



School retiree luncheon is September 21st

Parmer County Retired Teachers and School Personnel will meet at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, September 21st in the home of Sue Wells located at 2600 Highway 214 in Friona.

Retirees will share a pile-on lunch and hear from county school administrators and TRTA District President, Doneice Ray. All Parmer County retired school employees are invited to attend.

Commissioners approve new bank account for special funds

The Parmer County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 10 a.m. in the County Courtroom of the Parmer County Courthouse in Farwell, Texas. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Texas Flag.

All four Commissioners were in attendance and Precinct 1 Commissioner Kirk Frye conducted the session in the absence of Parmer County Judge Trey Ellis.

There were no public comments. Minutes from the August 23rd meeting were read and approved. Commissioners approved the payment of the accounts payables as presented by County Treasurer Sharon May. The Treasurer's payroll report was also approved.

Commissioners discussed the need to open a new separate interest-bearing bank account to receive and disburse funds related to the

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). This would allow for complete transparency in the handling of the designated money. The Court approved the opening of the new account.

Sheriff Randy Gerries reported that he was currently housing 29 inmates in the Parmer County Law Enforcement Center. Sheriff Gerries also presented the 2022 Fees of Office for consideration by the Court. The proposed fees were approved.

The next scheduled Commissioners Court meeting is Monday, September 27th.

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

Maize Days Royalty



Little Miss 2021 Nyah Cano and Miss Friona 2021 Breanna Godinez were crowned at the 65th Annual Miss Friona Scholarship Pageant held last Saturday. More photos and details in next week's Friona Star.



Reeve brothers Max, Joe, and Don were "reunited" at the Friona All School Reunion last Saturday evening at the Friona Community Center. See story on page 10.



Woman of the Year Shanna Daniels and Man of the Year Jason Rector "arrive in style" during the Maize Days Parade last Saturday morning. More photos and details in next week's Friona Star

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Community Calendar

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September 14

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

September 16

• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center

September 20

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

September 23

• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center

September 28

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

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Farmhouse to Your House

Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



Thank you, Eleanor Roosevelt

I come from a family of fans. We are sports fans, music fans, history fans. Sometimes we fan family, as with our beloved Uncle Clifton who just turned 95.

By fans, I mean passionately-consumed-and-verging-on-stalking fans. It's not as scary as it sounds because we make fun of each other and our various objects of fandom. My brother Scotty latched on to the Beatles and the Yankees in the 60s. I followed suit with the Yankees but added Amy Grant, Abraham Lincoln, James Taylor, and Jack Black. Sara, a reader, found her fandom in characters such as Laura Ingalls Wilder and Nancy Drew and political scientists who know what they are talking about. To this day, younger brother Shane can break out into any Madonna song/dance—and often does. And the baby of the family went her way: the old Houston Oilers and Warren Moon, the Atlanta Braves and Chipper Jones, and women history makers who defied the norms. All of the heifers on their ranch have First Lady names. Jackie K (Kennedy) O (Onassis) is a real knockout.

My siblings and I have given birth to children who carry on this starry-eyed gene. The New England Patriots, Pat Summitt, Harry Potter and all things Hogwarts, Randy Rogers, Tim Tebow, Beyoncé, Rafael Nadal, and Alamo Drafthouse (yes, one can obsess over a specific movie theater).

We've attended their games, seen their concerts, watched their movies, and read their books or listened to podcasts about them. Sabrina even made it to Cooperstown to watch Chipper's in-

duction into the Baseball Hall of Fame, this after she flew with her long-suffering husband to watch Chipper's last game in Atlanta.

Our admiration does not stem from idolizing these people. Each of them is very human, with flaws and life experiences that make them relatable. Amy Grant divorced and remarried. Chipper Jones has six sons with three different women. James Taylor had a heroin addiction and spent time in a psychiatric hospital early in his career. Lincoln suffered from depression. Alamo Drafthouse prices are high, and Jack Black needs to lose weight. Still, in all of these, we find something admirable to which we are drawn.

"We need heroes first and foremost because our heroes help define the limits of our aspirations. We largely define our ideals by the heroes we choose, and our ideals -- things like courage, honor, and justice -- largely define us. Our heroes are symbols for us of all the qualities we would like to possess and all the ambitions we would like to satisfy."—Scott LaBarge, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics at Santa Clara University.

Who are your heroes? More importantly, do your children know about real people, real stories of those they can admire? Social media has created a strange phenomenon called influencers. It's very likely some of your children know more about PewDiePie, Kylie Jenner, Gary Vee, Kevin Hart, Emma Chamberlain, and Charlie D'Amelio than they do about Sam Houston, Florence Nightingale, Roy Benavidez, Chuck Yeager, Arthur Ashe, or Dwight D. Eisenhower.

It's ok—just point them in the

direction of a broader base of influencers. Maybe your family has an aunt who is raising three children on her own with no child support. The neighbor across the street may have a Purple Heart license plate. Make a connection to see if he or she would share their story with your kids.

Finally, junior high and high school students in rural schools have a unique opportunity to be influencers themselves. The little guy in First Grade who does not have a big brother is going to be watching closely at the pep rally. He sees you in the cafeteria when you choose to sit with someone who may need a friend. Those bus rides can mean everything to a kid who has been bullied all day but has a high school junior sit down beside him or her to share an afterschool snack. Have a chance to work with elementary students in their classrooms? Remember how you wanted to be treated when you were that age.

A Fifth-Grade book report on former first lady Eleanor Roosevelt was the beginning of what is now a long list of heroes. I may need to write a column just about her at some point. Considered the First Lady of the World, she overcame jokes about her looks and her voice to be an ambassador for equal rights, veterans, coal miners, those living in poverty, and women. She worked her fanny off, that much I figured out when doing the report. Since that report, I have continued to read biographies about her, and the admiration has multiplied.

Thank you, Mrs. Roosevelt.

Thank you, Jack Black.

I think you two would have been friends.

Friona to receive \$51,567.78 sales tax allocation payment for September

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced that he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$925.1 million in local sales tax allocations for Septem-

ber. This amount is 20.9 percent more than in September 2020. These allocations are based on sales made in July by businesses that report tax monthly.

The City of Friona will

receive \$51,567.78 for the month of September. This represents a 5.99% increase from the \$48,651.63 received in September 2020. So far in 2021, Friona has received \$436,651.63 which

is a 9.26% increase over the \$399,743.70 received in 2020 during the same time period. The Friona Economic Development Corporation will receive \$12,891.95 of the allocation for its operations.

TEXAS CROSSWORD
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ACROSS

- TX Kristofferson tangles with _____ investors in 1981 film "Rollover"
- retail markdown these usually don't move a lot in the Texas Two-Step
- to correct writing unfair criticisms
- ____ City, TX
- TXism: "feel like a duck _____"
- TXism: "mi casa _____ su casa" (friendly)
- TX-born Autry sang "That Silver-Haired Daddy of _____"
- TXism: "touched in the head"
- many Texans in TX-filmed "Necessary Roughness" (1991)
- what TX Buddy Holly did for a living
- TX comedian Vidale elected county prosecutor (abbr.)
- sound made by dangerous creatures in Greek mythology (2 wds.)
- Cowboys broadcaster, Sham
- rank of TX James Fannin who died at Goliad (abbr.)
- a ship that leaves Galveston port
- goes with a reel in fishing (2 wds.)
- TXism: "no hill _____ stepper" (doable)
- the Tuesday after the first Monday in November (2 wds.)
- "he's a _____ act"
- ____hart, TX
- TXism: "I need that like an armadillo _____ an interstate"
- married name of original TX columnist Heloise
- int'l distress signal
- ____-fi genre
- chín dimple
- team started by Lamar Hunt (city abbr.+team)
- strip of leather
- Bond creator, Flemming
- TXism: "____-horse town" (small)
- noted TX sculptor, Elisabet
- TXism: "top _____ on the ladder" (best)
- enjoyed a chicken fried steak
- "Is Anybody Goin' _____ San Antone"
- TX Trini sang "____ a Hammer"
- possessed
- agcy. of "Johnson Space Center"
- shuttle trainer used in Texas by 15-down (abbr.)
- sign a check on back
- "as _____ it gets"
- last film of TX Helen Vinson: "The Thin _____ Home"
- past Cowboy star RB, Smith (init.)
- a word only used in Scrabble
- Texas pecan _____
- "caminos _____" (royal roads)
- San _____, TX
- Hager to George W.: _____-law
- ex-Cowboy Aikman
- TXism: "____ a spell"
- bikini tops
- Gulf shores
- TX Janis Joplin's problem with drugs
- drop the ball, e.g. drilling rig workers: "rough _____"
- Canadian Native American
- back block penalty in football
- UH and Rocket BB guard, Don
- TX Peri Gilpin's TV boss Frasier _____

DOWN

- TXism: "changes his mind as often _____" (vacillates)
- Texas Tech "Red _____"
- seat of Brewster County
- TXism: "____ ever wrapped a lip around" (delicious)
- TXism: "gonna" (_____ to)

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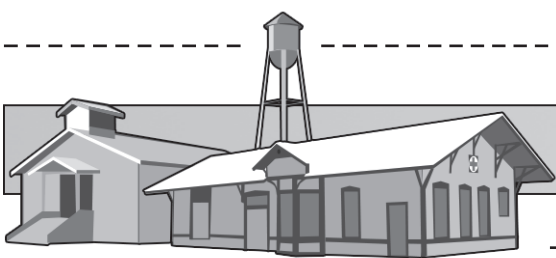
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Free Vaccination Clinic — Parmer Medical Center is hosting a Free Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic on Friday, September 17th from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the XIT Recreation Center in Bovina, Texas. Pfizer vaccines are now available for ages 12 and up. Call for an appointment at 806-240-1562 or 806-240-1761. Walk-ins are

available while vaccines last!
★★★
Grain accident update — County first responders were summoned to the Heartland Co-Op Grain elevator in Bovina around 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 7th. Bovina Police Department, Bovina Fire Department, Friona Volunteer Fire Department,

and Parmer County Sheriff's Office personnel arrived at the scene to attempt a rescue of a person who had got caught in the silo. According to officials, three people were cleaning and removing corn when the victim, identified as Michael Molden, went in the silo and was pulled underneath. Rescue turned into recovery and Mr. Molden was removed from the silo around 8:45 p.m. that evening. Michael Molden was 51 years old and a Clovis resident. He is survived by family members in Clovis and Amarillo.

★★★
Bad news — Community Printers, the company that prints the Friona Star each week, has been affected by the Covid pandemic. Our newspaper will be limited in size and special sections will be unavailable for the next few weeks.

★★★
Good news — In the next three weeks we

will highlight all the events that occurred during Maize Days week including Homecoming, Maize Days Parade, Miss Friona & Little Miss, and the reunions. There will be plenty of photos. Stay tuned.

National Days
September 16 — Guacamole Day
September 17 — Constitution and Citizenship Day
September 18 — Gymnastics Day
September 19 — Butterscotch Pudding Day
September 20 — Fried Rice Day
September 21 — IT Professionals Day
September 22 — Autumnal Equinox

SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

(9/7/21) Raul Esparza Sr., 62, of Texico, New Mexico was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Prohibited Substance in a Correctional Facility, pending Grand Jury.

(9/13/21) Roseanne Ortega, 42, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on a charge of Possession CS PG1 > 1g < 4g, pending Grand Jury.

(9/13/21) Gabriel Lopez, 44, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on a charge of Possession CS PG 1 > 1g < 4g, pending Grand Jury.

COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from September 2, 2021 to September 9, 2021

(9/2/21) Child Support Office — Wade Neil Vandevender — See doc.

(9/2/21) Francisco J. Sanchez, Jeanette Gonzalez — Liliana Lara — Lots 7 and 8 Blk 72 Original Town of Friona in Parmer County

(9/2/21) Tristan Schmidt, Kaylene G. Schmidt — Eric Danzeisen — N/2 of L 28 and e 76.2' of Lots 29 and 30 and S 10' of E 76.2' of Lot 30 Blk 7 of the Original Town of Farwell in Parmer County

(9/2/21) Bovina Feeders Inc. — Benjamin Dyck, Greta Dyck — A 3.00 Ac Tract of land in the SE/4 of Sec 33 Township 11 S R 3 E Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County

(9/3/21) Carl Kirkland — Eric H. Arreola, Maria Marrufo — All of Lots 1,2, and 3 of Blk 36 of the Original Town of Farwell in Parmer County

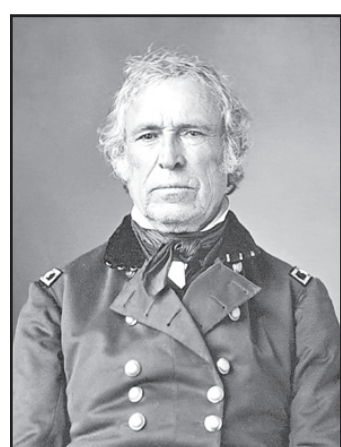
(9/7/21) Zachary Carr, Megan Carr — Diversified IRA LLC — All of Lot 8 of Blk 3 of the First Addition to the West Loop Drive Addition to the City of Friona in Parmer County Vol 91 Pg 268

(9/8/21) Edgar Eduardo Grado, Gabriela Hernandez — Everett Financial, Inc. — All of L 8 Blk 1 Welch Acres Addition Unit No. 1 an Addition to the City of Friona in Parmer County

Halls of Montezuma

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith

In 1845 the U.S. government annexed Texas, which set a feud in motion with Mexico. President James K. Polk ordered General Zachary Taylor to occupy the disputed territory along the Rio Grande River; meanwhile, the Mexican army attacked Taylor's troops, and America declared war.



Zachary Taylor

Eventually, General Winfield Scott invaded Mexico with an army of 10,000—including 400 Marines—and won the day. He landed near Vera Cruz on the Gulf of Mexico and defeated their forces. Then, he moved on to Mexico City, and won his final victory at a fortified military academy known as the Halls of Montezuma; there, he

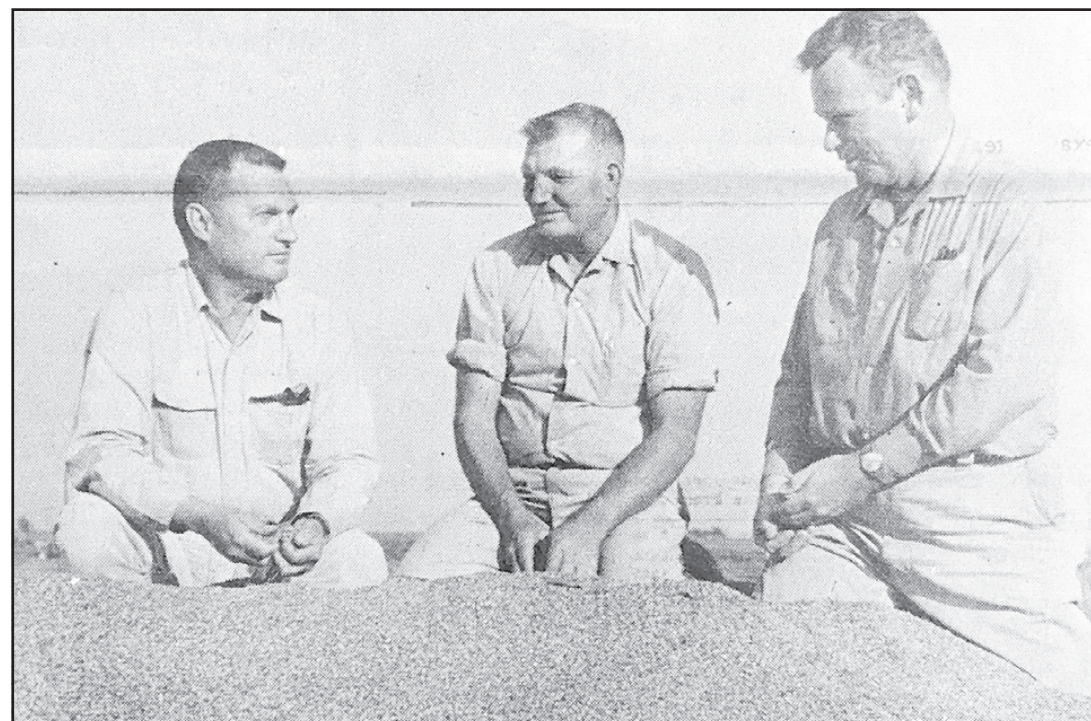
raised the American flag on September 14, 1847, and declared victory.

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends **The Mexican War, 1846-1848** by K. Jack Bauer.

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

FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



FIRST MAIZE . . . Buck Fallwell, left is shown as he delivered the first load of Maize to West Friona Grain this week. With Fallwell on the load are Jack Tomlin and Bill Bailey of the grain company. (Friona Star, Thursday, September 15, 1966)

We read about all the fun events...
Newspaper Fun!
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...going on, so we can join in.
Kids: color stuff in!

News! Read All About It!

Who gets important community news, information and stories out to the public? Reporters and journalists. There is a whole team of people behind every item published — from the reporter and video crew in the front to the columnists, editors, printers and publishers in the back. Today, lots of people enjoy the paper version of the newspaper, while many also are reading the news on their tablets, computers and smart phones. People always want to learn about what is going on.

I like to read the news in my newspaper and on my tablet. 1

I like to chew on the ideas in newspapers!

Hard news is best — it helps me to keep my gums healthy!

Read the clues below to fill in the puzzle.

- short titles of articles
- day, month, year
- businesses pay to put these in the newspaper
- tells section and page where item is located
- pictures of people, events
- advice, opinions
- person who writes stories for the newspaper
- often largest words on the front page, newspaper's _____
- for weather, road construction, travel
- written information

index photos journalist maps stories name headlines advertisements

What's Inside Your Newspaper? (Index)

If you look on the front page of your newspaper you may see an index. An index lists where to find each section inside the newspaper. Can you fill in the vowels that are missing in the index? Next, match each listing to what is in it.

Where can I find the movie listings?

Inside

- B _ s _ n _ s s
- C l _ s s _ f _ _ d
- C _ m _ c s
- _ d _ t _ r _ _ l s
- L _ v _ n g
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- advertisements to sell and buy
- stories about what people are buying, new stores, stock market
- home, yard, clothing fashions
- cartoons, puzzles, contests
- people send letters or write articles to express their ideas
- forecasts of sunshine or rain, temperatures
- team news, game scores
- road work, places to visit
- listing of movies and shows
- local news

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Breaking News — World's Largest

Farmer Ben has just won the ribbon for growing the world's largest:

Follow the dots to see:

Today's News!

I really enjoy reading the newspaper. That's tricky for a dolphin!

Echo wants to buy today's newspaper from the box at the end of the pier. Can you help him scoot through the maze to get it? Pick up all the coins as you go.

Start

TOP NEWS

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Small Town Cookin' By Jeri Lynn White

Guacamole

Good news Guacamole lovers. September 16th is National Guacamole Day. If you are a true guacamole fan, you probably already have your favorite preparation. Here are a couple of recipes to try if you need one or just want something different. I know some guacamole purists will disagree with these options, but sometimes it is worth trying something with a little twist.

Guacamole

By Alton Brown
www.foodnetwork.com

Ingredients

- 3 Haas avocados, halved, seeded and peeled
- 1 lime, juiced
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne
- 1/2 medium onion, diced
- 1/2 jalapeno pepper, seeded and minced
- 2 Roma tomatoes, seeded and diced
- 1 tablespoon chopped cilantro
- 1 clove garlic, minced

Directions

In a large bowl place the scooped avocado pulp and lime juice, toss to coat. Drain, and reserve the lime juice, after all of the avocados have been coated. Using a potato masher add the salt, cumin, and cayenne and mash. Then, fold in the onions, tomatoes, cilantro, and garlic. Add 1 tablespoon of the reserved lime juice. Let sit at room temperature for 1 hour and then serve.

Deep Fried Guacamole

www.food.com

INGREDIENTS

- 3 medium avocados
- 1/3 cup red onion, minced
- 1/4 cup pickled jalapeno pepper, finely chopped
- 3 tablespoons cilantro, minced
- 1 teaspoon lime zest, grated
- 2 teaspoons lime juice
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 large garlic cloves, minced
- 3 large eggs
- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 cups dry breadcrumbs, unseasoned
- vegetable oil, as needed for frying
- sea salt, to taste

DIRECTIONS

Peel and pit avocados. In a bowl, coarsely mash avocados; fold in onion, jalapenos, cilantro, lime zest and juice, salt, pepper, and garlic. Line an 8-inch square baking pan with wax or parchment paper. Spoon avocado mixture into pan; spread into an even layer. Place another sheet of parchment on top; freeze until solid, 6 to 8 hours. At least 30 mins before serving, in a small shallow bowl, beat eggs with 3 tablespoons water. Remove avocado mixture to a cutting board; cut into small cubes. Dip each cube in flour, then egg wash, breadcrumbs, and again in wash and breadcrumbs. Arrange in a large baking pan; cover and return to the freezer until firm, 20 to 30 minutes. (You can leave these overnight in the freezer if you want to have the prep work done ahead of time.) When you are ready to cook these, in a deep skillet or pot, heat oil to 350°F Fry frozen guacamole bites in batches until golden; drain on paper towels. Serve immediately sprinkled, if desired, with kosher salt.

CARIBBEAN STYLE GUACAMOLE

By Lavender Lynn
www.food.com

Ingredients:

- 4 avocados, ripe
- 3/4 cup red onion, diced
- 1/4 scotch bonnet pepper (any hot pepper will work)
- 2 limes, juice of
- 3/4 cup mango, diced (ripe but firm)
- 1/2 cup cilantro, chopped (shado beni)
- 1 garlic clove
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon olive oil

Directions:

Using a mortar and pestle, crush the scotch bonnet pepper, garlic, and salt into a somewhat smooth paste. Then place this wicked spicy paste into a deep bowl and add the peeled and diced avocado to it. Using the back of a fork, crush the avocado until you have a chunky texture (you can make it as smooth as you like). To prevent the avocado from going discolored, squeeze in the lime juice at this point and give it a good stir. It's now time to peel and cube the mango. Be sure to get a mango that's not fully ripe, so it's firm enough to dice and will not fall apart. You'll need about 1/2 of a large mango. Add the cubed mango to the bowl. Add the chopped shado beni (or cilantro) and top with finely diced onion. Don't stir yet. Heat the oil on a medium flame and just before you start seeing smoke... pour it directly on the diced onions. This will help take some of the rawness out, so you won't have karate breath after. Give it a good stir and serve or chill in the fridge. Remember to use the lime juice to prevent it going nasty looking (lemon works just as well). If you love heat, do add a bit more of the scotch bonnet pepper.

Happy Birthday

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| <p>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</p> <p>Sept. 17 Anna Vazquez Pamela Hankins Skip Hodges Kaegan Kerby Mike Hutson Don Rogers</p> <p>Sept. 18 Dale Hart Annette Frye Hollis Horton Jaleigh Hopkins Breanna Villanueva Nathan King Tyler Jameson Wendy Carthel</p> | <p>Sept. 19 Harper Haile Gabriel Keen Phillip Saiz Robin Ott Misty Chesher Phillip Saiz Adrienne (Osborn)Vazquez Milli (Dixon) Watson Shonda Bentley Noah Romero</p> <p>Sept. 20 Chris Alexander Quay Schueler Landon Martin Jessie London Chance Hutson Bertha Mendoza Magean Garner Hannah Alger Emma Rector JoAnn Padilla Génesis Aguirre</p> <p>Sept. 21 Randy McCasland Gail Sifford Nathan Moroney Caroline Estrada Glen Shirley Kevin Reeves Zenka Ortiz</p> <p>Sept. 22 Delton Lewellen Casey Renner Paige Baker Aimee Houston Garrett Tongate Carly Talley Heather Turner</p> |
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State Sales Tax Revenue Totaled over \$3 Billion in August

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said state sales tax revenue totaled \$3.33 billion in August, 18.3 percent more than in August 2020. The majority of August sales tax revenue is based on sales made in July and remitted to the agency in August. Hegar stated, "August state sales tax collections continued to surpass year-ago and pre-pandemic levels, with the rate of growth in receipts from non-retail sectors again outpacing that from retail trade." Texas collected the following revenue from other major taxes in August: (1) motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$625 million, up 33 percent from August 2020 (before May of this year, that source of revenue had never topped \$500 million); (2) motor fuel taxes — \$331 million, up 15 percent from August 2020; (3) oil production tax — \$405 million, up 85 percent from August 2020; (4) natural gas production tax — \$215 million, compared to negative \$15 million in August 2020, attributable to substantial refund payments in August a year ago; (5) hotel occupancy tax — \$65 million, up 112 percent from August 2020; and (6) alcoholic beverage taxes — \$135 million, up 96 percent from August 2020.

State Senator Kel Seliger is conducting a virtual town hall meeting on Friday, September 17, 2021 from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. via Zoom for Castro, Deaf Smith, and Parmer County residents. To join the meeting, please go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84182252932> and enter Meeting ID: 841 8225 2932. The Zoom link can also be found at <https://www.kelseliger.com/town-halls/>.

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September, Valentine's Day Sale??

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

It is hard to keep up with marketing these days. So, I thought I would give all you guys a heads up, Valentine's Day is rapidly approaching, and I don't want you caught unaware. If you go into any major retail shop today, you will notice Halloween stuff is already on sale so they can make room for Christmas. WOW, and to think I thought it was still September. Pretty soon, we will be saying, "Happy New Year, better start getting ready for Christmas!" I have a friend who commented on the topic and wondered why so many wish their lives away, never enjoying the moment and always looking way too far down the road? Good question, one that our society does not have time to ask or answer.

In my experience it has never paid off to borrow tomorrow's trouble today. Jesus reminded his apostles in Matthew 6 of just that..."Therefore do not be anx-

ious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble" (v. 34 ESV). We are constantly bombarded to want the next thing, never noticing the thing we have, and look at where it has taken us as a society. If you don't shop for school clothes in March, Halloween candy by June, and Christmas by October, and don't get me started on the iPhone craze, then you are "sooo yesterday", nobody wants to be that, right? Yet at what price are we paying for all this nonsense? Too much! So we stay in a state of panic and worry. Constantly wishing for a better day, better job, better toy, better....

So, guys don't worry Valentine's Day is still in November, I mean well... when is Valentine's Day, ok now I'm worried. All kidding aside, remember, God set the days and the seasons, enjoy them for what they are when they happen and let tomorrow worry about itself.

Be Strong and Courageous

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Hundreds of times in scripture God tells his people to "Be Strong and Courageous" or something similar with the same message, don't fear. This much needed exhortation has been needed all through human history and is much needed in our world today as anxiety and fear cripple many people's faith and daily functionality.

In Joshua 1, God tells Joshua, the new leader of the Hebrew people, to be strong and courageous three times in a span of nine verses. God's word was both an exhortation and an encouragement to Joshua, but the command to be strong and courageous was not an end in itself. God gave Joshua this

mandate because God had also given Joshua and the people of Israel the daunting task of entering and occupying the promised land. This land had been promised by God, but it had been almost half of a millennia since any Hebrew people had lived there. The land was occupied and fortified by pagan nations and God's command was to go forward and take the land, which called for the people to be strong and courageous, which they could be, because God's presence was with them.

Being strong and courageous, though is not an end in itself. If it does become the goal of one's life, it has morphed into an idol that promises so

much, but in reality can offer so very little. The end goal of being strong and courageous is to glorify and honor God in your actions and attitude, which will draw you closer to God. If the direction God is leading you is tough, if circumstances are daunting, notice Joshua 1:5b-6a where God says to Joshua, "...I will not leave you or forsake you. Be strong and courageous..." The fuel that fights fear is the presence of God! No one is greater, smarter, stronger or more powerful, and when you have a saving relationship with God through Jesus Christ, you can live in confidence because of who He is and who you are in Him.

BUT....

By Teena Hughs

Last week, I talked about the new Texas heartbeat law. I made the comment that I didn't think sexual morality was being taught in churches and homes. This week, I want to add a BUT to that statement... But, what about homes and churches and youth groups where sexual morality is taught; the difference between right and wrong is taught; how to handle situations where the temptation to do something you know is wrong is being taught; yet, kids rebel and turn away from what they have been taught?.

As parents, we try to teach our children the things that will help them succeed in life. This includes things to help them with their spirituality and their decision-making; hopefully we parents try to live life as an example to emulate.

When our children turn away "from their raisin" it is tough to watch. Free will is a great thing until we see our children doing things we, and they, know they shouldn't be doing. We can teach; we can preach; we can take them to Sunday school and church; we can try to live our lives in a Christ-like fashion as their example, but when children see a "better" way of living and having fun, whether it is good or bad, it seems all of our efforts go out the window, because at the time, having fun and doing life their way is their number one priority.

When my kids mess up, it is easy to blame myself. I think about those

times I didn't put 100% of my effort into parenting. There are some things I would do differently, but sometimes I don't know what I could have done differently. They choose to do the things they do, whether I approve or not; whether it is wise or not.

When I was really upset with something my kids did, I had friends quote Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go. Even when he is old he will not depart from it." There were times I didn't think this Scripture would be fulfilled, but all thanks and praise to God, I have seen it fulfilled.

Sometimes "the grass looks better on the other side of the fence." Then you cross the fence only to find out differently. I just read a story on facebook yesterday where parents kicked their drug-addicted son out of their house.

It took fifteen years for this young man to finally hit bottom, get his life back in order, and earn his parents' trust again. Thanks to God and His knowing all, He arranges things and allows things to happen, and Proverbs 22:6 is fulfilled. As I have said before, the best advice I ever received was to pray daily for my kids and then turn them over to God. It is amazing what God can do with our children when we let Him.

I messed up more than I care to admit as I was growing up; my kids have messed up. The good thing is that because Jesus died on a cross and resurrected, we can be forgiven of our sins and repent. We get to start over fresh. We get to learn from our mistakes. We get to be a better person, parent, friend, and I am so glad for that! All I can say is THANK YOU, Jesus!!!

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State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



Abbott calls third special session for Sept. 20

Gov. Greg Abbott has called a third special legislative session to deal with redistricting, to decide how to spend billions of dollars in pandemic funding from the federal government and to determine to whether state or local governments can mandate COVID-19 vaccines, as well as some pet issues of the governor that failed to pass recent sessions.

The third session begins Sept. 20 and by law can last no longer than 30 days. The second special session resulted in passage of hotly contested voting restrictions and what are considered the most restrictive abortion laws in the country, both of which are under legal attack. In the case of the latter, the U.S. Justice Department is suing the state, saying the abortion law banning the procedure at roughly six weeks of pregnancy is unconstitutional.

"The (Texas) act is clearly unconstitutional under long-standing Supreme Court precedent," Attorney General Merrick Garland said Thursday, as reported widely by media outlets.

Several groups have filed suit against the elections bill signed by Abbott last week, including Voto Latino, LULAC Texas, the Texas Alliance for Retired Americans, and the Texas American Federation of Teachers.

The law limits early voting hours, ends drive-in voting, and restricts mail-in voting. GOP leaders maintain that other provisions in the measure make it easier to cast a vote than before.

August cooler, wetter than normal for most of Texas

August is in the books and the first

day of autumn beckons. Dr. Mark Wentzel, a hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board, reports the month was cooler than normal for most of the state, and wetter than normal for about half of Texas. The U.S. Drought Monitor map for Texas shows just 1% of the state in drought.

"Over the last 22 years, we've averaged about 40% of the state in drought by the end of August, Wentzel wrote in his monthly report. "Since 2000, we've only had two other Augusts that ended with less drought area: 2004 and 2007."

Emergency SNAP benefits extended again

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission is extending emergency Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program food benefits once more in September, meaning SNAP recipients will again get an additional \$95 in emergency allotments. The funding comes from the United States Department of Agriculture.

"As we continue to navigate through the pandemic, we are pleased to provide this additional support to ensure Texans will be able to keep food on their table for themselves and their families," said Wayne Salter of the HHSC.

Duck hunters can expect another good season

The early teal hunting season began Saturday, and officials with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department say habitat conditions point to another productive season for hunters.

"Teal numbers are already impressive in many areas of Texas, especially the rice prairies of the Texas Gulf Coast and the playa wetlands of the Panhan-

dle," Kevin Kraai of TPWD said.

The 16-day statewide early teal season runs through Sept. 26, with a daily bag limit of six. Blue-winged teal are by far the most prevalent duck found in Texas this time of year, according to TPWD.

Tuition program open enrollment underway

Open enrollment in the state's Texas Tuition Promise Fund began Sept. 1 and runs through the end of February. The plan allows parents and others to lock in today's tuition and fees at state public colleges and universities. The accumulated funds can also be transferred to private colleges and other institutions such as vocational schools, though the tuition is not locked in.

The TTPF program offers webinars throughout the enrollment period. More information can be found at TuitionPromise.org or by calling Monday through Friday at 800-445-GRAD (4723). Press Option 5.

COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations drop slightly

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas decreased slightly in the past week, with the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University

reporting 120,494 new cases, down 4.6% from the previous week. Total deaths statewide increased slightly to 1,789.

The number of lab-confirmed COVID-10 hospitalizations dropped slightly, with 13,285 reported in Texas, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services. Available intensive-care unit beds remain scarce, with just 330 open in the entire state, the least since the pandemic began early last year. Even more concerning are the few pediatric ICU beds open, with just 80 available, according to DSHS.

At least 45 school districts across the state have shut down in-person classes because of COVID-19 outbreaks affecting more than 40,000 students, according to the Texas Tribune.

The number of Texans who are fully vaccinated crossed the 14-million mark, which is 48.5% of the total population, DSHS reported.

Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches and Cedar Park. Email: gborders@texaspress.com.

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DPS Trooper Carrasco announces retirement



Corporal Isabel (Izzy) Carrasco has retired from the Texas Department of Public Safety, Highway Patrol Division after more than 25 years of faithful and dedicated service to the community.

Izzy graduated from the DPS Academy in August of 1996 and was stationed in Parmer County, where he has served his entire career. He has received several recognitions within his department including

the Amarillo District "Trooper of the Year" in 2013.

Izzy has also been an active member of the community. He is a volunteer for the Bovina Fire Department; is president of the Bovina 4H Buyers Club; and has served as a member of the Bovina ISD Board of Trustees. He is excited for this new change and looks forwards to continuing serving the community.



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Statements required in notice if the proposed tax rate exceeds the no-new-revenue tax rate but does not exceed the voter-approval tax rate, as prescribed by Tax Code §26.06(b-2).

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.2416 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of PARMER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT.

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| PROPOSED TAX RATE | \$0.2416 per \$100 |
| NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE | \$0.2333 per \$100 |
| VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE | \$0.2785 per \$100 |

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2021 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for PARMER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT from the same properties in both the 2020 tax year and the 2021 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that PARMER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that PARMER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2021 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 23, 2021 at 12:00 PM at PARMER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, PARMER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the Board of Directors of PARMER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

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(List names of all members of the governing body below, showing how each voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase or, if one or more were absent, indicating absences.)

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| FOR the proposal: | Dale Schueler, Dennis Anthony, Ricky Barnett, Danny Kendrick |
| AGAINST the proposal: | None |
| PRESENT and not voting: | None |
| ABSENT: | Bret Whitten |

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The 86th Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by PARMER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by PARMER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT this year.

| | 2020 | 2021 | Change |
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| Total tax rate (per \$100 of value) | \$0.2416 | \$0.2416 | 0.00% increase |
| Average homestead taxable value | \$76,364 | \$80,444 | 5.34% increase |
| Tax on average homestead | \$184 | \$194 | 5.43% increase |
| Total tax levy on all properties | \$1,525,036 | \$1,584,981 | 3.93% increase |

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Explanatory Statements for the November 2, 2021 Constitutional Amendment Election

Proposition Number 1 (HJR 143)

HJR 143 proposes a constitutional amendment expanding the circumstances in which a professional sports team charitable foundation may conduct raffles to raise money for the foundation's charitable purposes. The proposed amendment would allow professional sports team charitable foundations of organizations sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association or the Women's Professional Rodeo Association to hold charitable raffles at rodeo events.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing the professional sports team charitable foundations of organizations sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association or the Women's Professional Rodeo Association to conduct charitable raffles at rodeo venues."**

Proposition Number 2 (HJR 99)

HJR 99 proposes a constitutional amendment allowing the legislature to authorize a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area within the county and to pledge for repayment of those bonds or notes increases in property tax revenues imposed on property in the area by the county. The Texas Constitution gives the legislature the power to authorize an incorporated city or town to issue such bonds or notes but does not expressly give the legislature the power to grant that same authority to counties. The proposed amendment also provides that a county that issues bonds or notes for transportation improvements may not pledge for the repayment of those bonds or notes more than 65 percent of the increases in ad valorem tax revenues each year, and a county may not use proceeds from the bonds or notes to finance the construction, operation, maintenance, or acquisition of rights-of-way of a toll road.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing a county to finance the development or redevelopment of transportation or infrastructure in unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted areas in the county."**

Proposition Number 3 (SJR 27)

SJR 27 proposes a constitutional amendment barring the State of Texas or a political subdivision from enacting, adopting, or issuing a statute, order, proclamation, decision, or rule that prohibits or limits religious services. The proposed amendment would apply to religious services, including those conducted in churches, congregations, and places of worship, in the state by a religious organization established to support and serve the propagation of a sincere-

ly held religious belief. The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment to prohibit this state or a political subdivision of this state from prohibiting or limiting religious services of religious organizations."**

Proposition Number 4 (SJR 47)

SJR 47 proposes a constitutional amendment changing certain eligibility requirements for a justice of the Supreme Court, a judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals, a justice of a court of appeals, and a district judge. The proposed amendment provides that a person is eligible to serve on the Supreme Court if the person, among other qualifications, is licensed to practice law in Texas; is a resident of Texas at the time of election; has been either a practicing lawyer licensed in Texas for at least ten years or a practicing lawyer licensed in Texas and a judge of a state court or county court established by the legislature for a combined total of at least ten years; and during that time has not had the person's license to practice law revoked, suspended, or subject to a probated suspension. The same eligibility requirements would apply to a judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals and to a justice of a court of appeals. The proposed amendment further provides that to be eligible for appointment or election as a district judge, a person must be a resident of Texas; be licensed to practice law in Texas; and have been a practicing lawyer or a judge of a court in Texas, or both combined, for eight years preceding the person's election, during which time the person's license to practice law has not been revoked, suspended, or subject to a probated suspension.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment changing the eligibility requirements for a justice of the supreme court, a judge of the court of criminal appeals, a justice of a court of appeals, and a district judge."**

Proposition Number 5 (HJR 165)

HJR 165 proposes a constitutional amendment allowing the State Commission on Judicial Conduct (SCJC) to accept complaints or reports, conduct investigations, and take any other authorized action with respect to a candidate for a state judicial office. Currently, the Texas Constitution only permits the SCJC to take such actions as to persons holding a judicial office.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment providing additional powers to the State Commission on Judicial Conduct with respect to candidates for judicial office."**

Proposition Number 6 (SJR 19)

SJR 19 proposes a constitutional amendment establish-

ing that residents of certain facilities have the right to designate an essential caregiver with whom the facility may not prohibit in-person visitation. The proposed amendment would apply to a nursing facility, assisted living facility, intermediate care facility for individuals with an intellectual disability, residence providing home and community-based services, or state supported living center. The proposed amendment also would authorize the legislature to provide guidelines for these facilities to follow in establishing essential caregiver visitation policies and procedures.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment establishing a right for residents of certain facilities to designate an essential caregiver for in-person visitation."**

Proposition Number 7 (HJR 125)

HJR 125 proposes a constitutional amendment permitting a person who is 55 years of age or older at the time of death of their spouse who is receiving a limitation on school district property taxes on their residence homestead on the basis of a disability to continue receiving the limitation while the property remains the surviving spouse's residence homestead.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment to allow the surviving spouse of a person who is disabled to receive a limitation on the school district ad valorem taxes on the spouse's residence homestead if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of the person's death."**

Proposition Number 8 (SJR 35)

SJR 35 proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the United States armed services who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty. The Texas Constitution provides a property tax exemption to the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services who is killed in action, but the current exemption does not include members of the military who die during their service due to injuries sustained that are not combat-related.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services of the United States who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty."**



Obituaries



Gertrude Ann Euler Bigelow "Trudi"

Gertrude Ann Euler was born May 2, 1929 in Hereford, Texas to Martha and Elmer Euler. She died August 11, 2021 at the age of 92.

She attended schools in Friona Texas and graduated from Friona High School in 1947. She also attended Oklahoma Baptist University, West Texas State University, and Texas Woman's University. She met her husband, Ralph Emerson Bigelow at The Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York. She received a B.A. degree in Speech Communication at California State University



Fullerton.

She is survived by her daughter Lisa Lavender (James) of Manteca, California; son Lars Bigelow (Gina) of Fullerton California; five granddaughters Jamie Lavender MD, Elise Flores (Luis), Jenna Lavender, Shelby Bigelow, Jeida Lavender;

four great grandchildren David, Lily, Ripken and Asher.

Trudi had many lifelong friends she'd met throughout her life. She spoke fondly of her time at Cimarroncita Ranch Camp, New Mexico (1952), owning Twinning Weavers shop in Taos (early 1980s) and her friends in the Golfside Condo Association where she lived in Rio Rancho New Mexico. She enjoyed classical music and genealogy.

Her memorial will be a family gathering. Date to be determined. Thank you to all for your condolences.

Lino Medrano Contreras

Lino Medrano Contreras, 94 of Bovina passed away September 9, 2021 in Friona. Viewing was held from 9:00 AM until 8:00 PM Monday, September 13, 2021 with Rosary Services Scheduled for 6:00 PM at the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY with Mass of Christian Burial Services set for 11:00 AM Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at St. Ann's Catholic Church of Bovina, with Father Gregory Bunyan as Celebrant. Burial following in the Bovina Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.



Medrano Contreras. He later married Juana So- ria in 1963.

He was a Parmer County farmer for 34 years, then worked for several grain elevators for 11 years, retiring in 1998. He was known as quite a jokester, always having fun. He loved to take care of his animals and watch TV. He was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina.

Lino is preceded in death by his parents, 1 son-Juan Manuel Contreras, 9 brothers and 1 sister.

Those that will mourn his passing include his wife Juana of Bovina, 2 daughters-Maria P. Hernandez and Ana Castaneda, both of Bovina, 2 sons-Juan C. Contreras of Friona, and Martin Contreras of Clovis, 1 sister-Alicia Flores of Mexico, 10 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

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

hansardfamily.com



Gas prices fall on lower demand

By Gas Buddy

Texas gas prices have fell 1.3 cents in the past week, averaging \$2.81 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Gas prices in Texas are 4.2 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 93.0 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$2.29 while the most expensive is \$3.59 per gallon. The national average price of gasoline has fallen 1.9 cents in the last week, averaging \$3.15 per gallon. The national average is down 2.8 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 97.7 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

"Sagging U.S. gasoline demand along with continued recovery after Hurricane Ida have helped gas prices edge slightly lower in most states from where they were a week ago. But with Tropical Storm Nicholas threatening another key area of refineries in Houston with significant rain, we could see the decline in prices hit the pause button," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy.

De Haan continued, "While Nicholas would appear to be a minor storm, we could see a deluge of water - the same issue that caused some significant damage in Ida's wake to refineries in Louisiana. Combined with the earlier storm, Nicho-

las could make things more challenging. However, as gasoline demand has now fallen for four straight weeks, there is more breathing room even if some capacity does temporarily go offline. It's too early to tell, clearly, but motorists should be aware."

GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data spanning nearly two decades. GasBuddy's survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country. GasBuddy data is accessible at <http://FuelInsights.GasBuddy.com>.



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Sports



7th Grade vs. Muleshoe



8th Grade vs. Muleshoe

Friona 55 Muleshoe 13

Scoring Summary

1st Quarter
 M – Zeke Kasel 43 yd run (Victor Morales PAT, good)
2nd Quarter
 F – Bryan Chavira 1 yd run (Tim Ally PAT, good)
 M – Zeke Kasel 66 yd run (Victor Morales PAT, no good)
 F – Bryan Chavira 50 yd run (Tim Ally PAT, Good)
 F – Jacob Bautista 20 yd pass from Bryan Chavira (Tim Ally PAT, good)
 F – Tim Ally 23 yd Field Goal
3rd Quarter
 F – Jacob Bautista 18 yd run (Tim Ally PAT, good)
 F – Jacob Bautista 13 yd run (Tim Ally PAT, good)
 F – Mario Bautista 6 yd run (Tim Ally PAT, good)
4th Quarter
 F – Tim Ally 22 yd Field Goal
 F – Mario Bautista 73 yd run (Tim Ally PAT, good)

| Rushing Stats | Carries | Yards | TDs | Avg |
|------------------------|-----------|------------|----------|------------|
| 1 Jacob Bautista | 15 | 80 | 2 | 5.3 |
| 4 Mario Bautista | 10 | 130 | 2 | 13.0 |
| 13 Martin Godinez | 4 | 46 | 0 | 11.5 |
| 16 Bryan Chavira | 18 | 197 | 2 | 10.9 |
| 44 Alexis Rivas | 2 | 9 | 0 | 4.5 |
| Rushing Totals: | 47 | 462 | 6 | 9.8 |

| Receiving Stats | Receptions | Yards | TDs | Avg |
|--------------------------|------------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| 1 Jacob Bautista | 1 | 20 | 1 | 20.0 |
| 3 Alan Martinez | 1 | 13 | 0 | 13.0 |
| 11 Heston Grimsley | 1 | 7 | 0 | 7.0 |
| 13 Martin Godinez | 1 | 14 | 0 | 14.0 |
| Receiving Totals: | 4 | 54 | 1 | 13.5 |

| Passing Stats | Comp | Att | Yards | TDs | INTs |
|-------------------|------|-----|-------|-----|------|
| 16 Bryan Chavira | 3 | 3 | 46 | 1 | 0 |
| 13 Martin Godinez | 1 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 0 |

| Kicking | Extra Pt | Att | Field Goal |
|------------|----------|-----|------------|
| 2 Tim Ally | 7 | 7 | 2 |

| Defensive Stats | UN | AST. | TOT | TFL | FR | FC | INT | SACK |
|-----------------------|----|------|-----|-----|----|----|-----|------|
| 1 Bautista Jacob | 1 | 4 | 5 | | | | | |
| 2 Ally, Tim | 3 | | 3 | | | | | |
| 4 Bautista, Mario | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | 0.5 |
| 7 Pina, Moises | 2 | | 2 | | | | | |
| 8 Ally, Stef | 1 | | 1 | | | | | |
| 10 Rodriguez, Tony | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| 12 Gonzalez, Josh | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | |
| 14 Olmos, Isaias | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | | 1 | |
| 15 Lopez, Anthony | 2 | | 2 | | | | | |
| 16 Chavira, Bryan | 1 | 2 | 3 | | | | | |
| 20 Dominguez, Josiah | 2 | 3 | 1 | | | | | |
| 30 Arguelles, Alberth | 3 | 6 | 9 | | | | | |
| 40 White Jarrett | 5 | | 5 | | | | | |
| 44 Rivas, Alexis | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | | | |
| 55 Dimas, Mathew | | | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| 58 Erik Jaramillo | | | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| 59 Salinas, Aaron | 1 | 2 | 4 | | | | | 1 |
| Rodriguez, Aaron | 1 | 1 | | | | | | 0.5 |
| Phillips, Jaden | 2 | | 2 | | | | | |

Yards allowed; Rushing 54, Passing 92, Total 146

Sports News

Football

Chieftain games can be heard on the radio at KGRW FM 94.7 or online at <https://network1sports.com/station/kgw>.

Junior Varsity Football

JV Final Score Friona-43 Muleshoe- 6

1st Quarter

Isaac Olmos 1yd Rushing TD

2nd Quarter

Issac Olmos 16 Yd Receiving TD

Jonathan Gonzalez 2 Point Reception

Forced Fumble Jonathan Gonzalez-

Recovered by Abram Rocha

Jose Saucedo 23 yd Rushing TD

Jose Saucedo 2 point Rushing

Sigi Morales 13 yd rushing TD

Extra Point Good Jose Saucedo

3rd Quarter

Sigi Morales 34 yd Rushing TD

Extra point good Jose Luis Saucedo

4th Quarter

Jose Saucedo 63 yd Rushing TD

Extra point Good Jose Luis Saucedo

Isaac Olmos Forced Fumble-

Recovered by Andrew Flores

Summary

Jose Luis Saucedo- 2 Rushing TDs, 1

Passing TD, 3 for 3 Extra Points

Isaac Olmos- 1 Rushing TD, 1 Receiving

TD, 1 Forced Fumble

Jonathan Gonzalez- 2 Point Conversion

Reception, 1 Forced Fumble

Sigi Morales- 2 Rushing TDs

Abram Rocha- Fumble Recovery

Andrew Flores- Fumble Recovery

Junior High Football

The 7th grade Braves lost to Muleshoe 46-6. The touchdown for the Braves was scored by Joaquin Arias from 5 yards out. Izaac Ortiz had 52 yards rushing. On defense Catalino Tzunux had an interception.

In the 8th grade game, the Braves

won 36-0. The scoring was:

Thomas Cook 20 yard pass from Aaron

Rosales (Rosales run extra point)

Rosales 64 yard run (Rafael Rocha run)

Rosales 1 yard run (Jameson Daniels run)

Rosales 1 run (no good)

Rosales 29 run (no good)

Rosales had 147 yards rushing. Rocha added 91 yards rushing.

This was the teams first games of the year.

Junior High Volleyball

Aug. 26 at Dimmitt--All teams won in 2 sets

Aug. 30 at Denver City--Rough outing. All teams lost in 2 sets

Sep. 2 & 4--Border Bash--All teams played really well. The 7th A and 8th A teams both won the tournament.

Sep. 9--Lamesa at home, only A teams played. 7th A lost in three sets and 8th A won in 2 sets.

Sep. 13 at Littlefield.--7th A won in 3 sets. 7th B won in 2 sets. 8th A lost in 3 sets, but it was an amazing match. 8th B won in 2 sets.

Cross Country

The Junior High and High School Cross Country teams compete in the Plainview Meet this week.



8th Grade at Border Bash Tournament



C Team One at Border Bash Tournament



C Team Two at Border Bash Tournament

Youth Fish Day

September 12, 2021 at Reeve Lake in Friona

Jeff Scott, executive director/president of Texas Junior Anglers, has been traveling to Friona to stage youth fishing events for 28 years. He said, "We always enjoy coming to Friona and the weather was great at both events this year." He continued, "Around 122 kids participated Sunday and everyone had a great time." Sarah Wennersten, the Game Warden

for Deaf Smith, Parmer, & Castro counties, was also on hand to answer questions and take pictures with the kids. Scott would like to thank Mayor Ricky White, City Manager Lee Davila, and Chamber Executive Vice President Chris Alexander for their help in staging and promoting the event. The next Youth Fish Day will be Sunday, September 15th, 2022.



(l-r) Glendal Jones (Friona), Jason Smart (Arlington), Jeff Scott (Arlington), Sarah Wennersten, Sylvia Mendoza (Hereford).



Maddox Longoria - 24 2/8"
1st Place (6 and under)



Joshua Guevaie - 24 6/8"
1st Place (Overall Winner) (7 to 11)



Lucio Sifuentes - 23 4/8"
1st Place (12 to 16)



Sophia Sanchez - 23 2/8"
2nd Place (6 and under)



Ezekiel Prieto - 24 1/8"
2nd Place (7 to 11)

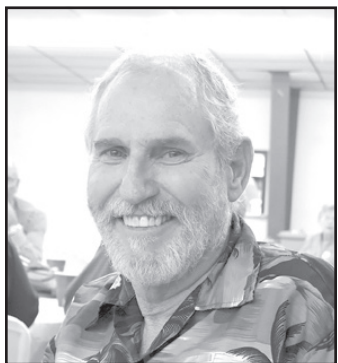


Mia Espinosa - 20 6/8"
2nd Place (12 to 16)

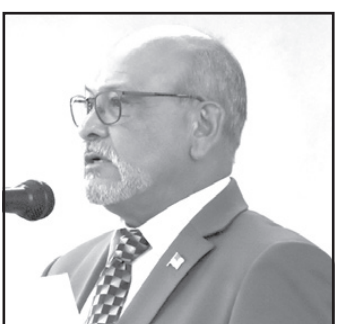
FHS alumni gather for All School reunion



Rickey Rector



Darrell McMurtrey



Joe Lafuente

Approximately 120 alumni attended the FHS All School Reunion held Saturday, September 11th at the Friona Community Center. The event was delayed one year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The All School Reunion Committee consisted of Lee Davila, Larry Rector, Ted Procter, Elizabeth McLellan, Kim & Mitchell Smiley, Marca Herring, Kitty Gallman, Sharon White. Please thank them for all the hard work they did to make the reunion a success. Sharon White (1963) gave the welcome and thanked the City of Friona and the Chamber of Commerce for all their help in making the reunion a reality. Sharon introduced three gradu-



Elaina Procter

ates for special recognition. Doyce Barnett represented the earliest class (1952); Jacob Osborn represented the most recent class (2014); and Darrell McMurtrey (1973) travelled the farthest distance to the reunion (San Diego, CA). Joe Lafuente (1977) gave a presentation in memory of the 20th anniversary of 9/11 and

recognized local veterans, first responders, and their families. Joe



Jeff Procter

also led the group in the pledge of allegiance. Elaina Procter played the Star Spangled Banner on the violin and all the crowd joined in. Jeff Procter provided a brief message about 9/11 and gave the blessing before the meal. Desperados of Amarillo catered the meal which included brisket, sausage, ribs, potato salad, cole slaw, beans, bread, cobbler, tea, and water. Gwen Green Dunnam led the group in a rendition of the "Chieftain Fight Song" and Rickey Rector closed out the program with the playing of "Taps" on his trumpet. A great time was had by all. The next All School Reunion will be held in 2025.



Gwen Green Dunnam



Doyce Barnett



Jacob Osborn



Homecoming Sneak Preview



Class of '60 celebrating 60 years a year late — Back row (l-r) Owen Drake, Mike Ellis, Gwen Dunnam, Jackie Hight, and JB Douglas. Front row (l-r) Geneva Floyd Osborn, Jacquelyn Magness Franklin, Linda O'Brian Chesher, and Lawana Houlette Moore.



Class of 2010 celebrating 10 years a year late — (l-r) Joey Dickson, Anna Murphree Chambliss, Sasha Estrada Graham, Paige Herbert Alison, and Jonathan Licerio.



'52 and '53 grads enjoy reunion luncheon — Members of the Friona High School classes of 1952 and 1953 met for a luncheon in the First Baptist Church fellowship hall after the Maize Days parade last Saturday. They dined on Subway sandwiches and iced tea. Eugene & Patsy Bandy brought homemade vanilla ice cream to wash down the cake and cookies. A few stories about the "old days" were also discussed.



Back row (l-r) Frankie Allen ('52), Doyce Barnett ('52), Mary Joyce Barnett ('53), Eugene Bandy ('49), and Sue Barrett ('53). Front row (l-r) Willis Dufur ('53 Herford), Patsy Bandy ('53), and Imogene Cearley ('53).



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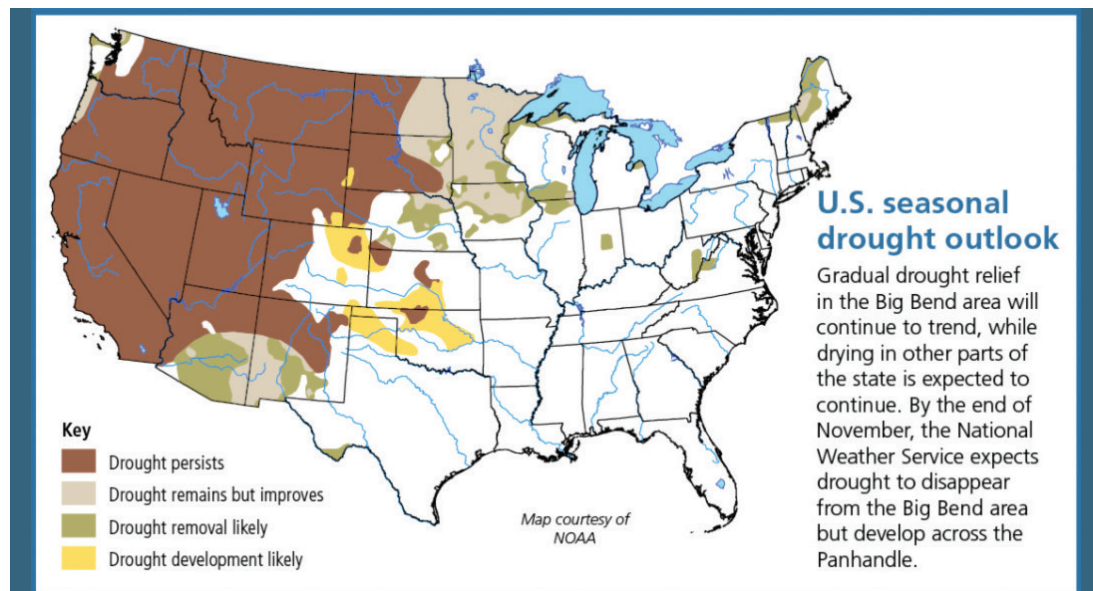
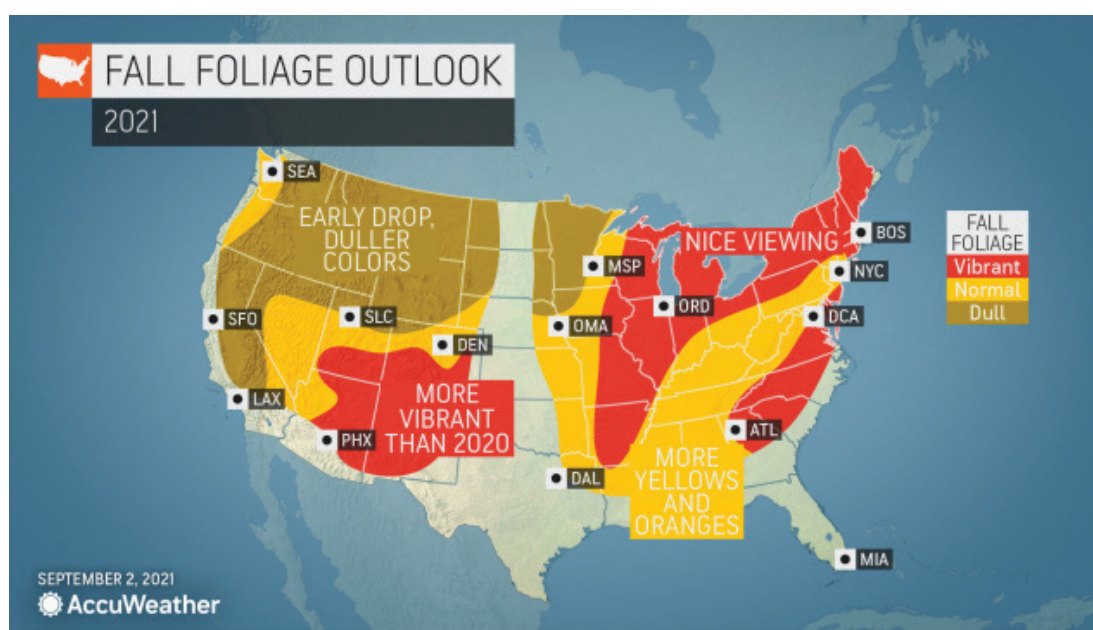
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PCAL Post #206 donates signs to county school districts



PCAL Post #206 members Stan Miller and Richard Villarreal are shown holding the new signs for Bovina ISD.

Parmer County American Legion Post #206 purchased eight "In God We Trust" signs which were then donated to Bovina ISD, Farwell ISD, Friona ISD, and Lazbuddie ISD. Each of the Parmer County school districts received two signs to be displayed at their respective schools. The signs will be displayed in accordance with Texas S.B. 797 signed into law and effective on June 16, 2021.



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