Vol. 94, No. 37

Thursday | September 10, 2020

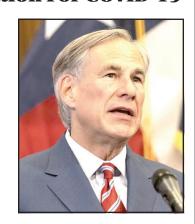
\$1.00

# Friday, September 11 is Patriot Day

#### **Governor Abbott Extends Statewide Disaster Declaration For COVID-19**

On Monday, Governor Greg Abbott issued a proclamation extending his Disaster Declaration for all Texas counties in response to CO-VID-19. Originally issued on March 13th, the Disaster Declaration provides the state a variety of resources to effectively serve Texans as the Lone Star State continues to mitigate the spread of CO-VID-19.

"Renewing this Disaster Declaration helps ensure that we have the resources and strategies in place to help communities across Texas respond to COVID-19," said Governor Abbott. "I urge



Texans to take precautionary steps to protect their health by wearing a mask, social distancing, and sanitizing their hands. Working together, we will slow the spread and keep our communities safe."



A truck driver hauling cottonseed overturned last Saturday morning around three miles east of Friona. No other vehicles were involved in the mishap and no injuries were reported. Clean up by county employees began shortly thereafter and K3 Towing and Recovery removed the truck from the scene.

#### **Cotton and roses**



The 2020 Kentucky Derby was held on September 5th, and a horse name "Authentic" was the winner of the "Most Exciting Two Minutes in Sports." The majority owner of the Derby winner is billionaire B. Wayne Hughes and his Spendthrift Farms. However, Mr. Hughes is not the sole owner. There are over 4,000 minority or "micro-owners" who each own a small share of the now famous horse.

One of those microowners is Cotton Fleming, a native of Friona and member of the 2013 FHS graduating class. After high school, Cotton graduated from the

**Parmer Paws** 

**Vaccination Clinic** 

Saturday, September 12th

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Parmer Paws Animal Rescue Shelter** 

115 W. 11th St., Friona, Texas

Line up on Euclid heading North

**Each person inside** 

vehicle must wear mask

Dogs: \$10 rabies,

\$15 parvo/distemper

Cats: \$10 rabies, \$15 3-way viral

University of Las Vegas in Nevada with a degree in Casino Management and is currently employed by Stations Casinos in Las

There were no fans allowed in the stands this year at the "Run for the Roses" due to the pandemic, but Cotton and his wife Tori were watching on TV as "Authentic" upset the race favorites to win the 2020 Kentucky Derby and capture the \$3 million dollar purse.

The next race for "Authentic" will be the Preakness Stakes held on Saturday, October 3rd at the Pimlico Race Course in Baltimore, Maryland.

# Chieftains remain unbeaten

The Friona Chieftains moved to 2-0 for the season with a hard fought 27-21 victory over the Division 2 Class 4A Borger Bulldogs at Bulldog Stadium in Borger, Texas. Friona defeated D1 Class 3A Brownfield 26-13 last week in the season opener. We are still searching the archives at the Friona Star, but we believe this is the first time that Friona has played a football game in Borger for at least the last 50 years.

Borger took a 14-0 lead with two first quarter touchdowns and looked like they were on their way. However, the Chiefs replied with 27 unanswered points and took a 27-14 lead in the fourth quarter.

The Bulldogs scored the final touchdown of the game to pull within 6 points, but the Chieftain defense held and secured the

Jacob Bautista was injured early in the game and only had 5 carries for 18 yards. In only his second start as varsity quarterback, Bryan Chavira filled the gap by rushing for 116 yards and two touchdowns. Mario Bautista and Malachi Torres each had 50 yards rushing and a touchdown. Bryan also completed 6 passes for 105 yards to receivers Marc Mendoza, Josiah Rejino, and Malachi Torres. Kicker Tim Ally converted on 3 of 4 extra point attempts.

On defense, Juan Salinas was the leading tackler (10) and also made his second interception of the season. Other top tacklers were Jake Padilla (9), Angel Carranza (8), Josiah Dominguez (7), Tony Rodriquez (7), and David Martinez (7). Jake also recorded two quarterback sacks.

The Chiefs will face another D1 Class 3A opponent Friday night as they travel to Muleshoe to battle a former district foe. Friona will host Dalhart for the Homecoming Game on September 18th. That game will complete the non-district portion of the schedule.

#### Produce safety top of mind with consumers after recent salmonella scares

AgriLife Extension provides tips to help reduce possibility of foodborne illness By Paul Schattenberg

Recent instances of salmonella contamination in some produce have led to widespread recalls and heightened consumer concern over food safety.

"Occasionally, fresh fruits and vegetables can become contaminated with harmful bacteria or viruses, which are also known as pathogens," said Juan Anciso, Ph.D., Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service vegetable specialist at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Weslaco. "Some examples of these are salmonella, E. coli and hepatitis A."

Anciso said within the past few months, instances of salmonella contamination in out-of-state produce, especially peaches and red onions, have caused consumers everywhere to be more wary about the safety of the produce they buy for themselves and their families.

"Contamination can occur at any point from the field to the table, so it's often difficult to determine precisely where the produce may have come in contact with the pathogen," he said.

"While farms and processing facilities have safety guidelines they are required to follow, the process of



One of the recent instances of salmonella was in peaches from out of state. (Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service photo)

bringing produce from field to the table can be complicated and each step presents an opportunity for contamination."

Anciso said E. coli and salmonella contamination are related to fecal material, which can come from large animals that wonder into fields, rodents that infiltrate

storage or processing facilities or inadequately filtered irrigation water. "Fruits and vegetables contaminated with these pathogens can cause foodborne illness with symptoms that include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, headaches and fever," he said.

Continued on Page 10

# **Parmer County COVID-19 stats**



Tested at Parmer **Medical Center** 993

**Negative Results** from Parmer **Medical Center** 689

**Pending** Results from PMC

Positive Results from PMC 304

**Parmer County** Residents Positive Results From All Test Sites

392

**Town Talk** 

**Small Town Cookin'** 

**Sports** 

**Obituary** 

Page 6

Page 3

Page 4

Home, Home on the Range **Classifieds** Page 7

Page 8

Page 9

Emergency Siren System: Alternating tone • Firefighters only | Weather Warning: 1 long tone • take cover — 3 short blasts • all clear | Tested 1st & 3rd Thurs. at 7 p.m.

Precipitation September 0.26

Burn Ban:

Friona Weather September 10-16

NNE 10-15



SW 10-20

NE 10-15

Year 8.71

# PAGE 2

# **Community Calendar**

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

#### September 11

• Patriot Day

#### September 18

• Homecoming Football Game vs. Dalhart Pregame starts at 6:30

#### September 19

• "50 fo 50" drawing at 1:00 p.m. at the Friona Volunteer Fire Department

September 21 • Friona Noon Lions Club Meeting at The Farmwife Kitchen

#### September 22

• Snack Pak 4 Kids at 3:00 p.m. north entrance of Friona United Methodist Church

# **COVID-19 News**

#### Coronavirus cases confirmed

As of September 2, 2020

#### **Texas:**

670,000 cases

#### 13,855 deaths

**United States:** 6,350,000 cases 190,000 deaths

#### Worldwide:

27,600,000 cases 898,000 deaths 18,600,000 recoveries









## FRIONA STAR SUBSCRIPTIONS

IN PARMER COUNTY: \$30 PER YEAR

Out of Parmer County: \$40 PER YEAR

**ESTAR (EMAILED):** \$24 PER YEAR

Call 806-250-2211 for more information

# Hay-producing areas report below-average season

#### **By Adam Russell**

A bevy of issues amounted to belowaverage yields for most hay producers in East and Central Texas, according to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service experts.

Vanessa Corriher-Olson, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension forage specialist, Overton, said many hay producers missed out on multiple cuttings due to weather conditions or lower yields due to pasture conditions or pest infestations.

"I think we're a little lower on production than we're used to," she said. "A lot of hay producers in East Texas have had production issues this season."

#### Late start for hay producers

Corriher-Olson said the hay season started later than usual due to cooler temperatures in May, which delayed Bermuda grass growth almost a month. AgriLife Extension recommends cutting Bermuda grass every 21-28 days, which is typically the peak quality for fertilized fields that receive average rains.

"This year, many producers didn't get their first cutting until June," she said. "I think there was an evening in May where the temperatures dipped into the 30s, and Bermuda grass doesn't produce significant growth until nighttime temperatures are consistently 60 degrees for several days."

Following the late start, Corriher-Olson said she received a higher-than-usual call volume from producers regarding thinning Bermuda grass stands and dead spots in hay meadows. There were also more calls about crab grass control options from producers.

#### Then a summer dry spell set in, she said.

"There has been some intermittent, scattered rain, but we've definitely had less rainfall than in recent years," she said. "Most producers got three cuttings, but many who only got two may not get a third if we don't get good rains from now until November. Even then, pasture production will depend on fertilizer application, and producers are hesitant to invest time and money unless they see a high probability of rain in the forecast."

Corriher-Olson said expected rains from Hurricane Laura did not materialize for much of the state. She expected, given the extended dry conditions, armyworm infestations could follow those storms. So far, most armyworm activity



has been sporadic, and mass pasture casualties have been avoided.

"Rains and cooler temperatures could change things quickly," she said. "And it could be critical for any last cutting to be aware of conditions that might bring armyworms out."

#### Winter hay stocks and forage

Corriher-Olson said she doesn't have a good estimate for where winter hay stocks sit for most East Texas producers because of COVID-19 restrictions.

"Hopefully, cattle producers who haven't hit their typical bale counts are looking at planting winter forages this fall," she said.

Corriher-Olson said there are a few options for pastures if they miss rains and potential yields aren't enough to warrant baling. Producers can graze it out or leave it standing.

"Leaving it standing is a good thing because you haven't depleted the root structure," she said. "That will help carry the forage going into next season, and it provides some competition against winter weeds. Excess thatch or stubble height can be handled with fire or shredding in January or early February while grasses are still dormant."

#### **Conditions in Central Texas**

In Central Texas, hay production was similarly short for producers without irrigation, said Shane McLellan, AgriLife Extension agent, McClennan County.

Conditions were too wet early in the season for producers to clear ryegrass, McLellan said. Quality in those pastures was not great by the time producers made the first cutting.

Wet conditions cost producers one cutting, and a lack of rain will likely mean a poor final cutting, he said.

"Producers got two cuttings, maybe three in some cases," McLellan said. "Irrigated pastures got four to five quality cuttings, but weather conditions and timing of fertilization and spraying weeds were big factors for success in June and July."

#### Conditions south, north and west of McClennan County were even drier, he

"Usually north of us picks up more lines of storms and is wetter, but that didn't happen this year," McLellan said. "And as you go west it changes quickly. Even western parts of McClennan County received 10-15 inches less than my pastures did. There was a pretty distinct fault line in rain differential."

McLellan said cattle operations west of McClennan County were buying hay at better-than-expected prices already.

"Some areas did better than others," he said. "I've got more hay than ever, but I could've produced more without weather delays and not getting fertilizer and herbicides applied when they needed to be."

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries:

#### **SOUTH PLAINS**

Dry conditions continued. Cotton finished setting bolls. Producers started to reduce irrigation as most plants were mature. Several producers were busy harvesting corn this past week. Sorghum is starting to color well. Pumpkins were doing well and continued to mature. Cattle were in good condition with supplemental feeding.

#### **PANHANDLE**

Spotty showers delivered moisture to a few areas. Northwestern parts of the district reported adequate topsoil and subsoil moisture. Pastures and rangelands were in good to fair condition. Corn conditions were good to fair. Cotton was in good to fair condition, and sorghum conditions were good. Soybeans were in good to excellent condition. The northeastern corner of the district was very dry with very poor crop, pasture and rangeland conditions. Soil moisture levels were short to very short in the central Panhandle, and very short in southern areas. Peanuts were in good to fair condition.

#### Chieftain football is on the air!!!

You can listen to Cheiftain football on KGRW 94.7 Kickin' Country and online at Network1sports. com/station/kgrw

The broadcast will begin Friday night at 6:30 p.m. with pre-game coverage and analysis. Kickoff is at 7 p.m. There is also a postgame show with comments from coaches and players and final thoughts from the broadcasters.





# Milk House Market

Wedding Registry

Anna Murphree & Jeff Chambliss Lindy Wiseman & Lino Tarango Cassidy Devault & Tyler Hough



Farmhouse to Your House

# **Ivy Cottage** Bridal Registry **Anna Murphree & Jeff Chambliss**

Maegan Davis & John O'Brian **Cassidy Devault & Tyler Hough** Lindy Wiseman & Lino Tarango

lvy Cottage • 250-8073

#### **ACROSS**

- 1 this Peter painted a portrait of LBJ 5 "put \_\_\_ shut up"
- 6 TXism: "breathe
- " (relax) Campo, TX
- 8 org. for Mavericks, Spurs, & Rockets
- 9 album: "\_
- It's Joe Tex" (1964)
- 15 person, place, thing 16 Galveston "Seawall
- " runs along the coast 19 TX McClellan was
- Administration (2002-04)

head of Food

- 21 provide food for 22 TXism: "you
- that to the bank" (fact) 27 TXism: "no hill
- 28 Reservoir" on the Sabine River
- 29 select
- 30 21st U.S. president: Chester \_

stepper" (doable)

- 32 sunlight radiation (abbr.)
- 33 TXism: "numerous as ants on \_ \_
- 36 San Antonio's "Re-Polo Center" TX George Strait's
- in the Hole"
- 38 laver of rock 39 "Flawed Giant:
- Lyndon Johnson and

- 41 to Houston in 1969:
- "The Eagle

- without a paddle" 3 this Falls County city has a 170-foot
- Christmas tree 4 non-irrigating agriculturist (2 wds.)
- 8 TXism: "you've got two chances: slim and
- 9 TXism: "tall \_ " (VIP) 10 UT rivalry
- 11 TX Sissy played this country star (init.)



Maegan Davis & John O'Brian

Hours:

Call: 602-739-0813



the Texans (2015) 15 TXism: "\_

- \_ jaybird" 16 TXism: "got a under his saddle" 17 loses weight
- 18 cattle herds 20 wander
- 22 copy on an email 23 TX Dale Evans' ! San Antone"
- 24 cattle auction bids 25 TXism: " mark" (conform)
- 55
- 26 TXism: "fast \_ up a rafter" 28 yankees might
- need this product after eating TX chili 31 old west Fort Worth sheriff: "Long
- Jim" Courtright 34 TX rancher & oilman \_ \_ Waggoner
- dog" 40 Galveston, e.g.
  - 43 TXism: " shuck for the pearly gates" (died suddenly) 44 Dallas Catholic
  - 50 it was a tin star in the old west

Parish: "Our Lady

51 TX Charley Pride hit: "\_\_ Rather Love You" (1971)

#### **ON YOUR PAYROLL**

**U.S. Government** President: Donald J. Trump, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20500. 202-456-1111, fax 202-456-2461, email comments@whitehouse.gov.

Senator: John Cornyn, 517 Hart Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510 202-224-2934, fax 202-228-2856

Senator: Ted Cruz B40B Dirksen Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510 202-224-5922. Representative: Jodey Arrington, 2019 Longworth, House Office Building, 202-225-4005. Lubbock District Office, 1312 Texsas Ave. #219, Lubbock, TX 79401. Abilene District Office,

#### 500 Chestnut St. #819, Abilene, TX 79602 State

Governor: Greg Abbott, Office of the Governor, P.O. Box 12428, Austin, Tx 78711-2428, 512-463-2000.

Senator: Kel Seliger, P.O. Box 12068, Capitol Station, Austin, Tx 78711. 512-463-0131. Amarillo office; P.O. Box 9155, Amarillo, 79105. 806-374-8994. Representative: John T. Smithee, Room CAP1W.10, Capi-

tol P.O. Box 2910, Austin, Tx 78768. 512-463-0702. fax 512-476-7016. Amarillo office; 320 So. Polk, 1st Floor, Lobby box 28, Amarillo 79101. 806-372-3327, fax 806-342-0327. THE FRIONA STAR (USPS 200-800) is published

each Thursday at 208 E. 11th in Friona Texas, 79035. Postmaster: send address changes to Friona Star, P.O. Box 789, Friona, Texas 79035. Periodicals postage paid at Friona, Texas.

# \$30 in Parmer County

**Annual subscriptions:** 

\$40 out of County \$24 e-Star Online

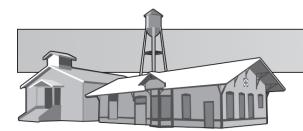
#### STAFF:

Clint Mears • Executive Editor Holly Campbell • Associate Editor Nathan Parson • Production Editor/IT Evelyn Romero • Accounting

MEMBER **TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION** 

#### **COMMUNICATION:**

806-250-2211-office 806-250-5127-fax frionastar@wtrt.net-email frionaonline.com-website



# TOWN TALK

**Phone:** 806-250-2211 • **Fax:** 806-250-5127 **Email:** frionastar@wtrt.net

On Friday, September 11th, 2020, the non-profit organization Wreaths Across America asks that every American stand outside and wave a flag for one minute at 8:46 a.m., 9:03 a.m., 9:37 a.m., and 10:03 a.m., respectively. At 8:46 a.m., on Tuesday, September 11th, 2001, five hijackers took control of American Airlines Flight 11 and flew it into the heart of New York City and the northern facade of the World Trade Center's North Tower (1 WTC). At 9:03 a.m., five other hijackers flew United Airlines Flight 175 into the southern facade of the South Tower (2 WTC). At 9:37 a.m., another five hijackers flew American Airlines flight 77 into the western facade of the Pentagon in Arlington County, Virginia. At 10:03 a.m., four hijackers crashed United Airlines Flight 93 into a field in Stonycreek Township near Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

The Prairie Acres "Resident of the Month" for September is Dustee Gee. The

"Employee of the Month" is Lorena Rodriguez. Lorena is the Supervisor for the housekeeping department and has been with Prairie Acres since June 2020. Also, Mary Mendoza celebrated a birthday on September 2nd and Natalie Correa on September 7th. Six other staff members have birthdays in September. Check the birthday calendar each week in our paper.

A Tent Revival will be held at 600 W. 15th St. (Reeve Lake) from September 25th-27th. Services will start at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 25th; 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 26th; and 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 27th. Guest speakers will include Sherry Baldwin, Leah Fort, and Revivalist Noe Diaz. Music will be by Groupo Todo Es Posible. The theme for the revival is "Hold on, Help is on the way" and everyone is invited to attend.

Please make sure to fill out your 2020 Census if you have not done so already. It is very important to get an accurate accounting of everyone who lives in our city and county. Grants and other government payments are based on population so it is vital that we supply the most accurate information possible. All information on the Census 2020 forms is private. Only qualified 2020 Census workers will have access to the numbers in order to produce the final reports.

It was announced this week that Whataburger has been named the "Official Burger of the Dallas Cowboys".

#### \* \* \* National Days

September 10 — TV Dinner Day September 11 — Patriot Day

September 11 — Patriot Day
September 12 — Chocolate Milkshake
Day

September 13 — Grandparent's Day September 14 — Cream Filled Donut Day September 15 — Felt Hat Day

september 15 — Felt Hat Day

September 16 — Play-Doh Day

# Wrangler National Finals Rodeo returns to Texas

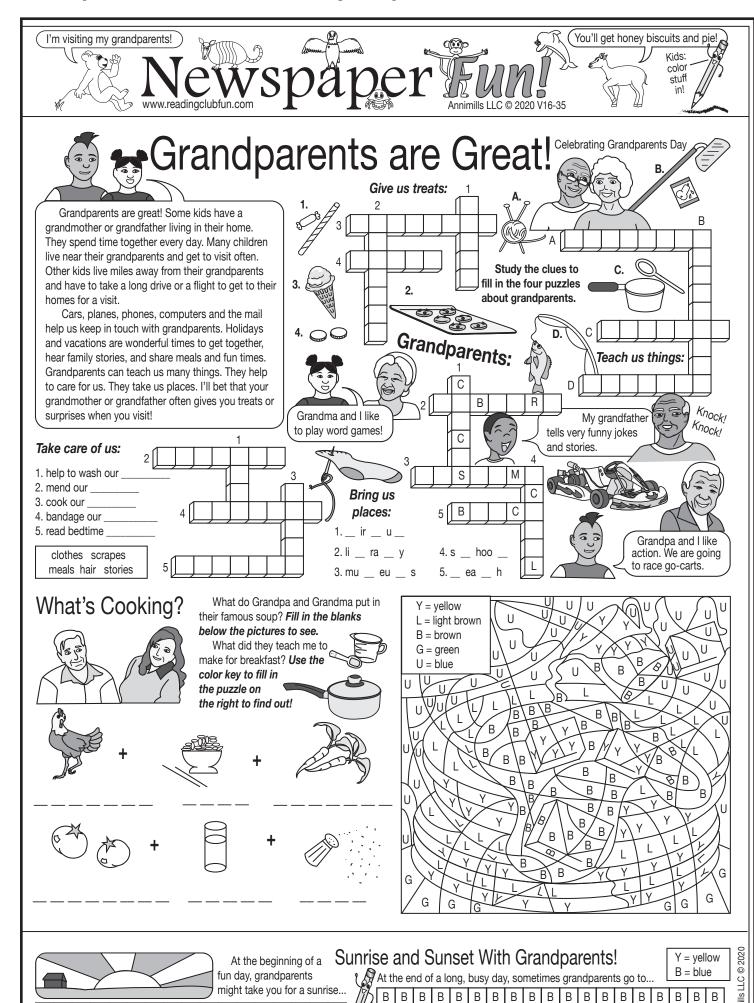
On Wednesday, Governor Abbott welcomed the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) back to Texas, having selected the cities of Arlington and Fort Worth to host the 2020 Wrangler National Finals Rodeo (NFR) and the NFR Experience on December 3rd through the 12th. The Wrangler National Finals Rodeo is the season-ending championship event for the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association and is widely acknowledged to be the world's premier rodeo, showcasing the very best cowboys, barrel racers and livestock in the world. A Major Events Reimbursement Program fund of \$7.1 million has been established, based on the projected economic impact to the two communities resulting from increased tax revenue and spending associated with the event being held in Texas.

"We are proud to welcome the Wran-

gler National Finals Rodeo, showcasing the very best competitors and livestock in the world, back to the Lone Star State," said Governor Abbott. "Western sports have long been part of the Texas brand, and Texas fans will be thrilled to see these competitors back in the saddle after being bucked off by COVID-19. Texas is committed to working alongside our communities to ensure they have the tools needed to spur tourism, and grow jobs and their local economies. I congratulate the PRCA on selecting Arlington and Fort Worth, and on coming back home to Texas where the very first NFR was held."

"We are so pleased to be at Globe Life Field for the most celebrated event on the rodeo calendar," said George Taylor, chief executive officer of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association. "We are committed to delivering a safe, spectacular event for our fans and we are thrilled to be in Texas for it."

The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, headquartered in Colorado Springs, Colorado, is the oldest and biggest rodeo-sanctioning body in the world. The recognized leader in professional rodeo, the PRCA is committed to maintaining the highest standards in the industry in every area, from improving working conditions for contestants and monitoring livestock welfare to boosting entertainment value and promoting sponsors. The PRCA also proudly supports youth rodeo with educational camps and financial assistance to young standouts preparing to enter the professional ranks, as well as supporting allied organizations such as Tough Enough to Wear Pink, Miss Rodeo America, the American Quarter Horse Association and the ProRodeo Hall of Fame.



В

ВВУ

В

В

B B Y

ВВ

В

В

ВВ

ВВ

ВВ

... on the couch or in their favorite chair!

В

В

В

В

В

BB

В

В

В





CROSSING DISCUSSION....Scott Isbell of the Friona Police Department is pictured with Everett Hendricks and Walter Gibson of the Railroad Commission on Wednesday. The RRC is concerned with the high number of crossing fatalities in Parmer County. (Friona Star, September 4, 1993)



Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from August 27, 2020 to September 3, 2020

(8/28/20) ABCD Fleming Family Trust — Bruce Fleming, Shana Fleming — All of Sec 28 Township 6 S R 3 E containing 640 Ac more or less 420 Ac being the Sec 27 Township 6

(8/31/20) Christopher Dewayne Taylor, Leeanna Marie Taylor — Christine Uballe — L 4-6 B 30 Original Town of City of Farwell in Parmer County

 $(8/31/20)\;$  Blanca Alexander, Robert Alexander — Sergio Roldan Ortiz — L 13, 14, and 15 B 22 Original Town of Bovina in Parmer County

(8/31/20) Ricardo Diaz — Patricia Highsmith — L 12 B 2 of McMillan and Fergson Addition to the City of Friona Parmer County
(8/31/20) Carl Eppers, Kathy Eppers — Earl V. Campbell,

Mikell Campbell — a tract of land in NW corner of the NW Quarter of Sec 2 T14S R 3 E in Parmer County

(8/21/20) Billy Cope Zoebery — Marion Pushing Mindy A

(8/31/20) Billy Gene Zachary — Marion Rushing, Mindy A. Rushing — L 1 and the West 40' of L 2 Block 8 Staley Addition Unit to No 3 City of Friona in Parmer County

(9/2/20) Dutch Road LLC, Matthew R. Beckerink, Nancy J. Beckerink — Anselmo Regalado Juarez, Alma Regalado — the NE/4 of Sec 35 Doud and Keefer Subdiv in Parmer County (9/2/20) Stacie Lopez — Jose Abel Lopez, Maria C. Valdez

Lopez — A 1.17 Ac tract out of that certain 80 Ac tract being described in Vol 282 Pg 574 and E/2 of the SE/4 of Sec 80 B H Kelly Subdiv in Parmer County

(9/2/20) Jarecki Partnership LLP — Colton Charles Christian

(9/2/20) Jarecki Partnership LLP — Colton Charles Christian — All of E 1/2 and a strip of land 190 yd wide off the E side of the W 1/2 of Sec 15 Township 6 S R 3 E of a Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County

(9/2/20) Martha Curtis Shelton — Matthew Schwertner, Kelli Schwertner — All of S 1/2 of Sect Num 48 Block Z of the WD FW Johnson Subdiv Vol 3 Pg 185



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

(8/31/20) Federico Arroyo, 29, of Hereford was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of DWI, pending County Court.

(9/1/20) Dustin Ward, 36, of Farwell was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on charges of Claim Lottery Prize Fraud > \$200 < \$10k, pending District Court, and Theft of Service, pending County Court.

(9/1/20) Jose Santos Murcia, 20, of Muleshoe was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Evading Arrest w/vehicle, pending Grand Jury.

(9/2/20) Jonathan Torres, 19, of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of Reckless Driving, pending County Court.

(9/2/20) Jonathan Arezmendis, 31, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of DWI, pending County Court.

(9/3/20) Tyla Pacheco, 28, of Hobbs, New Mexico was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of Possession Marijuana < 2 oz. in Drug Free Zone, pending County Court.

(9/4/20) Skye Robison, 22, of Hobbs New Mexico was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of Possession CS PG2 > 1g < 4g, pending Grand Jury.

(9/6/20) Stacey Chavez, 40, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Farwell Police Department on a charge of Possession Marijuana < 2 oz., pending County Court.

(9/6/20) Paul Apodaca, Jr., 19, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on charges of Possession CS PG2 > 400g, pending Grand Jury, and Possession Marijuana < 2 oz., pending County Court.



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

The City will open up the roll-off box this Saturday, September 12, 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.

# Friona \*Star is online at frionaonline.com

#### **Lazbuddie School Menu for** September 14 - September 18

#### Monday 14

Breakfast: Sausage & Biscuit, Cereal &/or Toast, Fruit,

Lunch: Chicken Parmesan, Bread Sticks, Gr Beans, Salad, Fruit, Juice, Milk

#### **Tuesday 15**

■ Breakfast: Breakfast Combo & H.Brown Cereal &/or ■ Toast, Fruit, Juice, milk

Lunch: BBQ Sandwich, Chips, Ranch Beans, ■ Baby Carrots, Fruit, Juice, Milk

#### Wednesday 16

Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Cereal &/or Toast

Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch: Asian Bowl, Egg Rolls, Norm Veggies, Salad, Fruit, Juice, Milk

**Thursday 17** 

I Breakfast: Strudel, Yogurt, Cereal &/or Toast

Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch: Frito Pie, Salsa, Beans, Cucumber,

Fruit, Juice, Milk

#### Friday 18

Breakfast: French Toast & Bacon, Cereal &/or Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch: Chicken Nuggets,, Mashed Potatoes, Rolls,

Cooked Carrots, Fruit, Juice, Milk

### **Small Town Cookin'**

Since it's has been cool for a couple of days this week, my mind turns to cold weather food like soups and stews. I know we have a few hot days left in the year, but this way you can have all the ingredients on hand when the weather stays cold.

#### **Cheesy Vegetable Chowder**

by Karen Renner

from the Friends of the Library Cookbook

This recipe uses a Dutch oven, just in case you ran out and purchased one after last week's article. I think you could use a regular large pot or even a crock pot for this recipe.

½ c. onion, chopped

1 clove garlic, minced

1 c. celery, sliced

34 c. carrots, sliced

1 c. potatoes, cubed 3 1/2 c. chicken broth

1 (17 oz.) can whole kernel corn, drained

34 c. butter

¼ c. flour 2 c. milk

1 T. prepared mustard

¼ t. white pepper

1/3 t. paprika

2 T. pimento, diced 2 c. cheddar cheese, grated

1 or 2 c. ham, chopped

Combine first six ingredients in a large Dutch oven; bring to a boil. Cover, reduce heat, and simmer 15 to 20 minutes or until potatoes are tender. Stir in corn; remove from heat. Melt butter in a heavy saucepan over low heat; add flour, stirring until smooth. Cook 1 minute, stirring constantly. Gradually add milk; cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until thickened and bubbly. Stir in remaining ingredients. Cook until cheese melts, stirring constantly. Gradually stir cheese mixture into vegetable mixture. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until thoroughly heated. Serve immediately.

#### **Green Chili Stew**

by Iona Renner

from the Friends of the Library Cookbook

3 lb. ground beef

1 large Onion, chopped

2 small cans green chilies, chopped

1 medium can tomato sauce

2 cans jalapeno pinto beans 4 medium potatoes, cubes

2 cans RO-TEL

2 t. garlic powder

1-quart water 1 can corn

Salt, to taste

Pepper, to taste

Brown meat, drain grease, if any. Add all the other ingredients and simmer several hours. I usually double or triple this recipe and can or freeze the extra. It freezes well.

#### **Happy Birthday Friona Folks!**

#### **Sept. 10**

Glenn E. Reeve, Jr. **Kyle Potts** Gigi Spring Katie Parker **Gary Williams** 

Mike Trevino KitKat Perez Carlos Pina Diane Hamilton

Adrienne Anthony

# Sept. 11

Rhonda Gonzalez

Carolyn Dement Weston Neill

#### **Sept. 12**

Dee Ann Hutson Hailey Rector Lydia Alexander Cynthia McCasland Peggy Padilla

Charley Saiz Galen Jack Wilda Quillin Jim Cook

#### **Sept. 13**

Martha Hamilton Allen Humberg Ty Potts Luis Rodriguez Mike Hanes Joe Boeckman

#### Sept. 14

Cameron Renner Galen Clark Freddie Walker **Chad Hamilton** 

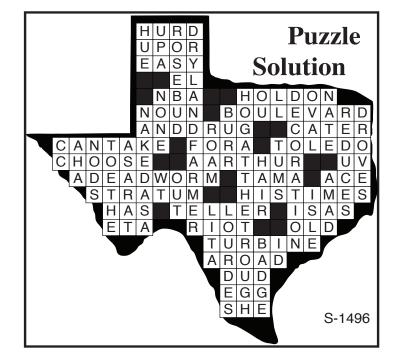
#### **Sept. 15**

Betty Wiseman Nedra Cash Jeff Landrum Jana Renner Jessica A. Reeves Kayla Chavez Caleb Monroe Brice Jeter **Betty Smith** Eddie Gauna Glenda Downey Monica Guzman

#### **Sept. 16**

Avery McGowan Gayla Quillin Angela Daigle Sarita Reeve Victoria Williams **Zachary Schueler** Blair Neill Mark Anthony Ashley Ingram Abi Upton Noah Santiago

Amber (Wyly) Benoit Suzie Rodriguez **Dallas Fleming** Danielle Perez



# We're Here For You!



During this difficult time we remain committed to providing you with excellent customer service. Please let us know how we can help you.

# First National Bank P.O. Box 727 MEMBER FDIC

- Free Checking • Premier + Senior Accounts
- Reward Checking
- Savings/ Real Saver
   Certificate of Deposits Money Market Accounts
- 18 Month "Raise Your Rate" CDs
  - IRAs Direct Deposit · Safe Deposit Box Rentals
    - FDIC Insured Convenient ATMs
- ATM/ CheckCards/ Business Debit Cards
  - Free Internet Banking with Free Bill Pay • Mobile App
  - Telebank-24 Hr Telephone Banking Bank Cashiers Checks
    - VISA Money Cards Commercial Loans
    - Mortgage Loans
    - Home Equity Loans Consumer Loans

# **WE HAVE** THREE LOCATIONS TO

**SERVE YOU** 

301 W. 3rd • Hereford (806) 363-2265 Open Monday Through Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Drive thru Friday until 6 p.m.

403 N. 25 Mile Ave. • Hereford (806) 360-2100 Open Monday Through Friday

8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Drive thru open until 6 p.m.

710 W. 11th • Friona (806) 250-2900 Open Monday Through Friday 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Drive thru Friday until 6 p.m.

# The bank designed with YOU in mind.

www.fnbhereford.com • Online Banking TeleBank (806) 364-8300 PRICE



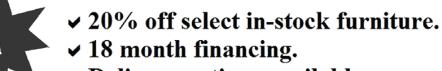


# Friona's Furniture Source! Appliances

Furniture 1 We finance!



No credit check!



- **✓** 18 month financing.
- **✓** Delivery options available.

902 Main St, Friona TX Your Hometown Pharmacy Due to Covid-19 precautions, store access is restricted. A limited number of customers allowed at a time. Masks required. Please do not enter if you are sick or have been exposed to the Coronavirus.

Furniture phone: 247-2210 Pharmacy phone: 250-2270

Store Hours: Mon-Fri: 9am to 6pm Sat: 9am to 12pm, Closed Sunday

# The Stevens 5 Star Deal of the Week!

2016 **CHEVROLET SILVERADO** 2500HD





877-255-1067 Come see GLENN REEVE for all your

new and pre-owned vehicle needs today!



545 N. 25 Mile Ave. Hereford, TX 800-299-CHEV Cell: (806) 265-7034 www.stevens5star.com

ENIC (3%)

#### **Panhandle Parables**

# The Chapter Ends and **Legacy Begins**

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

There are calls that none of us are really prepared for and even if there is an inkling of preparation you still must take the call and hear the words. Last Saturday, was the end of a chapter in the Procter life book. My grandmother, Sue Procter took the hand of her Savior and quietly went home in the early morning hours. Some things and people you at times take for granted that they will always be there and I know just how blessed it is to be 50 years old and until Saturday still be able to talk to one of my grandparents. I have written on more than one occasion about Pop and Gram, their farm, life lessons you name it. They impacted my life and the life of my cousins in ways that only we know, and we know that we were loved without condition, challenged to reach our potential, and reminded often to take care of each other.

Gram as I call her now "Grambie" growing up was a unique individual. Her main goal was to raise her family and she did. Then she got into the make up business and who knew a farm wife with no sales training could do what she did. I recall during the Atari days that none of us wanted to play Pac-Man with her because she could do 30 levels and not lose one Pac-Man. She loved games and loved to play so we knew Skip-Bo, Phase 10, Sorry, Dominos and played them often at her house. She could cook chicken fried steak like nobody

can and Christmas was a joy with all the candy she made. Sadly, much of that was taken for granted, and now only cherished memories. Due to the Covid 19 pandemic I usually saw her at the ER when she fell doing something she should not have tried, but her competitive spirit kept her thinking she could. Last April when she broke her hip, I met her at the ER and she said, "I made a mistake this time." She had an amazing threshold for pain and was always calm in those situations, and I can say as a witness over the years, she has dealt with some painful stuff that grown men would have cried more.

I am sad, more by the fact

of the Covid limitations, but thankful beyond words for the care Prairie Acres gave her during that time. They are family to us because she was family to them. They loved her wit, her personality and did their best to keep her out of trouble, which usually meant keeping her in her wheelchair, not always a simple task. So, our matriarch is gone, the final page in her chapter written, but if you look closely at the pages of myself and my cousins you will see her there in the legacy of love that we continue. Thanks, Gram, for the years, the love, and the legacy. I close with this, she loved the Lord, helped us to do the same. Truly what is family if we do not help each other move towards home with the

# Look up past issues of the Friona★Star

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

on our website!



#### The Cost of Obedience

frionastar@wtrt.net

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Obedience to God is costly. That is why Jesus' call to follow him is to 'deny yourself and take up your cross daily and follow him,' (Luke 923-27). The radical, Jesus loving, self-denying loving obedience that should be the trademark of the Church is costly, and for a follower of Christ to think otherwise only leads to self-deception. The cost of following the Lord is displayed all throughout the Bible, and Genesis 39 is one such place.

In Genesis 39, teenage Joseph, has recently arrived in Egypt after his brothers sold him as a slave. Joseph is resold in Egypt to a powerful man, who had a devious wife. Joseph was obedient and loyal to his owner, and was rewarded with a position as the head slave in Potiphar's house. Around this time, Potiphar's wife begins to consistently try and seduce Joseph into sexual sin. Joseph could have conveniently given in to this tempting proposition, but Joseph honored his master and honored God by not giving in to the temptress. His obedience was consistent, but it was also costly, because the woman framed him with a fabricated story about being raped by Joseph. When Joseph's master heard this, Joseph ended up in the King's prison, a far cry from his position at the head of Potiphar's household.

Joseph's obedience was costly. It cost him his job and his comfort, but God was using Joseph's obedience to position and prune him for where God was taking him. In your life, be faithful to obey the Lord and walk in his ways. Loving obedience to the Lord is costly, but it is worth it, especially since you may never know what God is doing to prepare you for where he will lead you in the days ahead.

# **It Only Takes a Sliver**

By Teena Hughs

Over Labor Day weekend, I went to Barksdale, where we will soon be living, to see Feller and to check on the progress of our house. Because of the work being done to the house, we are living in one of my brother's hunting cabins.

The "cabins" are just four rooms with beds and bathrooms. At the end of the four rooms is a TV room, and about 10 feet away is a cook shack. For entertainment at night, we watched rodeos on the Cowboy Channel. Feller cleaned up and went to bed around 9:30, but I stayed up a little later to watch the weather news.

After the weather news, I would turn off all the lights and head back to our cabin. It was pitch black outside, and the only way I knew where I was going was a sliver of light between the curtains in our cabin.

where you are going; it only takes a sliver of hope and encouragement to get you through an anxious time; it only takes a sliver of time to bring comfort to someone; and, Lauren reminded me this weekend that it only takes a sliver of words to give you the greatest compliment of your life.

It is amazing that it only takes a sliver of light to guide you

Sometimes in life, we think we have to say or do big, grandiose things to help someone, but that simply isn't the case; sometimes, it is the smallest of things that make the greatest difference in someone's life; just showing them you care.

While writing this article, I have thought about Jesus. While a sliver of Jesus can be life-changing, I don't think we need just a sliver of Him; I think we need A LOT of Jesus! In fact, we need as much of Him as we can get, and more! After all, it is He who guides us; it is He who uses us to encourage, to give hope to and comfort others. Without Him, we can do nothing.

So, while a sliver of Jesus can be life-changing; just think what A LOT of Jesus can do for you and others. I just encourage all of us to try to find out.

# **AgriLife Extension agricultural** pesticide waste collection set Oct. 21

Drive-up, drop-off event at South Plains Fairgrounds **By Susan Himes** 

The Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service will be holding an agricultural pesticide waste collection event Wednesday, October 21st in Lubbock in partnership with the Texas Department of Agriculture. The event will run from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the South Plains Fairgrounds at 105 E. Broadway.

"If you have unwanted, surplus agricultural pesticides this is an opportunity to safely and properly dispose of them," said Danny Nusser, AgriLife Extension regional program leader, Amarillo/Lubbock. "We're glad to be able to offer this service to producers in our local community and surrounding regions."

This is a drive-up service and those dropping off will remain inside their vehicles. Pesticides need to be in their original containers, even if the label is not present. Unknown pesticides will be tested onsite.



#### Agricultural pesticide waste containers will be accepted during a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service pickup Oct. 21.

Items that will be accepted include outdated, discontinued or unwanted agricultural pesticides; insecticides; herbicides; fungicides; rodenticides; nematicides; growth regulators; empty, triplerinsed plastic pesticide containers; and empty or partial metal drums.

Unacceptable items include explosive ordinances and ammunition; petroleumbased products; paints; medistances; household pesticides, chemicals and waste; tires; fertilizers; propane or butane cylinders; chlorinated hydrocarbons; fumigant canisters; used motor oil and other automobile fluids; auto batteries; empty totes; methyl-bromide cylinders; and dioxins.

cal wastes; radioactive sub-

For questions or additional information contact the AgriLife Extension office in Lubbock at 806-775-1740.

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

**Area Church Directory** 

#### Friona

#### CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH 15th & Cleveland • 806-250-3000 CHILDREN'S CHURCH • 3 yrs-6<sup>th</sup> grade

www.calvaryfriona.org FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 6th & Summitt • 806-250-3933

Pastor Brett Hoyle Email-firstbc@wtrt.net Website-www.fbcfriona.com

FRIONA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

8th & Pierce • 806-250-3045 Rev. Skip Hodges Email-frionoaum@wtrt.net Website-www.frionaumc.com

**GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH** North end of Congregational Church 1601 Euclid

#### IGLESIA EVANGELICA

NUEVA JERUSALEN 701 E. 11th • P.O. Box 655 • 806-346-9725 Pastor Benito Mejia benitomejia@live.com

> **QUALITY OF LIFE BIBLE** STUDY CHURCH 301 Grand Ave. • 806-240-0826

Pastors Mark & Mary Goff

SIXTH ST. CHURCH OF CHRIST 502 W. 6th • 806-250-2769

Jeff Procter, Minister

ST. TERESA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 401 West 17th St. • 806-250-2871 Pastor Gregory Bunyan

TEMPLO BAUTISTA DAMASCO 403 Woodland • 806-250-3472 Pastor William Tapias

# TEMPLO DE ADORACION

620 Washington • 806-250-5929 Pastor Roy Dominguez

TENTH ST. CHURCH OF CHRIST 10<sup>th</sup> & Euclid • 806-250-5236 Gerall Wyly

UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 1601 Euclid • 806-250-3635

**VICTORY FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER** 

9th & Washington • 806-250-2207 Pastor Robert Kerby Website-www.thevictory.tv

FRIONA PARA CRISTO LLAMADOS A CONOCERLE 1007 w. 11th • 806-247-2217 Pastor Aurelio & Cynthia Silva

# **Bovina**

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 308 3rd Street 806-251-1632 Pastor Brian Mullins

> **CHURCH OF CHRIST** 500 Ave. E 806-251-1334 Mike Prather, Minister

FIRST UNITED **METHODIST CHURCH** 205 4th Street

806-251-1124 Pastor Larry Mitchell

ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 401 3rd Street 806-251-1511 Pastor Gregory Bunyan

LA IGLESIA DE DIOS **DEL PRIMOGENITO** 

The Church of God of the Firstborn 102 2nd Street

IGLESIA BAUTISTA **HISPANA** 

103 1st Street 806-251-5232 Pastor Rafael Marin



#### THIS DIRECTORY IS MADE POSSIBLE BY THESE BUSINESSES WHO ENCOURAGE ALL OF US TO ATTEND WORSHIP SERVICES.



1380 Hwy. 214 • 265-3425

FRIONA

**B** InterBank

Phone 250-5000

"Where People Come First"

1105 N. Cleveland

www.interbank.com

FDIC



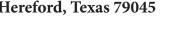


800 Hwy. 86 Bovina, Texas



Phone 806-364-3331 Hereford, Texas 79045











P.O. Box 956 Friona, Texas 79035 (806) 265-3433

(806) 265-3281

Friona Heritage Estates

**Assisted Living** 806-250-5599 201 E. 15th



1010 Columbia at Hwy 60, Friona Hours: 8:00 am-5:00 pm Monday-Friday 250-5555





806.250.5200



**FEEDS** E. Hwy. 60 • Friona TX • 806-250-2791



Friona Texas

**Quality Care** 806-250-3922 201 E. 15th Friona Texas

**Prairie Acres** 

# **Check Your Mirrors**

By Sue Jane Sullivan



I am keenly aware of Revelation 22:18 and the risk of plagues unleashing on me for *Sermon on the Mount, the Sequel*.

Whether Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, or non-committal, the original message from the Book of Matthew gives us the key to happiness. Now, these verses beg for a refrain of "revive us again."

#### **CHAPTER 5**

And seeing a ton of people, he went up the mountain; and when he got situated, his entourage came up to join him.

2 And he opened his mouth to review what he had spoken on this very spot over 2000 years ago, saying

3 Let me repeat: **blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.** Substitute "humble" for poor. A person is poor who trusts in the higher Spirit. Blessed are those who do not inflate themselves. Being chronically self-satisfied is not reflective of being poor in spirit, for the temptation is to believe you have all the answers.

4 Let me repeat: blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted. Mourn those you lose to death. Mourn your mistakes. Mourn the world's suffering. Mourn the loss of decency and honor. As William Barclay wrote, "Christianity is caring. Blessed is the man who cares intensely for the sufferings. and for the sorrows, and for the needs of others." Grieve for yourself and others.

5 Let me repeat: blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. A person does not have to habitually give in, be subservient, or sacrifice dignity to make everyone else happy. Neither is the message to be overbearing, over-confident, or demeaning. The meek know when to demonstrate anger and use it wisely. The meek use humility to act boldly. The meek are effectively gentle and confident.

6 Let me repeat: blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they will be filled. Most of you do not understand real thirst and actual hunger. You are filled. Every day is a feast relative to others living in this world. You do not hunger for goodness any longer. You thirst for "being

right." Instead, crave honor, which will lead you to the truth.

7 Let me repeat: blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. You have simplified the words here to revolve only around forgiveness, which is indeed a noble thing. A fictional lawyer in your land once said, "You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view until you climb into his skin and walk around in it." Knowing why a person acts and thinks as he does help when it comes to a merciful spirit.

8 Let me repeat: **blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.** Those who reflect, who participate in daily self-examination are on to something. Look clearly at motives that give glimpses into your hearts. If fear and hate motivate you, purity is absent.

9 Let me repeat: blessed are the peace-makers: for they shall be called children of God. It is not enough to love peace. You must face the struggle head-on and try to resolve the matters. Troublemakers exist. Win the battle by using tools that are motivated by the Spirit. That is what peacemakers do.

10 Let me repeat: blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Today you are not thrown to the lions or bears or have your heads staked. Challenges to your faith may come from within. Avoid the traits of the Sadducees and Pharisees, who brought on persecution due to self-righteousness. The way of goodness will at times be at odds with the world but carry on. With humility. With empathy. With meekness. With goodness. With mercy. With pure hearts. With peace.

This next time, write these things on your heart, not just your bumper stickers or t-shirts. Find the blessed, happy people and walk with them.



#### "Home, Home on the Range"

By Walter V. Wendler, WTAMU President

# Ninth in a series on the reopening of West Texas A&M University in the midst of COVID-19.

The COVID-19 pandemic has intensified college cost discussions as unemployment has increased, family financial security decreased and college costs with accumulated debt have skyrocketed. These realities call for careful attention to reducing college costs. Seven of 10 families are concerned about paying for college, and more than half say college plans have changed in the wake of COVID-19.

While the health considerations are real, so too is the possibility for students to live at home and reduce the cost of college while bringing a modicum of stability and peace of mind in a challenging time.

At West Texas A&M University, tuition and fees are about \$300 per semester credit hour (SCH). The cost of 15 SCHs, a typical load, is approximately \$4,500 per semester or \$9,000 per year.

Room and board at WT vary as residence hall rates range from \$2,000-\$4,000 per semester depending on amenities. Likewise, food plans provide multiple options but average about \$1,500 per semester. With a mid-cost housing selection and reasonable meal plan, the tab to live on campus is about \$4,500 per semester or \$9,000 per year, roughly equal to tuition and fees. An on-campus student will spend about \$72,000 for the bachelor's degree over four years.

While living at home may not be right or possible for every student, it is a worth-while consideration. It will cut the typical cost of college by 50%. The cost of the degree drops to \$36,000 if completed in eight semesters while taking 30 SCHs per year.

For comparison, Emma Kerr, in a pre-COVID-19 U.S. News and World Report post,

shows that the average cost for online classes nationally ranges from \$381 to \$505 per SCH. That totals between \$45,720 and \$60,600 for a bachelor's degree, compared to tuition and fees of \$36,000 at WT for the same number of hours. The WT figure does not include discounts from scholarships, financial aid or Pell Grants. Last year WT's average discount was \$145 per SCH, meaning a WT undergraduate could pay as little as \$18,600 for tuition and fees for the four-year degree.

But choices must be made. Students who choose to study online can live at home, work 15-20 hours per week, fill out FAFSA applications, go easy on frivolous spending and apply for every scholarship available. With wisdom-driven austerity and purposeful focus, the same first-rate faculty, facilities and resources that are available to a student paying \$72,000 for an oncampus environment can be secured with an investment of \$18,600. By comparison, that's a significant bargain for an excellent academic experience.

Whether living on-campus or off-campus, campus facilities such as the library, recreational facilities, intercollegiate athletics, clubs, sororities and fraternities are all available to live-at-home students.

A person living off campus, but not at home, will accrue costs for food, housing, parking, Internet access, utilities and other necessities that are roughly equal to on-campus costs. However, a student could drive down costs by living off campus in a crowded apartment and eating bologna and Ramen noodles should life circumstances require that.

In a recent article, Is It Worth Living at Home During College, five advantages of living at home are identified: financially friendly, healthier options regarding meals, a family support system, a limited number of distractions and the recognition of the old adage that says "there's no place like home."

On the other side of the coin, five disadvantages of living at home are also identified: travel and traffic, campus events are less accessible, lack of campus engagement, boundary issues between parent expectations and student desires, and a diminished "full college experience."

Experience with students for 45 years reveals significant cost savings are possible. Also, students who live at home can be engaged with on-campus activities. I know a young woman who was a member of a sorority and the cheer squad while living at home and attending WT. These activities are not mutually exclusive.

To enhance the college experience while living at home, attend college orientation sessions, sign up for extracurricular activities, find an on-campus job, form a study group and use common study spaces at the campus. I lived at home and attended community college, going to campus each morning and staying until evening. It made me feel like I was engaged in the college environment because I was.

Students gain benefits from living on campus. However, if the cost of that experience requires decades of debilitating debt, the liveat-home option should be explored. A rich campus experience is possible, for less than 25 cents on the dollar, while living at home.

Walter V. Wendler is President of West Texas A&M University. His weekly columns are available at http://walterwendler.com/.

# **State Capital Highlights**

By Chris Cobler



#### High-tech Lincoln Logs turn heads in Texas

Trees are almost as old as dirt in the construction industry, but they're new to Texas in the form of the state's first mass timber office building.

The Texas project generating the buzz is The Soto, which opened last week at Eighth and Broadway streets in San Antonio. The six-story building, which will anchor the Cavender neighborhood, has 140,000 square feet of leasable office space and 6,000 square feet of retail on the first floor.

The cost of the project was not released, and BOKA Powell partner Don Powell said "mass timber is not an inexpensive way to build an office building."

Proponents of mass timber construction say it's an attractive new way to build because it uses a renewable resource that allows developers to reduce their carbon footprint. The most common form is cross-laminated timber that allows for faster construction and is more resistant to fire.

"The Soto's beauty offers a striking alternative to mundane office buildings, and it takes my breath away when I see it," Powell wrote for D CEO Real Estate.

Walmart also sees the potential for growth in mass timber. The retail giant wants to build its new headquarters using Arkansas pine trees, so it recruited Structurlam to invest \$90 million in the country's first mass timber manufacturing plant. The operation is scheduled to open in 2021 in Conway, Arkansas.

The new construction also may be seen in Fredericks-burg, where First United Bank recently opened the state's first full mass timber building. The bank features southern yellow pine, a native Texas species.

#### New growth for Wichita

A General Motors' Delphi assembly plant that closed

14 years ago in Wichita Falls will spring back to life as the country's largest hemp processing center.

Panda Biotech of Dallas announced that it had contracted for the 500,000-square-foot plant and 97-acre campus to create the Panda Texas Plains Hemp Gin. After opening in 2021, the plant will be the country's first to cottonize hemp fiber on a commercial scale, the company said in a news release.

In a recent post, Levi's touted cottonized hemp for its jeans because the plant grows faster, uses less water and leaves behind cleaner, healthier soils. "Something you'll see a lot of this season (and beyond) is cottonized hemp," the jeans company predicted.

Panda Biotech's move brings a capital investment of about \$110 million, a possible \$30 million investment in local farming and 50 jobs to Wichita Falls.

#### Loving that salary

Texans may see how much their county elected officials are paid via a newly updated state report.

The Texas Association of Counties publishes the report on its website during even-numbered years. Dice and slice the numbers as you will. Here's one way to look at them:

The county judge in Loving County, the least populated of the state's 254 counties, is paid \$98,045 to govern 169 residents. His counterpart in Harris County, home to about 4.7 million people, makes \$190,851.

#### 'That's what teachers do'

The pandemic spotlights how indispensable public schools are, Texas' teacher of the year writes in an essay for the Texas Association of School Administrators.

"Educators provide vital community services such as childcare, regular meals, counseling, social services and even healthcare in addition to providing each child with a high-quality education in a safe and nurturing environment," said 2020 Teacher of the Year Karen Sams of the Weatherford Independent School District. "We do this in an underfunded education system and yet, we always find a way to make things work because that's what teachers do."

#### Retiring minds want to know

If the pandemic is leading you to consider an early retirement, Forbes' annual list might be of heightened interest this year.

Two Texas cities, Dallas and San Antonio, made the 2020 list of the magazine's 25 best places to retire in the US.

Along with the lack of a state income tax, both cities made the list for affordable home prices, good climates and rich cultural scenes. Forbes knocked both for serious crime rates above the national average, however.

For the first time, the magazine considered climate change in forming its list, using data on the impact of future flood, heat, cold, sea level rise and drought. Both Dallas and San Antonio scored low on risks from climate change.

#### Get ready for silver tsunami

By 2030, older Americans will outnumber children for the first time in US history, the Census Bureau predicts.

To prepare for this silver tsunami, "all the champions who work to protect this population need to continue to advance their knowledge and skills," Texas Adult Protective Services officials said in a news release announcing a "20/20: Exceeding the Vision" virtual conference Sept. 30-Oct. 2.

To report elder abuse or neglect, call 1-800-252-5400.

Chris Cobler is a board member and past president of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas. He welcomes email at ccobler@ texaspress.com.

# **Census News**



# 2020 Census Self-Response Rate Information – September 3, 2020National Response Rate65.3%Texas Self-Response Rate60.7%Parmer County Self-Response Rate46.5%Friona Self-Response Rate55.1%Bovina Self-Response Rate41.7%Farwell Self-Response Rate33.8%

# 3 Reasons to choose the Chieftain Self-Storage System Output Description: Output Des

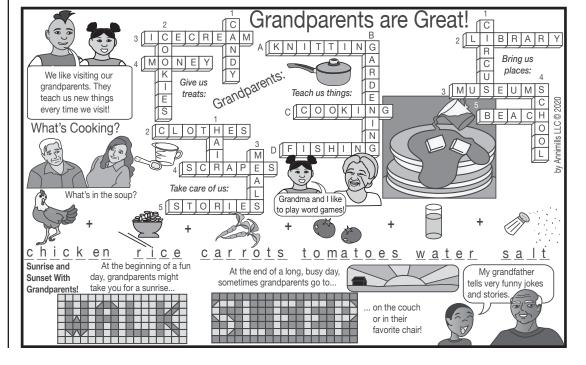
Climate-Controlled: 80 degrees – not 100+ degrees!
 Dust Controlled: Almost no dust accumulation!
 Security: Key Pad entry system plus your own lock!



Climate-controlled 24/7 accessibility Lighted at night

> 2 Locations 1015 W. 11th by State Farm 607 Main

Make the move today! See Homer, Jesus, or Martin at the State Farm office or call 250-2555 or 265-7923.



PROPERTY

Associates

102 E. 11th Friona

806-250-2745

Realtors

frionarealestate.com

**George Rushing 806-265-7037** 



# TSTAR CLASSIFIEDS 250-2211 Deadline: Tuesday @ 5 p.m.



#### HELP WANTED



#### aramark Friona ISD is Hiring! **\$11** and up

Hiring: Full-Time **Food Service** Lead Worker

- Benefits and PTO available for full-time employees
- Work while the kids are in school - OFF weekends, holidays, and school breaks

For more info, visit hourly-aramark.icims.com

**Keyword: Friona ISD** 

#### **Equipment Operators Needed:**

Quality Harvesting is looking for reliable and dependable personnel for our harvesting and manure spreading business. Full-Time positions are available with competitive pay and great benefits. For more information, please call Chad at 806-869-7123.

#### **NOW HIRING**

Friona ISD is looking for a substitute custodian that could possibly turn into full time. Hours are based on need each day. Interested applications may call Friona ISD 806-250-2747 or Martha Moreno 806-346-2091.

Friona ISD está buscando una persona de limpieza sustituto que posiblemente pueda convertirse en timpo completo. Las horas se basan en la necesidad de cada día. Las personas interesadas pueden llamar a Friona ISD 806-250-2747 o Martha Moreno 806-346-2091.

#### Parmer County Sheriff's Office is taking applications for an Emergency 911 Dispatcher.

You may call (806) 481-3303 or send email to sheriff@parmercounty.net for more information or to obtain an application.

#### Homes For Sale

2171 FM 214-FRIONA, TEXAS-South of Friona - 3/3/2 brick home, 1.285+/- acres, Easy access to Friona-Clovis-Hereford. 2 living areas, fireplace, large office/utility/ storage, two wells, septic system, storage/workshop.

PRICE REDUCED! \$260,000.00 19 RIDGEVIEW AVE-FARWELL, TEXAS-FARWELL COUNTRY CLUB ADDI-TION - 3/3/2 brick home, 1.033+/- acres, Farwell school district. Easy access to Clovis. Open floor plan with fireplace. Many recent upgrades. Room for shop or additional garage. Possible Lease/Purchase.

Please view our website for details on these properties, choice NM ranches (large & small), irr./dryland/CRP & commercial properties. We need your listings on any types of ag properties in TX., NM, OK & CO.

www.scottlandcompany.com

Ben G. Scott - Broker Krystal M. Nelson - NM QB 800-933-9698 5:00 a.m./10:00 p.m.

#### Computer



#### GARAGE SALES

#### **Multi-Family Garage Sale**

Furniture - Home Decor - Clothing Saturday, September 12th Starts at 8:00 a.m.

at Created With Purpose of West Texas **Pregnancy Resource Center** 

907 Highway 86 • Bovina, Texas

All Proceeds go to CWP of West Texas

#### BUSINESS

# EG Photography



Eric Gonzalez • 806-433-1973



Now you can SHIP where you SHOP!

> Blackburn Hardware 904 West 11th

*250-2828* Hours: 8:00-5:30 Saturday 8:00-12:00

#### **Drivers** License Office **Schedule**

Tuesday-Wednesday 9:00 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.

> Located at Friona Police **Department**

> > **Building**

# **FRIONA INN** West Highway 60

1204 W. 11th St. • Friona, TX 79035 (806) 250-2784 Fax: (806) 250-3877

> www.frionainn.com frionainn@gmail.com

# Risinger Plumbing Serving Friona

272-6772 Cell: 523-2222

Master License #16066

# You CAN do it!

Don't throw away your empty aluminum cans. Please place any cans you have in the trailer located on the north side of the Friona Fire Department building on Main Street. Proceeds from the sale of the cans will go to the FHS Senior Class and help fund the graduation party.





# **The Nutrition Spot**

Smoothie & Juice Bar • 613 Main, Friona TX

Phone: (575) 219-9436

# Advertise in the Star Classifieds



Call 806-250-2211 or email frionastar@wtrt.net

**Broker/Owner: Kevin Cooper** 







storage building, basement, wood stove, 9 acres

#### Friona

4/5/3 Brick w/cent. h&a, basement, fp, close to high school, \$25,000 cash allowance at closing......**\$291,775** 

NEW: 3/2/2 w/cent. h&a, close to hs, (2) fireplaces, roof (1 yr.), large living area/game room, fenced backyard.\$184,500

5/2 Brick w/cent. h&a, fp, close to hs, corner lot, (2) carports, open floor plan, new roof/gutters......Cont Pend

3/2/1 Siding w/central heat & air, original oak floors, backyard fence, close to schools......Cont Pend

#### Sold

3/2/2 Brick/Siding w/cent. h&a, basement, fp, sprinkler f&b, close to H.S., fenced backyard ......SOLD

3/1/1 Stone w/cent. h&a, carport, cellar, corner lot, close to 

3/2/2 Brick w/cent. heat & air, fireplace, granite countertops, extra lot......SOLD

Commercial Building in Bovina: Brick w/cent. h&a, (7) offices, extra lot......SOLD



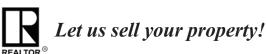
3/2 Country Home w/central heat & air, new roof, barn

# **Sales Agent**

806-382-7465



**Broker** 





# **Subscribe to the Friona Star Today!**

806-250-2211 • frionastar@wtrt.net

#### **CHARITY**



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.

Volunteer opportunity. You have skills? Parmer Paws needs you. Bring your talents, whatever they may be, and join us. 806-240-2211 or ParmerPaws @yahoo.com



# **SPORTS**



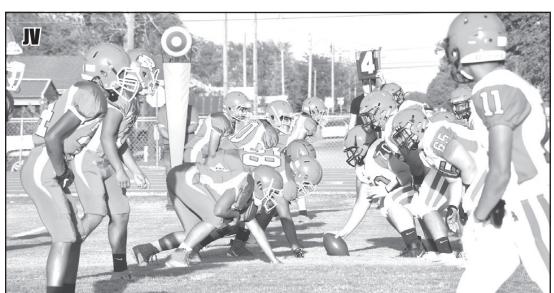
**JV Cheerleaders** 



(l-r) Mercedes Espinoza, Lisett Garcia, Destini Fernandez, Janessa Garcia, and Makayla Ramos



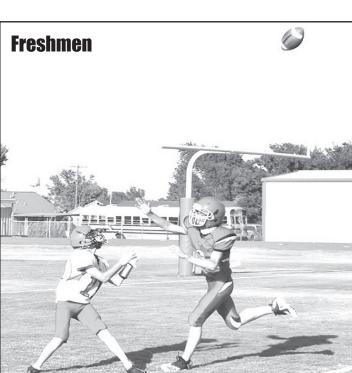
















# Friona 27 Borger 21

**Scoring Summary** 

1st Quarter B - Camden Hernandez 5yd Run (Garrett Hannon kick)

B - Camden Hernandez 35 yd Pass to Allan Cardenas (Garrett Hannon kick)

2nd Quarter

F - Bryan Chavira 28 yd Run (Tim Ally kick)

F – Malachi Torres 2 yd Run (Tim Ally kick missed) 3rd Quarter

16 Bryan Chavira

Kicking

F - Bryan Chavira 2 yd Run (Tim Ally kick) 4th Quarter

F - Mario Bautista 6 yd Run (Tim Ally kick) B - Camden Hernandez 9 yd Run (Garrett Hannon kick)

Rushing Stats	Carries	Yards	TDs	Avg	
Jacob Bautista	5	18	0	3.6	
Mario Bautista	15	51	1	3.4	
Marc Mendoza	2	5	0	2.5	
Bryan Chavira	22	116	2	5.3	
Malachi Torres	11	50	1	4.5	
Rushing Totals:	55	240	4	4.4	
Receiving Stats			TDs	Avg	
	Jacob Bautista Mario Bautista Marc Mendoza Bryan Chavira Malachi Torres <b>Rushing Totals:</b>	Jacob Bautista5Mario Bautista15Marc Mendoza2Bryan Chavira22Malachi Torres11Rushing Totals:55Receiving StatsReceptions	Jacob Bautista518Mario Bautista1551Marc Mendoza25Bryan Chavira22116Malachi Torres1150Rushing Totals:55240Receiving StatsReceptionsYards	Jacob Bautista       5       18       0         Mario Bautista       15       51       1         Marc Mendoza       2       5       0         Bryan Chavira       22       116       2         Malachi Torres       11       50       1         Rushing Totals:       55       240       4         Receiving Stats       Receptions       Yards       TDs	

	<b>Receiving Stats</b>	Receptions	Yards	TDs		
11	Marc Mendoza	1	18	0	18.0	
15	Josiah Rejino	3	33	0	11.0	
24	Malachi Torres	2	30	0	15.0	
	<b>Receiving Totals:</b>	6	81	0	14.7	
	Passing Stats	Comp Att	Yards	TDs	s INT	Γs

Att

Field Goal

Extra Pt

2	Tim Ally	3	3	4	:		0		
	<b>Defensive Stats</b>	UN	AST.	TOT	TFL	FR	FC	INT	SACK
1	Jacob Bautista	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
7	Moises Pina	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
8	Juan Salinas	1	9	10	-	-	-	1	0.5
10	Adrian Legaretta	2	4	6	-	-	-	-	-
12	Angel Carranza	4	4	8	-	-	-	-	-
14	Isaias Olmos	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
20	Josiah Dominguez	1	4	7	2	-	-	-	0.5
22	Salome Viernes	1	4	5	-	-	-	-	-
28	Tony Rodriguez	2	4	7	1	-	-	-	-
30	Alberth Arguelles	1	4	5	-	-	-	-	0.5
50	Jake Padilla	1	6	9	2	-	-	-	2
1	Juan Lara	-	2	3	1	-	-	-	0.5
65	Jacob Rando	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
76	David Martinez	-	6	7	1	-	-	-	0.5
74	Aaron Rodriguez	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-

Yards allowed; Rushing 87, Passing 181, Total 268

# Freshman Football The Friona Freshman hosted the Borger last Thursday and

defeated the Freshman Bulldogs by a final score of 22-12. Scoring included a 9 yard TD pass from Jose Luis Saucedo to Isaac Olmos. Jose Luis Saucedo scored the 2 point conversion on a 3 yard run. Abisai Torres scored on a 11 yard TD run. Diego Garcia scored on a 2 yard TD run. Jose Luis Saucedo scored the 2 point conversion on a 3 yard run. Friona defensive standouts were Michael Bautista who recovered 2 fumbles and Jorge Garcia who lead the team in tackles. The Freshmen and JV teams will host Muleshoe starting at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday at Chieftain Field.



# **OBITUARIES**



#### James Clayton

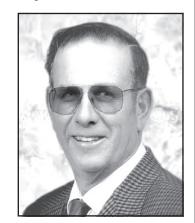
James Clayton, 77, long-Bovina resident passed away September 2, 2020 in Friona. Viewing was from 9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Friday, September 4, 2020 with family visitation from 5:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY. Celebration of Life Services were held at 11:00 A.M. Saturday, September 5, 2020 at the First Baptist Church in Bovina with Rev. Brian Mullins of Pampa and Frank Landry of Farwell, officiating. Burial following in the Bovina Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

James was born November 9, 1942 in Amherst, Texas to Jack Neely and Alma Rene Roberts Clayton. He later joined the U.S. Army Reserve. On August 7, 1964 he married Sandra May in Levelland, Texas.

James loved farming and providing for his family whom he loved dearly, especially his grandchildren. He was a Parmer County Commissioner for 8 years, a former member of the Bovina I.S. D. Board of Trustees, and a deacon at First Baptist Church of Bovina, as well as an avid coffee drinker.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and 1 brother Dickie Clayton.

Those to carry on his legacy include his wife Sandra



Clayton of Bovina, 2 sons-Mark Clayton and wife Karen of Houston, Ted Clayton and wife Starlia of Clovis, 1 daughter Joanna Clayton Windle and husband Shaun of Bovina, 1 sister-Arlene Bryan and husband Roy of Bellavista, Arkansas, 9 grandchildren-Mitchell, Ryan, Caleb, Austin, Morgan, and Logan Clayton, Nickie Ogilivie, Shauni, and Jordan Windle, 6 greatgrandchildren-Hartley, Hazely, Heston, Dominic, Sadie and Breelyn.

Memorials can be made to The American Parkinson Disease Association at apdaparkinson.org or the First Baptist Church of Bovina.

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



#### Sue Procter

Sue Procter (Gram) passed from this life on September 5, 2020 at the age of 92.

A memorial service will be held at the Sixth St Church of Christ in Friona, TX on Saturday, September 12, 11:00 AM with Jeff Procter officiating.

Sue was born on April 1, 1928, to Iva Lea and James Otis Peterson. She grew up in the Lamesa, TX area where she met and fell in love with an upper classman, James Procter. He joined the Navy, and their wedding took place on February 20, 1945 while he was on Boot Camp Leave. After the war, they made their home in Lamesa, TX.

In 1952, the family, now including three sons, moved to Friona, TX. Sue was a great example of a farmer's wife, supporting James in every season while raising a family and maintaining their home on the farm. They moved to town in 1959 and soon after built their home on 6th St. She was equally talented in her role as wife and mother and along with James created a welcoming home, both on the farm and in town. She was an outstanding cook and well known for her holiday candy making and her generosity with recipes and instruction. You always knew you would feel welcomed at any time.

She also taught a Bible class for the young married women and many of them have mentioned what a great help it was to them.



She also worked outside the home in several places including Claborn Floral. Her longest career was as a BeautiControl Consultant. She worked hard and was awarded many honors over the 30 plus years she was with the company.

Sue was preceded in death by her husband of 75 years, James M. Procter and her parents, Iva Lea and J.O. Peterson. She was also preceded in death by brothers, Ross and Gerald Peterson.

She is survived by brothers, Dewayne Peterson of Atlanta GA, and Jim Peterson of Lamesa, TX

Sue is survived by her sons, Ron Procter, and wife Libby, of Monahans, TX,

Dewayne Procter and wife, Cheryl, of Friona, TX and Ted Procter and wife, Glenda of Friona, TX. She is also survived by seven grandchildren, sixteen great grandchildren, and one great great grandchild, eighteen nieces and nephews and many, many friends.

#### Robert Lang Gowing

**December 31, 1939 ~ September 1, 2020** 

It is with a profound sense of sadness to announce that Robert Lang Gowing of Boise passed away at home September 1, 2020. Robert Gowing was born December 31, 1939, in Ardmore, Oklahoma, to Robert M Gowing and Mildred Irene Lang. He is preceded in death by both of his parents, son David Gow-

ing and brother James Gowing. Robert is survived by his son Garret Gowing and wife Ashley of Boise, James Gowing and wife Cathy of Muleshoe, Texas, daughter Stacy Gowing and husband Zac of Boise, daughters Diana Gowing and Lori Gowing of California as well as 10 grandchildren.

#### First Robotic Assisted Total Knee Replacement Performed In Amarillo

Local Surgery Center And Physicians Pave The Way For Robotic Total Knee Procedures

Total joint replacement is one of the most commonly performed, elective surgical procedures in the United States, and now, it's becoming an increasingly popular outpatient procedure.

The Surgery Center of Amarillo, the region's first multi-specialty outpatient ambulatory surgery center, recently performed the first robotic assisted total knee replacement in Amarillo.

The Center utilized Zimmer Biomet's ROSA® Knee system, an industry-leading system that allows surgeons to personalize surgical procedures for their patients and offers a number of key benefits and advantages.

"By doing the joint replacement as an outpatient procedure, patients can have the comfort of recovering at their own home and studies have shown that patient's recover faster at home and have a lower risk for infection," explains Surgery Center of Amarillo CEO Michael Grant. "Additionally, by having this procedure performed at an outpatient ambulatory surgery center, patients can save up to 50% on the facility fee."

The two doctors who performed the procedure not only grew up in Amarillo, but each attended West Texas A&M University and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center before leaving to complete their residencies and fellowship training.

Upon returning home, Dr. Tyler Cooper opened Top of Texas Orthopedics and was recently joined by Dr. Tyler Britten. Top of Texas Orthopedics performs a wide variety of orthopedic surgeries on patients of all ages while specializing in total joint replacement and arthroscopy of the upper and lower extremities.

"The robotically-assisted surgical system allows for greater precision and accuracy when placing the implant and also allows the knee replacement to be tailored to the patient's specific anatomy," explains Dr. Tyler Cooper of Top of Texas Orthopedics. "It feels great to be able to offer this technology to the people of my hometown and the surrounding region. Nobody should ever feel the need to leave the city for orthopedic care."

The Surgery Center of Amarillo is a state-of-the-art multispecialty outpatient ambulatory surgery center that is owned and operated by some of the top surgeons in the Texas Panhandle, including Dr. Cooper.

Prices good thru 10/3/20

ALLSUP'S

Red Bull

8.4 oz

# FRIONA STAR SUBSCRIPTIONS

In Parmer County: \$30 per year • Out of Parmer County: \$40 per year Call 806-250-2211 for more information



ALLSUP'S



Monster<sup>®</sup>

or Reign

3 \$575 or 2 \$425





Allsup's Tostadas

& Allsup's Salsa







Continued from Page 1

# Produce safety top of mind with consumers after recent salmonella scares

AgriLife Extension provides tips to help reduce possibility of foodborne illness

#### By Paul Schattenberg

#### Food handling for safety

Rebecca Dittmar, AgriLife Extension program specialist in nutrition, Kerrville, said vigilance and proper handling and washing practices can greatly reduce the risk of foodborne illness from fresh produce.

"You should thoroughly rinse fresh produce with fresh water just before you eat or prepare it to be eaten," she said. "Use running water to rinse only the fruits and vegetables you plan to eat immediately or in the very near future."

Dittmar said fruits and vegetables with a firm skin should be rubbed by hand or scrubbed with a clean brush while rinsing under running water. "Soft fruits and vegetables such as tomatoes should be rubbed gently to loosen the dirt," she said. "Remove and throw away the outer leaves of lettuce and cabbage before washing them."

In a word of caution, Anciso noted that while thorough washing of fruits and vegetables before consumption is a good common-sense practice and can eliminate most pathogens from the surface of produce, it's still not a "foolproof" method for eliminating all pathogens such as salmonella and E. coli.

## Food safety guidance while shopping

Dittmar said when shopping for fresh produce, avoid items that are bruised, damaged or moldy or that show signs of insect damage. "Bruises and cuts may allow pathogens to enter a fruit or vegetable," she said. "And damaged produce typically spoils faster. If you can't find good-quality fresh produce, using canned or frozen fruits and vegetables may be an option."

She said when shopping for pre-cut fresh fruits and vegetables, buy only those that are refrigerated or surrounded by ice and avoid any damaged items and open or torn packages.

"Check the use-by or sell-by dates on packages of pre-cut fruits and vegetables and do not eat them after the date shown on the package," Dittmar said.

She said keep fresh pro-

duce separate from raw beef, poultry, fish and seafood in the shopping cart or when it is bagged. "Place raw meats in plastic bags as blood and juice from raw meat may contain pathogens that could contaminate fresh fruits and vegetables," she said. "And keep fresh produce away from any household chemicals in the shopping cart and in the grocery bags."

Safe storage at room temperature

Dittmar offered the following tips for safe storage of produce at room temperature:

- Do not wash produce before storing but only when you are ready to use it. However, if the produce is dirty when purchased, rinse and then dry well before storing.
- Keep storage areas clean and free of insects. Store fruits and vegetables in bowls, bins or mesh bags off the floor.
- Keep produce in a cool, dry, dark place. Do not store near heat sources such as ovens, water heaters and hot water pipes or in direct sunlight.
- Store fresh fruits and vegetables away from household cleaning products as these may be toxic.
- Do not place heavy items on top of fruits and vegetables because bruising can cause spoilage.
- Check stored fruits and vegetables often and throw out items that show signs of spoilage.

#### Safe storage in the refrigerator

"All fruits and vegetables should be stored in the refrigerator once they are cut or peeled," Dittmar said. "And pre-cut fruits and vegetables bought at the store should also be refrigerated immediately."

She offered these additional tips for safe storage of produce in the refrigera-

- Do not wash whole fruits and vegetables before storing them.
- Store all fruits and vegetables in the crisper or produce drawer and do not overload the crisper. It is best to buy only the amount of produce you will use within a few days.
- Cover cut fruits and vegetables tightly with plastic wrap or store in sealed plastic bags or clean, airtight containers.
- Keep fruits and vegetables separate from raw beef, poultry, fish and seafood. Place raw meats on the bottom shelf of the refrigerator in a tray or pan to prevent blood or juices from dripping onto fresh produce.
- Keep refrigerator temperature 40 degrees or low-
- Clean the refrigerator as needed, throwing out any spoiled food. Wipe spills with hot, soapy water.



Thoroughly wash all fruits and vegetables to help reduce the chance of foodborne illness. (Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service photo)

## Food safety tips while preparing produce

Dittmar said when preparing fresh fruits and vegetables, all utensils, countertops and cutting boards should first be washed with hot, soapy water and sanitized with a mixture of one teaspoon of chlorine bleach in one quart of water.

"It's especially important to wash and sanitize cutting boards and utensils that have been in contact with raw meat before you use them to prepare fresh produce," she said.

Dittmar also provided these additional tips on preparing produce for consumption:

- Wash all whole fruits and vegetables before preparing them—even if the skin or rind will not be eaten
- Wash fruits and vegetables in clean, running water and do not use detergents, soaps or bleach.
- To wash berries, parsley and greens, put them in a clean colander and spray them with a kitchen sink sprayer. You can also gently turn the produce as you hold it under running water.
- Once cut or peeled, fresh produce should be refrigerated within two hours. If it is left at room temperature for more than two hours, throw it away.
- "If you purchase goodquality fruits and vegetables, store them properly and wash them thoroughly, you can greatly reduce the chance of foodborne illness," Dittmar said.



Shop for high-quality produce and consume before its use-by date. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo by Kay Ledbetter)



Make sure all surfaces and utensils are clean when preparing produce. (Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service photo)

