutboard.org.

This Thursday, April 2 is National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day. What an easy way to feed whoever is stuck at home again this week. Bill likes his bread toasted so the peanut butter is slightly melted and, of course, layered only with Welch's grape jelly. Remember a few years ago when Peter Pan peanut butter wasn't available? Well, that may seem like a minor inconvenience compared to our current situation, but at the time, it was serious business. Peter Pan is the only kind of peanut butter allowed in our house. Jarrett and Adaline have been known to make a PB and J and then toast it in a skillet like a grilled cheese sandwich. Both are delicious versions. However, I thought in celebration of this food holiday, you might be in the mood for a few different ways to enjoy peanut butter and jelly. Although I haven't tried any of these recipes, I think they all sound good enough to give a try.

Peanut Butter and Jelly Crumb Muffins

www.howsweeteats.com

INGREDIENTS

6 tablespoons unsalted butter	3/4 cup milk
3/4 cup peanut butter	12 ounces strawberry preserves
1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour	CRUMB TOPPING
1 teaspoon baking soda	1/3 cup brown sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt	1/3 cup sugar
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon	1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
1 large egg	1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup packed brown sugar	1/2 cup unsalted butter, melted
2 teaspoons vanilla extract	1 1/2 cup all-purpose flour

INSTRUCTIONS

Note: these muffins are going to be denser and richer than your normal "muffin" - but since peanut butter is a thick and rich ingredient, there isn't much way around the loads of flavor unless you want to use a peanut butter extract. The key is to work quickly here before the peanut butter starts to firm up again, so I suggest measuring out all of your ingredients before starting.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Place the butter and peanut butter together in a bowl and microwave for 30 seconds, stirring well. If the entire mixture is not melted, microwave in 15 second increments, stirring well after each, until it is. Set aside to cool slightly. In a bowl, whisk together the flour, baking soda, salt and spices. Set aside. Line a muffin tin with liners. Spray the liners with nonstick spray - this will help keep the thicker crumbly dough together. You actually don't even need to use liners as long as you spray the tin well, let the muffins cool completely and gently lift them out with a spoon.

In a large bowl, whisk together the egg, brown sugar and vanilla extract until smooth. Stir in the butter and peanut butter, mixing until smooth - the batter will be slightly thick. Add in the dry ingredients and stir until almost combined (it will be very thick) then add in the milk and stir until a batter forms, trying not to overmix. Fill the liners 3/4 of the way full. Use an ice cream scoop or equal measure for each. Press a tablespoon or so of the strawberry preserves into the center of the batter, pushing it into the middle. It's okay if it goes down the sides! Press the tops of each generously with the crumb topping. Bake for 18 to 22 minutes. Let cook before trying to remove the muffins if you did not use a liner - if you did use a liner, try to let them cool before peeling the liner off.

CRUMB TOPPING

To make the crumb topping, whisk together the sugar, cinnamon, salt and melted butter until combined. Whisk for a good minute or two until the sugar begins to dissolve, then use a wooden spoon to stir in the flour. The mixture will be crumb-like and dry. Almost like a sludge or paste. This is what you want!

Peanut Butter and Jelly Cookies

www.pipandebby.com

Ingredients

1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour	1/3 cup granulated sugar
1 tsp. baking soda	3 tbsp. milk
1 tsp. salt	1 tsp. vanilla extract
1/2 cup butter-flavored shortening	1 large egg
1 cup creamy peanut butter	1/2 cup grape jelly
1 cup dark brown sugar	1/2 cup creamy peanut butter

Instructions

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. In a medium bowl, combine flour, baking soda and salt; set aside. In a large bowl, combine shortening, peanut butter, both sugars, milk and vanilla. With a hand-held mixer, beat on medium speed until just combined. Add egg and beat until incorporated. Gradually add flour mixture and mix until combined. Roll heaping tablespoons of dough into balls with hands. Place on ungreased baking sheets and press into the centers with thumbs to form wells. In each well, place 1/2 teaspoon of jelly and 1/2 teaspoon of peanut butter. Bake in the preheated oven for 10-12 minutes. Let cool.

Peanut Butter and Jelly Blondies

Averiecooks.com

Ingredients

1/2 cup butter, melted (1 stick)
 1/4 cup creamy peanut butter, melted
 1 cup light brown sugar, packed
 1 large egg
 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1/4 to 1/3 cup creamy peanut butter
 1/4 to 1/3 cup jelly (strawberry, grape, raspberry, cherry)

Instructions

Preheat oven to 350F. Line an 8-by-8-inch pan with aluminum foil, spray with cooking spray; set aside. In a medium microwave-safe bowl, melt the butter, about 60 seconds. To the melted butter, add 1/4 cup peanut butter and heat for 30 to 45 seconds to soften the peanut butter. Stir until the melted butter-peanut butter mixture is smooth and combined. Add the brown sugar and stir to combine. Add the egg, vanilla, and stir to combine. Add the flour, salt, and stir until just combined, taking care not to over-mix or the blondies will be tough. Pour batter into prepared pan, smoothing it lightly with a spatula or offset knife if necessary.

To the top of the batter, add 1/4 to 1/3 cup peanut butter, dolloped out in 4 or 5 tablespoon-sized mounds. Add 1/4 to 1/3 cup jelly, dolloped out in 4 or 5 tablespoon-sized mounds. Using a knife, marble the peanut butter and jelly in a zig-zag pattern, up and back, back and forth, across the pan until peanut butter and jelly is dispersed and marbled; do not over-do it or surface will look muddy rather than swirled or marbled.

Bake for 22 to 27 minutes, or until edges begin to slightly pull away from sides of pan, center is set and golden, and a toothpick comes out clean; do not overbake. Allow blondies to cool for at least 45 minutes before slicing and serving. Store blondies in an airtight container at room temperature or in the refrigerator for up to 1 week, or in the freezer for up to 3 months. Makes an 8-by-8-inch pan, 9 generous squares.

The blondies are ripe for substitutions and variations. Add about 1 cup of any of the following stirred into the batter: peanut butter, chocolate, butterscotch, or white chocolate chips; toffee bits, fresh or frozen fruit including cherries, blackberries, raspberries, blueberries; diced or whole peanuts, slivered almonds; diced candy such as Peanut Butter Cups, Reese's Pieces, Peanut M&Ms, Peanut Butter M&Ms or whatever strikes your fancy.

The Convenient Truth

Esperanza Herrera retired this past Monday after a 27-year career in the convenient store business. She began working at Fast Stop when it was located east of the Junior High School. She started working at the current location, 214 & Highway 60, when the Kendrick family bought the store from Town & Country. Esperanza worked at Fast

Stop for 25 years and then for YesWay for one year after the company purchased it from Fast Stop. She has worked for Hop In during the past year after they bought the store from YesWay. Esperanza would like to thank Friona and all of her loyal customers who have supported her over the years. Thank you, Esperanza!

Hop-In would like to say thank you to Friona for supporting them during their first year in business. **NEW HOP-IN STORE HOURS are Sunday through Saturday from 6 a.m. until 8 p.m. and Chester's Chicken/Hop-In Grill Hours are Sunday through Saturday from 6 a.m. until 7 p.m. with take-out service only.**



Hop-In management (l-r) Shelly Cardonita (District Manager/10 Stores), Esperanza Herrera (newly retired Store Manager), and Pam Radford (new Store Manager)



Bob's Heating & Air Conditioning of Hereford finished installing the new heating and air conditioning system at the Friona Community Center last week. Up next is a new roof for the facility to be installed by Hamilton Steel and Concrete of Canyon.

Friona Blood Drive is April 9th

The Friona Noon Lions Club is sponsoring a Friona Community Blood Drive on Thursday, April 9th from Noon until 7:00 p.m. in the Calvary Baptist Church Fellowship Hall at 1500 Cleveland.

All donors will receive a t-shirt and another gift. To schedule an appointment, call 1-877340-8777 or visit yourbloodinstitute.org. NOTE: You will be able to stay in your car until we call and/or text you when

it is your turn to donate. Also, the Noon Lions Club will be cooking and will bring the food to your car or deliver it. Blood drives are essential services and we will adhere to the social distancing guidelines.

FEMA, U.S. Surgeon General and CDC Encourage Blood Donations

In a March 19 letter to all emergency management agencies, FEMA Administrator Pete Gaynor stressed: "Donating blood is a safe process and people should not hesitate to give. Blood drives have the highest standards of safety and infection control."

"Just as the social distancing guidance recommends that it's okay for people to leave home for necessities like groceries, or a doctor's visit, or the pharmacy—donating blood is a necessity." – Pete Gaynor, FEMA

Last week, Dr. Jerome Adams, U.S. Surgeon General, said Americans need to donate blood to help stave off deaths caused by the pandemic. "One person giving blood can help up to

three people and possibly save a life," he said. While the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has cautioned against non-essential travel and gatherings, Dr. Adams encourages healthy people to visit blood donation sites. "Social distancing does not need to mean social disengagement. You can still go out and give blood. One thing we should all consider, especially our Millennials and Gen Zs, is donating blood...as an essential part of caring for patients..."

"CDC encourages people who are well to continue to donate blood if they are able, even if they are practicing social distancing because of COVID-19," according to a news release.

CDC Encourages Donating Blood If You Are Well

In healthcare settings all across the United States, donated blood is a lifesaving, essential part of caring for patients. The need for donated blood is constant, and blood centers are open and in urgent need of donations. CDC encourages

people who are well to continue to donate blood if they are able, even if they are practicing social distancing because of COVID-19. CDC is supporting blood centers by providing recommendations that will keep donors and staff

safe. Examples of these recommendations include spacing donor chairs 6 feet apart, thoroughly adhering to environmental cleaning practices, and encouraging donors to make donation appointments ahead of time.

Hospital announces scholarships available

At the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Parmer Medical Center on Monday, March 9, 2020, the decision was made to once again award four \$2500 scholarships to high school seniors residing in Parmer County. Recipients will be students with intent to study and enter a career in the health care industry. In addition to satisfying other academic and eligibility criteria, recipients will have demonstrated exemplary leadership in high school and/or civic activities.

The purpose of the scholarship is to support students who wish to pursue health care related professions and to invest in future generations of health care providers in Parmer County. Interested seniors may receive applications from their school guidance counselor's office or from Parmer Medical Center's website at www.parmarmedicalcenter.com. Application deadline is 5:00 PM, Friday, April 24, 2020. For more information, contact Heidi Eichenauer at 250-2754.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Having grown up at Lazbuddie, it comes as no surprise to me that the people of Parmer County are exceptional people. In recent days, the kindness and sense of community that we are seeing from our fellow citizens is overwhelming and humbling. I work for LTCM, the management company for Prairie Acres and Friona Heritage Estates. We have had the privilege of managing these two long-term care facilities for nearly four years. Since I grew up in Parmer County and had grandparents that lived right here in Friona, I was excited to have the opportunity to work with Parmer County Hospital District and the employees that have been providing great care to our seniors for many years. Our local community and the dedicated employees of Prairie Acres and Friona Heritage Estates are outstanding examples of neighbors caring for each other and putting others before themselves.

I am sure that we will all have many stories to tell when we get to the other side of this shared experience called COVID-19. I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to the following individuals, organizations, and businesses that have already stepped up to help us

in these extraordinary times:
Friona Coop Gin - Donated Masks
Parmer County Sheriff's Office - Donated Masks
Stephanie Williams - Donated Masks
Victoria Williams - Donated Masks
Meredith Eaton - Donated Masks
Shirley Schueler - Donated Masks
Randy Twomey - Donated Masks
John Taylor - Donated his time and expense for transportation assistance

The many, many people who have sent cards and letters to our residents. They have loved every single one!

This may be the first time I say "thank you" to the wonderful people in Friona and Parmer County, but I am sure it won't be the last time. So, thank you all, in advance, for your support and prayers during this time.

A heart-felt thank you to the employees, who are working tirelessly to care for our seniors. Your dedication and hard work do not go unnoticed. May God bless and keep you all.
Chantelle Julian
Director of Operations, LTCM

FSA News

If you did not enroll for 2019 and 2020 ARC/PLC during the same office visit, the deadline to enroll in ARC/PLC for the 2020 crop year is **June 30, 2020**. FSA also recently announced that signup for CRP Grasslands runs through **May 15, 2020**.

USDA opened signup on Monday, March 23 for the Wildfire and Hurricanes Indemnity Program Plus (WHIP+), which helps produc-

ers recover from losses related to 2018 and 2019 natural disasters. Producers can apply for eligible losses of drought (D3 or above) and excess moisture. Assistance is also available to sugar beet producers.

As a reminder, our FSA offices are open for business by phone appointment only. You can find contact information for your local FSA office at farmers.gov/service-center-locator.

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